
Trustees: Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Wes Hicks, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Todd White. **Student Trustees** Morghen Jael and Ruby Hye.

Regrets were received from Trustees Kathy Archer, Alex Johnstone and Greg Van Geffen.

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Profiling Excellence

Staff

EcoSchools

Superintendent Stephanian shared that the EcoSchools initiative is about engaging the youth of today to protect the climate for tomorrow. It is an initiative that speaks to youth voice, youth action and youth ownership. It is about youth leadership and students taking responsibility for their classroom, their school and ultimately the broader community. Staff were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication in bringing the program to their schools. It was also noted that the recipients do this in conjunction with a dedicated team of staff, students, parents and community members.

- Beth Koruna (Gordon Price) - Gold certification
- Beata Latanska (Frances Nora Henderson) - Bronze certification
- Catherine Higgins (Norwood Park) - Bronze certification
- Crystel Lupal (Ryerson) - Gold certification
- Ryan Movre (Ryerson) – Gold certification
- Hali Tsui (Pauline Johnson) - Gold certification
- Kristen Ortwein (Fessenden) - Platinum certification
- Stephanie Trepanier (Cootes Paradise) - Platinum certification

Dundas Valley Secondary School received the Premier's Award for Accepting Schools. The Premier's Award for Accepting Schools is awarded to school teams that have done exceptional and innovative work in creating a safe and inclusive accepting school. In the spring only ten schools were awarded this designation and Dundas Valley Secondary School was one of ten schools that received this award.

- Em Del Sordo (DVSS) - **Premier's Awards for Accepting Schools**

3. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #17-139: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Trustee Beattie assumed the position as Chair of the Board.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

5. Governance Committee – September 12, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-140: Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the report of the Governance Committee – September 12, 2017 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Trustee White resumed his position as Chair of the Board

6. Policy Committee – September 13, 2017

There was discussion on the Pillar Policies before the Board.

Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: That the Safety and Well-Being Pillar Policy be referred back to the Policy Committee.

The motion FAILED on the following Division of votes:

In favour (3) Trustees Bingham, Pattison and Deathe

Opposed (5) Trustees Beattie, Danko, Hicks, Mulholland, White. Student Trustees Jael and Hye.

RESOLUTION #17-141: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Pattison, moved: **That the Facilities Pillar Policy be referred back to the Policy Committee.**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following Division of votes:

In favour (5) Trustees Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Mulholland, and Pattison. Student Trustees Jael and Hye.

Opposed (3) Trustees Beattie, Hicks, White.

RESOLUTION #17-142: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the remainder of the report of the Policy Committee – September 13, 2017 be approved including the Fraud Management Scoping Report and the following Pillar Policies:**

- **Communication & Community Engagement**
- **Finance**
- **Human Resources**
- **Safety and Well-Being**
- **Student Learning and Achievement**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

Reports from Legislated Committees

7. Parent Involvement Committee – September 12, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-143: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee – September 12, 2017 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

8. Special Education Advisory Committee – June 14, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-144: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee – June 14, 2017 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

9. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

RESOLUTION #17-145: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 7:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Jael and Hye voted in favour

The open session resumed at 7:34 p.m.

10. Committee of the Whole (private) September 25, 2017

RESOLUTION #17-146: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – September 25, 2017 be approved including that the Governance Committee report from September 12, 2017 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Jael and Hye voted in favour

11. Oral Reports:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustee Hye shared that they will be attending the OSTA Fall General Meeting in early November. Ruby and Morghen have been selected as Co-Chairs of two OSTA Committees. Ruby will be co-chairing the Indigenous Relations Committee and Morghen has been selected as Progress Committee Co-Chair. Student Trustee Jael shared that the first student senate meeting will be taking place on October 12, 2017 commencing with the Secondary Senate and the following months will consist of both the Elementary as well as the Secondary Senates.

B. Director's Report

The Director shared some highlights of the past year.

On August 29, 2017 the Director's annual breakfast was held at which time the 2017/2018 Board Annual Plan was introduced and the importance of leadership and wellness was discussed.

Effective Communication – On the first day of school CHCH was at Ridgemount School highlighting the renovations that have been completed as a result of the school renewal agenda.

Partnership – the Director highlighted that Public Health is providing direction around some of our high priority schools and are looking at "what would it look like for all schools to have some universal support". The Director is looking forward to seeing how this partnership will continue to evolve. On Sunday, September 24, 2017 the Flamborough area were pretty active with Telling Tales and had great publicity as well as great community involvement for the event. The Director is a member of the Hamilton Industry Education Council who continue to enhance experiential learning opportunities e.g. the Robotics Competition as well as the Hamilton Community Foundation.

Positive Culture and Well-Being – the Director shared that was able to attend some of the new staff orientations and welcome new staff to HWDSB.

School Renewal – the Director shared his excitement at moving forward with the SJAM Community Hub and will presenting a report in December 2017.

Student Learning and Achievement – the Director shared that the EQAO results have been received and the schools and staff have been engaged in looking for patterns and trends which allow staff to learn more about their students and supports staff in moving the agenda forward. More information will be forthcoming in the November Student Learning and Achievement report.

The Director congratulated and paid tribute his Executive Assistant Pat Stones who has given HWDSB 39 plus years of dedicated service and will be retiring at the end of September and he welcomed Lesley Carriere to her new role as Executive Assistant to the Director.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair shared that it was exciting to see the Strategic Directions and themes of school renewal come to life. CHCH was at Ridgemount acknowledging the renovations that have taken place, and the following day Trustees and staff were with Councillor Matt Green at Adelaide Hoodless and later Memorial City School to see the major capital updates that have been completed. Later in the week MPP Andrea Horwath joined HWDSB at Sir John A Macdonald supporting the community hub project. The Chair gave credit to the Communications and Community Engagement Manager, Shawn McKillop, and his team for a great job with effective communication.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.