
Trustees: Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Cam Galindo, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Carole Paikin Miller, Chris Parkinson and Paul Tut. **Student Trustees** Cameron Prosic and Tara Rezvan.

Regrets: Trustee Kathy Archer and Christine Bingham

1. Call to Order

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

2. Profiling Excellence

Superintendent Stephanian recognised the staff and students from Dundas Valley Secondary School who led the C.H.A.N.G.E. the Way Student-Led Conference – Globe Connect. Globe Connect was the course that the students were involved in and these students led a conference with a human rights vision that they brought to life. They had a passion and were involved in every aspect and detail of the conference. The conference was held on January 10, 2019 with over 600 participants, over 40 different countries and had folks from as far away as Singapore. They continue to have opportunities to interact and share their video with schools internationally as well as with Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville and Toronto schools. This work continues to happen due to the passion of these students and staff even though the course has been completed. Teacher Pieter Toth, won the Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence and shared the money that he received to initiate the conference and the students raised the additional \$10,000 required to run the conference. Pieter Toth and Lisa Dupuis were recognized for their amazing dedication to the students and their vision.

Students:

- C.H.A.N.G.E. the Way Student-Led Conference - Global Connect – Dundas Valley Secondary School

Alexis Anonech	Daniel Bamm	Madeline Bell	Regan Berlin Bromstein
Nathalie Bragg	Georgia Byggdin	Emily Cox	James Crowe
Hailie Day-McCoy	Madison DiSalvo	Ashleigh Dunkley	Adam Eldridge
Ethan Feldman	Fiona Gracey	Aubrey Gunn	Carter Gyori
Rachel Jensen	Max Klapman	Duncan Kozak	Jenna Lack
Daniel Laengerer	Emma Lawlor	Jordan Matthews	James McLaughlin
Kate Russell	Michael Sarafyn	Emma Smith	Stefan Soklaridis
Brady Swackhammer			

Staff:

- C.H.A.N.G.E. the Way Student-Led Conference - Global Connect – Dundas Valley Secondary School
 - Pieter Toth
 - Lisa Dupuis

3. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #19-30: Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes: February 25, 2019

The minutes of February 25, 2019 were confirmed.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

6. Human Resources Committee – March 4, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-31: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Parkinson, moved: **That the Human Resources Committee Report – March 4, 2019 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour
Trustee Tut was out of the room

7. Policy Committee – March 6, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-32: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Parkinson, moved: **That the Policy Committee Report – March 6, 2019 be approved including:**

- Fundraising Policy
- Equity & Inclusion Policy
- Program Policy
- Student Engagement Policy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour
Trustee Tut was out of the room

8. Finance and Facilities Committee – February 21, 2019 and March 7, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-33: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Finance and Facilities Committee Report – February 21, 2019 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour
Trustee Tut was out of the room

RESOLUTION #19-34: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Paikin Miller, moved: **That the Finance and Facilities Committee Report – March 7, 2019 be approved including the Identification of Board Priorities to Guide 2019-20 Budget Development.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour
Trustee Tut was out of the room

Reports from Legislated Committees:

9. Special Education Advisory Committee – March 6, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-35: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Galindo, moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee Report – March 6, 2019 be received including information regarding safe schools and the Empower Reading Program.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour
Trustee Tut was out of the room

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

RESOLUTION #19-36: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 6:49 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

The open session resumed at 7:46 p.m.

11. Committee of the Whole (Private) – March 25, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-37: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – March 25, 2019 be approved including:**

- **That the Human Resources Committee report from March 4, 2019 be received.**
- **That the Finance & Facilities committee report from February 21 2019 be approved including that HWDSB enter Phase 1 of the Property Disposition Process for Vincent Massey School and site.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

12. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

There has been no City/School Board Liaison Committee meeting at this time.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Danko has been unable to attend a meeting at this time. The Hamilton-Wentworth Home and School will be hosting a conference at the Education Centre on April 4th and 5th.

C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Paikin-Miller shared that the Foundation held its Annual General meeting on March 25, 2019 and welcomed four new members. The applications for School Support Grants is now closed and are now being reviewed and the final grant decisions will be upcoming. There were 40 applications totalling \$38,000. The upcoming Prom Project will take place on April 13, 2019 at Delta Secondary School and on May 4, 2019 at Hill Park Learning School.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone shared that there has been no meeting since she last presented. Regional meeting will held on April 13, 2019 in Kitchener Waterloo.

13. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan shared the following highlights:

- They are preparing to welcome new incoming Student Trustees for video recorded interviews to be held at the Education Centre on April 3, 2019. These interviews will then be reviewed and voted on by students across the Board. They have kept all of the information that they have gathered over the past year very organized so that it will be an easy transition for the new incoming Student Trustees.
- Speak Up Grants: Access to applications is now closed and the applications are currently under evaluation. They had a large response due to the work of Student Senate. They will be updating Trustees on the amazing things going on at the Board as a result of the grants being distributed.

B. Director's Report

The Director shared the following highlighting that February is the month of gratitude:

- On March 19, 2019 the Executive Council team had their second quarterly review of the Board Annual Plan where they review their data. They went through each Strategic Direction Priority and they went through their goals. The Principals were her on March 20, 2019 and talked about the push to June and what can they do to improve the results of reading by Grade 1, EQAO math and the graduation rate. They also discussed the importance of the adult caring relationship that they have with their students.
- The Director read an email from the parent of a 22 year old learner who has autism and participates in the Community and Continuing Education Program located at Hill Park School. She spoke of how her daughter is greatly benefiting from the literacy and basic skills program. Her daughter is happy that she is back in a classroom with students that meet her profile and age group. The individualized program and attention that she gets in this program is exactly what she needed. Her daughter will earn credits for Grade 9 and 10 math. She would like to see this program continue and thanked the Board and teachers for the support that her daughter has received in meeting her goals.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair shared the following highlighting that Trustees have had a very busy March. She highlighted some of the events that Trustees have attended:

- The Mountain Kids Club 20th Anniversary
- Trustee Johnstone and Galindo met with Spectrum
- Trustee Johnstone attended SASHA
- Trustee Johnstone and Danko attended the HARRRP Gala
- The Bulldogs Foundation Game to support the adopt a school program
- Ancaster High Tedx event cohosted by Student Trustee Rezvan
- The Coldest night of the year
- Oral Communication Festivals
- Vigil at a Hamilton Mountain Mosque
- Dundas Education Round Table

The meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.