
Trustees: Christine Bingham, Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Cam Galindo, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Maria Felix Miller and Carole Paikin Miller. **Student Trustees** Cameron Prosic and Ahona Mehdi.

Regrets: Kathy Archer and Paul Tut

1. Call to Order

Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Thank you and Farewell from MP David Christopherson

MP David Christopherson thanked the Board for allowing him to speak to the Board of Trustees. He had the opportunity to view the new Education Centre. He spoke of his own education and only having a grade nine education having been self taught through reading and experience. He shared the importance of Education and the responsibility that school boards shoulder in order to have educated citizens. He spoke highly of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and thanked them for the work that they do. He will be retiring after 35 years in public office as a City Counsellor, MPP and MP. The Board thanked him for attending and wished him a wonderful retirement.

3. Profiling Excellence

Superintendent Stephanian shared that this is an opportunity to recognize our staff and students who do an amazing job changing the world and making a difference.

Students:

Arjun Ram, Norwood Park – CBC Kids News: Freelance Junior Reporter

Superintendent Stephanian shared that Arjun has always had a love to be on stage. His first performance was at a talent show at Pauline Johnson School where he recited the poem, “Invictus” by William Ernest Henry. He was in senior kindergarten at that time. Since Arjun was a good communicator at a young age, his parents felt the need to enroll him in French Immersion at Norwood Park. Learning French is one of the reasons why he received opportunities at the CBC. Arjun enthusiastically supports all school activities and was elected as Norwood’s Student Council President this year. He also represents Norwood Park on the HWDSB Student Senate. In spring 2018 he was selected as one of the top 12 across Canada for the show called “Canada’s Smartest Person Junior”. After having exposure and confidence in front of the camera he was noticed by CBC Hamilton and was referred to a producer to be part of the new CBC Kids News as a junior contributor. Since October 2018 Arjun has been employed with CBC and has done various projects, not just with Kids News but also with CBC Hamilton, Toronto and the National and CBC radio. Arjun would like to have a future studying, writing, and journalism.

Diljot Badesha, Saltfleet – Stoney Creek Junior Citizen of the Year

The Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce Junior Citizen of the Year Award is presented to young people for their outstanding contributions to the community and within their school. In 2018 Diljot was one of two recipients chosen to receive this award.

Diljot has been noted as saying in the local newspaper “When I help others, I feel good. I’ve been raised on the values of Seva, which is a concept in Sikhism that means selfless service, and doing volunteer work in my community allows me to fulfill this”. Diljot has currently logged over 500 volunteer hours and was the co-chair of the Health Action Team at Saltfleet. She helped create awareness about bullying and prevention and spent hours working with the team, students and staff to run activities that promote emotional, mental and

physical well-being within the school. Diljot was also a member of the Saltfleet Storm Link, part of Student Parliament and a student organizer for HWDSB's Annual Special Olympics Festivities. And when she was not doing all of that, Diljot was helping out at Heritage Green Nursing Home or volunteering for the Stoney Creek Optimist Club in various capacities.

Deema Abdel Hafeez, Janet Lee – Speaker's Idol – Third Place

As a young Muslim, female, Deema has been a longtime advocate for social justice for all. She spent her last two years at Janet Lee advocating for student voice across many venues and areas. As a chosen member of the Minister of Education's Student Advisory Council for 2018-19, she traveled to Toronto to meet with students across Ontario to participate in the Ministry Student Senate, advocating for better education in Ontario for all Students. She was awarded the HWDSB Profiling Excellence award from the Director of Education for being chosen for this honourable role. In grade 8, Deema submitted an entry in the Simon Wiesenthal's Speakers Idol in Toronto. Not only did she make it into the finals, but she won third place. Her speech caught the attention of the Bill Kelly Show as well as the Stoney Creek news where she was featured.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #19-115: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Galindo, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes – September 16, 2019

The minutes of September 16, 2019 were confirmed.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. Policy Committee – September 11, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-116: Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Paikin Miller, moved: **That the Policy Committee Report – September 11, 2019 be approved including the Inclement Weather Policy and the Transportation Policy.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

8. Finance & Facilities Committee – September 19, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-117: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – September 19, 2019 be approved including:**

- **Westdale and Sherwood Secondary French Immersion Boundary Review.**
- **Community Use of Schools Update.**
- **Secondary School Field Strategy (Secondary Benchmark Strategy)**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

Trustee Danko assumed the position of Chair.

9. Governance Committee – September 23, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-118: Trustee Johnstone, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Governance Committee Report – September 23, 2019 be approved including the addition of an Indigenous Student Trustee to represent Indigenous students.**

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

In Favour: (8) Trustees Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Galindo, Johnstone, Mulholland, Miller and Paikin Miller. Student Trustees Cameron Prosic and Ahona Mehdi voted in favour.

Opposed: (1) Trustee Buck

Trustee Johnstone resumed the position of the Chair.

Reports from Legislated Committees

10. Parent Involvement Committee – September 10, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-119: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee – September 10, 2019 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

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

RESOLUTION #19-120: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Paikin Miller, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 7:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

The open session resumed at 8:18 p.m.

12. Committee of the Whole (Private) – September 30, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-121: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Miller, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – September 30, 2019 be approved including:**

- **Property matters related to Confederation Beach and Falkirk West – vacant sites, to engage in Phase 1 of the Property Disposition Process.**
- **Property matter related to Delta Secondary – declaration of the site being surplus to the Board and engage in Phase 1 of the Property Disposition Process.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

13. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi shared the following highlights:

- An update on the Student Respective Report.
- Student Senate begins October 9, 2019

B. Director's Report

The Director shared the following highlights:

- The reports for priorities will be coming soon and he spoke of the importance of feedback.
- Thanks were given to the Board of Trustees for their support on the challenging budget process and for their clear direction.
- Thanks were extended to Staff for their continued effort focusing on the Board's goals and closing the gap in the areas that require more attention.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair shared a number of events that Trustees have participated in the past couple of months some of which included:

- Anti- hate discussion with the Mayor
- Labour day parade
- Ground breaking of the Memorial Stoney Creek School
- Riverdale Fall Festival
- Binbrook Fair
- Bulldogs Foundation Golf Tournament and dinner
- Super Crawl
- The Director's award from Brock University

The meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.