
Trustees: Kathy Archer, Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Dawn Danko, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Larry Pattison, Greg Van Geffen and Todd White. **Student Trustees** Cameron Prosic and Tara Rezvan.

Regrets: Trustee Penny Deathe

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #18-99: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

3. Delegations: Naming of the New North Secondary

A. Tesla Delegation: Dr. Ishwar Puri, Dean of Engineering McMaster University, Mr. David Santi, Dean, School of Engineering Technology and Mr. Vic Djurdjevic, President Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation.

Mr. David Santi spoke of the book of Henry Ford and the great ideas that he inspired. He spoke of manufacturing in the future and the importance of having technical students who are inspired to be creative. Dr. Puri shared that Canada is in last place when it comes to inventions and how in the early 1900's Canada was the leader in technology inspiration. Mr. Djurdjevic shared the importance of inspiring our students and not just by naming a school but by providing inspiration like Nikola Tesla has illustrated in the past and continues to do.

B. Shannen Koostachin Delegation: Amy Somers-Smith

Amy Somers-Smith shared a video about Shannen Koostachin. Shannon was a 13 year old Indigenous girl who fought for a proper school in Attawapiskat but who died in a car accident before she could see it happen. Shannen was an inspiration to people across Canada. Amy Somers-Smith shared that 20% of the students who will be attending the New North Secondary School will come from an indigenous background and a good portion of the remaining students will come from underprivileged families. She felt that Shannen Koostachin would continue to be an inspiration to the students if the school was named after her.

C. Bernie Custis Delegation: John William Jr.

John William Jr. shared some of his background and stated that he played for the Hamilton Tiger Cats and now works with Indigenous youth. He shared how he was inspired by Bernie Custis and how he broke the stereotypes and set the standards being the first black man to play professional football. John William Jr. explained how Bernie Custis changed perceptions and impacted many young people both during his athletic career and in his three decades as an educator. He stated that Bernie Custis represents an idea of what you can do with opportunity.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes – June 11, 18, July 9 and 31, 2018

The minutes of June 11, 18, July 9 and 31, 2018 were confirmed.

Reports from Legislated Committees

6. Parent Involvement Committee – June 12, 2018

RESOLUTION #18-100: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Van Geffen, moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee report – June 12, 2018 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

7. Special Education Advisory Committee – June 13, 2018

RESOLUTION #18-101: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Bingham, moved: **That the Special Education Committee report – June 13, 2018 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

Reports from Community Advisory Committees

8. Faith Community Advisory Committee – June 7, 2018

RESOLUTION #18-102: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Danko, moved: **That the Faith Community Advisory Committee report – June 7, 2018 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

Report from Staff

9. Naming of the New North Secondary School

Director Figueiredo shared the guidelines and consultation process that was used with Delta and Sir John A Macdonald students. There was a great deal discussion around the names that were brought forward. It was noted by the Chair that all three names that the delegations brought forward were all very worthy names. Although only one choice could be made today perhaps in the future these names could be brought forward once again.

RESOLUTION #18-103: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Hicks, moved: **That the New North Secondary School be named Bernie Custis Secondary School.**

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

In Favour: (7) Trustees Archer, Beattie, Danko, Hicks, Johnstone, Mulholland and White

Opposed: (3) Trustees Bingham, Mulholland and Pattison. Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan.

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

RESOLUTION #18-104: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done 7:42 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

The open session resumed at 9:05 p.m. Trustee Archer did not return to the public session.

11. Committee of the Whole (private) September 17, 2018

There was no report at this time.

12. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

Trustee White shared that the City/School Board Liaison Committee will be meeting on September 27, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Education Centre.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Pattison shared that there was nothing to report at this time.

C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Danko shared that the Foundation is now officially named the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success. She shared that the reason for changing the name was in order for people to understand that the Foundation is not part of the school board and is not publicly funded. They will be launching a new brand in the near future. Over the summer the Foundation has been working on revitalizing the strategic directions. The Hearts Open Gala will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone shared the following updates:

- On August 24, 2018 Education Funding Update – the Trustee Honorarium increases have been suspended. A freeze was put on all funding increases. It was also noted that Trustees will be losing the 1/3 tax exemption that they currently receive on their honorarium.
- On August 28, 2018 School Boards received notice that they are to create a math improvement strategy by November 30, 2018 to be submitted to the Ministry.
- On August 29, 2018 the Ontario Human Rights Commission under the Ontario Human Rights code – staff received a report on how to best meet the Ontario Human Rights for students with disabilities.
- Municipal elections are taking place October 22, 2018 – there are resources available on the OPSBA web site.
- The Education Reform on the Health and Physical Education Curriculum will be taking place this fall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.