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

Regrets: Trustee Penny Deathe

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #19-1: Trustee Archer, seconded by Trustee Galindo, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Students Trustee Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes – December 17, 2018

The minutes of December 17, 2018 were confirmed.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

5. Program Committee – December 10, 2018

RESOLUTION #19-2: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the Program Committee report – December 10, 2018 be received, including:**

- A Partnership Update
- Secondary Program Strategy and Plan for Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) Programs
- Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Focus Groups – Special Education

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Rezvan voted in favour

Trustee Danko assumed the position of Chair

Reports from Legislated Committees

6. Special Education Advisory Committee – December 11, 2018

RESOLUTION #19-3: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Parkinson, moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee – December 11, 2018 be received including the budget update.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Prosic voted in favour

Trustee Johnstone resumed the position of Chair

7. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

The City/School Board Liaison Committee has scheduled meetings for the months of March and May.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Danko shared that the committee has not met since the last update. They have received a Parent Reaching Out Grant and will be engaging a speaker. They are also working on organizing their annual conference taking place in Hamilton this year. Details will be forthcoming.

C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Danko shared that Trustee Paikin-Miller will be the new Trustee representative sitting on the Foundation Committee once she is sworn in at the annual general meeting in February 2019. The Hearts Wide Open Gala was a great success with over 200 people in attendance and raised over \$50,000. They are currently looking to recruit new Board members from the Community and developed a new nomination form and process. In February and March there will be new applications for grants.

Trustee Danko Assumed the position of Chair

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone shared the following updates:

- Public Education Symposium is taking place January 24 – 26, 2019
- Legislative Update – PPM9 Children in need of protection revision clarifying school boards duties to report incidents
- Clifford Bowles was named advisor of Indigenous Affairs
- Federally four bi-elections were called
- Office of the Ombudsman stated that there were 900 complaints against School Boards in 2017-2018 school year and their office supported several boards to improve their practices.
- Budget consultations are taking place currently and trustees can make written submissions to the Province by January 29, 2019.

Trustee Johnstone resumed the position of Chair

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.