
Trustees: Kathy Archer, Christine Bingham, Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Maria Felix Miller, Carole Paikin Miller and Paul Tut. Student Trustees Cameron Prosic and Ahona Mehdi.

Regrets were received from Trustee Galindo.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Profiling Excellence:

Students:

Marie Njorge, Ray Lewis – Chief for the Day Contest Winner

Superintendent Stephanian shared that Marie prepared an essay explaining why she wanted to be Chief for the day. She loves to write and enjoyed writing about why she wanted to be the Chief for the day including what community policing means to her, reinforcing neighbourhood watch as well as speaking in schools. She visited a couple of different stations, toured a variety of police facilities and was on CHCH TV. Marie is a huge asset to her school, is involved in school council, and is great at public speaking and has won the Oral Communications contest for her school two years in a row.

Sebastian McPherson, Sherwood Secondary – Participation in 2019 Ontario Legislative Assembly's Model Parliament Program.

Sebastian, a grade 12 student at Sherwood Secondary was recognized for his involvement in the 2019 Ontario Legislative Assembly's Model Parliament Program. He represented the Hamilton Centre riding as MPP and acted as Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. He put forward the Seed Saver Act and focussed on alternative agricultural methods that included no use of pesticides, insecticides and fungicides. He showed great passion around bringing an awareness to this issue. He is an active volunteer in the community and at Grace Villa. He is looking to move into public policy, political science or constitutional law in his post secondary studies. Currently he is involved in Model City Hall, is passionate about his heritage, has earned a \$1000 Scholarship and is in his second year on student senate.

Staff:

Robert Flosman, Waterdown DHS – Sharon Enkin Award

Superintendent Stephanian shared that Rob is a teacher at Waterdown Secondary, and this is his second time winning the Sharon Enkin Award. He first won it in 2013. Students feel blessed to be a part of Rob's classroom and he has far exceeded the expectations of the Sharon Enkin Award. He was the recipient of the 2017 Governor General's History Award for Excellence in teaching and the Museum of Hope was featured in his nomination. The museum attracts 1500 people annually including all students across HWDSB. There are over 700 artifacts that have been donated from the Community for display and the museum encompasses three, soon to be four, classrooms. Featured in September 2018 in Professionally Speaking for innovative teaching practices specifically how he transports students into the past because he feels that we need to understand our past in order to chart a course into the future. Rob continues to find ways to engage students in his classroom and students leave loving history.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #19-140: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes – November 12, 2019

The minutes of November 12, 2019 were confirmed.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

6. Policy Committee – November 6, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-141: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Danko, moved: **That the Policy Committee Report – November 6, 2019 be approved including:**

- Educational Excursions Policy
- Environment Policy
- Boundary Review Policy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

7. Audit Committee – November 13, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-142: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Audit Committee Report – November 13, 2019 be approved including the 2018-19 Consolidated Financial Statements of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for the Year Ended August 31, 2019.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

8. Finance & Facilities Committee – November 14, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-143: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – November 14, 2019 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

Reports from Legislated Committees

9. Parent Involvement Committee – November 12, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-144: Trustee Deathe, seconded by Trustee Paikin Miller, moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee Report – November 12, 2019 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

Reports from Community Advisory Committees

10. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Community Advisory Committee – October 21, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-145: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Community Advisory Committee Report – October 21, 2019 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

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

RESOLUTION #19-146: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 6:53 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

The open session resumed at 8:01 p.m.

12. Committee of the Whole (Private) – November 25, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-147: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – November 25, 2019 be approved including:**

- **That the Audit Committee report from November 13, 2019 be received.**
- **That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from November 14, 2019 be approved including a property matter related to the Upper Stoney Creek Nash Neighbourhood.**
- **That the Governance report of November 4, 2019 related to a personnel matter be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

13. Standing Committee – November 12, 2019

RESOLUTION #19-148: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the Standing Committee Report – November 12, 2019 be received including the Effective Communications report and the Transportation Consortium update.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

14. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi shared the following highlights:

- Secondary Senate is moving forward with the Leadership conference taking place in February 2020.
- Elementary Senate is currently discussing issues and the importance of Senators and student voice.
- OSTA/AECO is making statements on social media.

B. Director's Report

The Director highlighted some of the challenges and celebration of the past year:

- Thanks was given to Trustees and staff for their support during the tragedy of losing Trustee Chris Parkinson and our student at Sir Winston Churchill.
- The budget challenges that have been passed down over the past year as well as the uncertainty of provincial bargaining.
- Celebration was given to the great partnerships with HWDSB and thanks was given for their support during the challenging times. We continue to work with our partner: e.g. Bulldog's game.
- There have been nine schools opened including Bernie Custis and Shannen Koostachin's parents will be present at the opening of the school named in her honour.
- Thanks was given to the Communications department for their great job in getting the communications out to the community.
- Strategic Directions will continue to be a goal that staff are striving to meet. There have been great strides but still some work ahead.

- Positive Culture and Well-Being: he spoke of the importance of students feeling that they can reach out to caring adults. Thanks to ETFO and OSSTF for participating in the anti-bullying PD on November 29, 2019.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair shared that:

- Trustees have come a long way in the past year especially having five new trustees and six existing Trustees on the Board.
- She is proud of the team and how much they support the schools and the communities. A number of events were listed indicating the participation of Trustees at these events.
- HWDSB has broken ground at Memorial and Greensville schools and the Board has landed five out of six construction projects.
- She reflected on the year of challenges and leadership e.g. Trustee Maria Felix Miller stepped up to the plate after the tragic loss of Trustee Chris Parkinson, and the tragic and violent death of one of our students.
- The five Strategies were protected even during the difficult budget challenges.
- She believes in accessibility and transparency and gave thanks to Trustees for pulling together, for staff providing the answers and to the community for asking the tough questions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.