

Board Minutes January 29, 2018

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558 Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

Trustees: Kathy Archer (electronically), Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham(electronically), Penny Deathe, Dawn Danko, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White.

Regrets: Trustee Wes Hicks and Student Trustees Morghen Jael and Ruby Hye.

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. Profiling Excellence

Superintendent Stephanian introduced Eshal Nadeem, a grade 5 student at Tiffany Hills as the winner of the Director's Holiday Card contest. She highlighted many of Eshal's qualities and gifts and thanked her and her family for attending the Board meeting. Eshal's winning submission earned her a Profiling Excellence Award as well as a class pizza party.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #18-06: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes – January 15, 2018

The minutes of January 15, 2018 were confirmed.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

6. Finance & Facilities Committee – January 17, 2018

Trustee Van Geffen requested that the boundary review for Ancaster High and Dundas Valley SS (Item A) be voted on separately and Trustee Johnstone requested that the 2018/2019 Board Budget Priorities for Consultation Purposes (Item D) be separated out as well.

RESOLUTION #18-07: Trustee Pattison, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Ancaster High and Dundas Valley Secondary Schools Boundary Review item and amendment be tabled until the February 12, 2018 Board meeting allowing staff the opportunity to bring back the requested information.**

Amendment to the motion:

Moved by Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Johnstone: That all Ancaster Senior grade 8 students living within the boundary for Beverly Central community, may choose to attend either secondary school (Dundas Valley or Ancaster High) with transportation being provided. This shall apply to all Ancaster Senior grade 8 students graduating in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The motion was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes: In favour (6) Trustees Archer, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Johnstone, Pattison Opposed (4) Trustees Beattie, Mulholland, Van Geffen and White

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<u>RESOLUTION #18-08:</u> Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the Finance &** Facilities Committee report – January 17, 2018 be approved including Boundary Review: Lake Avenue – Green Acres and Key Parameters and Assumptions to Guide 2018/2019 Budget Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<u>RESOLUTION #18-09:</u> Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: That the **Finance &** Facilities Committee report – January 17, 2018 be approved including the 2018/2019 Board Budget Priorities for Consultation Purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports from Legislated Committees

7. Parent Involvement Committee – January 9, 2018

<u>RESOLUTION #18-10:</u> Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: That the report of Parent Involvement Committee – January 9, 2018 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Standing Committee – January 15, 2018

<u>RESOLUTION #18-11:</u> Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: That the report of the Standing Committee – January 15, 2018 be approved including: the Draft 2018-19 School Year Calendars be approved for public consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Oral Reports:

A. Student Trustees' Report

The Student Trustees were not present for the meeting however a written submission was provided including the following:

- The OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference (BCC) will be held in Ottawa on February 15-18, 2018.
- The Student Trustees are working with their Committees the Progress Committee and the Indigenous Relations Committee
- OSTA recently released the Student Platform that was developed in preparation for the 2018 provincial election. The Student Platform outlines a strategy to improve Ontario's education system and ensure that Ontario's youth are better prepared for the unique opportunities and challenges of the modern workforce. The platform is based on three pillars that serve as the foundation of a strong education system: student wellbeing, 21st century learning and equitable access to opportunities.
- The Student Trustees have begun to speak to our senators about a Senate constitution/best practices guide.
- In order to move forward with Social Media consent forms will be received from the senators at the upcoming meeting.
- Preparations for the upcoming elections have begun.

B. Director's Report

Director of Education, Manny Figueiredo, highlighted positive culture and well-being in a recent video filmed at Saltfleet Secondary School and Adelaide Hoodless Elementary School. The video shows the Director connecting with both staff and students to learn what the positive culture and well-being priorities means to them, what they are doing about this priority, what are the conditions that are presently in the school that help them feel included and helps them focus their learning. The video was

shared with the Board of Trustees and can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZatYzJ_v__M

C. Chair's Report

The Chair of the Board, Todd White, along with Vice-Chair, Alex Johnstone, attended an announcement at CH Bray on January 29 with Ted McMeekin, Member of Provincial Parliament for Ancaster Dundas Flamborough Westdale, to announce a replacement school that will accommodate nearly 495 pupil places. MPP McMeekin recognized the discussion related to the funding of the Downtown Community Hub continues to be a consideration; however, the funding was not part of the announcement. The announcement included almost \$22 million in funds for HWDSB schools, which include:

- \$4,927,164 for an addition at Mount Albion
- \$3,702,489 for an addition at Ancaster Senior
- \$3,461,117 for an addition at the new Beverly Central Community Centre site
- \$9,657,998 for a rebuilt CH Bray

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.