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

Regrets were received from Student Trustee Prosic.

1. Call to Order

Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Profiling Excellence:

Students:

Eflin Sahin – Mount Albion – Contest Winner – Hamilton Children’s Water Festival Event Logo Contest

Superintendent Stephanian shared that Eflin is an incredible artist who thinks “outside of the box”. She takes the requirements given for an assignment and always exceed expectations. Eflin was chosen to be an ambassador at this year’s Hamilton Water Festival. Her artwork was selected to be used on over 5000 t-shirts and water bottles to be given to students across the city at the festival this spring. She will be meeting the Mayor of the City of Hamilton and will be a VIP at the festival. She is most excited that her classroom teacher and classmates are invited back to the festival again this year!

Anika Gupta – Westdale – Sanofi Biogenius Competition: National Runner-Up

Anika’s purpose of her project was to find a potential treatment for patients with Parkinson’s disease. Her grandfather has been living with Parkinson’s for over five years and she wanted to do something to help him. Parkinson’s disease is a condition where neurons, responsible for controlling movement responses, die. This is why Parkinson’s patients usually have hand tremors. To model the death of neurons, she used model systems including a nematode and human cell lines to investigate the protective effect that a TP5 protein can have on protecting the neurons which die in Parkinson’s patients. Anika found that the TP5 protein kept the dying neurons healthier for a longer period of time.

Anika competed in the Sanofi Biogenius South-Western Competition in April 2019, where she won first place. She then moved on to compete at the National Sanofi Biogenius Competition in May. There were nine competitors representing all regions of Canada. At this competition, she was the National Runner-Up. Anika was featured in the Hamilton Spectator and was invited to talk about her project on Cable 14 City Matters.

Staff:

Randy Gallant – Principal, Ancaster High – Ontario’s Principal Council (OPC) Difference Maker

Randy Gallant has been an Administrator in HWDSB for almost 20 years and is currently the principal at Ancaster High. Randy was honoured on October 25, 2019 as an OPC Difference Maker at their annual Gala held in Toronto.

Throughout his Administrative career with HWDSB, Randy has consistently displayed an incredible ability to create a positive school culture that is inclusive, caring and safe. His focus is always on his students and creating an environment where students feel welcomed, supported and cared for. His passion for athletics and music is always evident and he uses these disciplines to shape programming in the school. Randy also establishes exceptional community relationships and partnerships including the Ancaster Theater Company, Morgan Firestone and Ancaster Food Bank. Randy helped create the first Hall of Fame at Ancaster High that

recognized and honored past Alumni and their contributions to the world. When asked what the Difference Maker award means to him, Randy responded as follows:

“We All want to believe that we have made a difference – that we have positively impacted our colleagues, and the students in our care, in ways that will ripple forward even as we move on”.

Randy Gallant is retiring on January 31, 2020. Randy has left every school he has touched in a better place and motivated those around him to better meet the needs of all students. He has truly made a difference in education at HWDSB.

Manny Figueiredo – Faculty of Education Distinguished Graduate Award

In the span of 24 years, Manny Figueiredo (MEd '01) has made significant contributions to publicly-funded education in Ontario.

Manny’s leadership and achievements were acknowledged during Brock University’s Homecoming by receiving the Faculty of Education Distinguished Graduate Award at the September 21, 2019 Alumni Recognition Reception. Manny has been steadfast in his dedication to improving student outcomes, whether it’s spearheading efforts to improve literacy rates, coaching a girl’s basketball team to two championship victories or piloting a large board through complex change.

Manny started his career as a teacher for the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) before moving to the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB).

During his first year of teaching, Manny was encouraged by a mentor to pursue leadership opportunities and a graduate degree. He completed a Bachelor of Physical Education at McMaster University and a Bachelor of Education at York University before starting his Master of Education at Brock in 1997. He chose Brock because of the option to focus his studies on leadership and the flexibility it offered him as a full-time teacher working outside of the Niagara region.

Manny studied part-time while getting married, buying his first home and celebrating the birth of his first child. His second child was born just days after he graduated from the program in 2001. He joined the HWDSB in 2002, taking on the role of Vice-Principal at Cardinal Heights Middle School before becoming Principal at Guy B. Brown Elementary School, Memorial Elementary School and Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School.

Manny then spent a total of six years as a Superintendent, both with the HWDSB and the WCDSB, before moving into his current role in 2015. He says the lessons he learned at Brock continue to shape his work today.

Michael Owen, Dean of the Faculty of Education, says that Manny’s ability to make an impact can be attributed to his focus on student learning. He promotes ways to improve academic, social-emotion, physical and civic learning outcomes for students, and we are proud to have been a part of his growth as an educator and administrator.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #20-01: Trustee Galindo, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes – December 16, 2019

The minutes of December 16, 2019 were confirmed.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

6. Program Committee – December 9, 2019

RESOLUTION #20-02: Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the Program Committee Report – December 9, 2019 be received including Partnership Update and 21st Century Learning Update.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

7. Finance and Facilities Committee – December 12, 2019

RESOLUTION #20-03: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – December 12, 2019 be received including:**

- Capital Projects Construction Update
- Enrolment Summary October 31, 2019
- Development of Budget Priorities to Guide the 2020-21 Budget Development

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

Reports from Staff

8. School Year Calendar 2020-2021 – for consultation

RESOLUTION #20-04: Trustee Paikin Miller, seconded by Trustee Galindo, moved: **That the draft 2020-21 School Year Calendars be approved for public consultation.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

9. Central Mountain Secondary Boundary Review

RESOLUTION #20-05: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the boundary for Sherwood Secondary School be amended as follows:**

- a) The entire elementary boundary of Franklin Road (defined by, south of Fennell Avenue East, north of Mohawk Road East, west of Upper Gage Avenue and, east of Upper Wellington Street), to align with the Sherwood Secondary boundary.
- b) The entire elementary boundary of GL Armstrong (defined by, north of Fennell Avenue East, south of the Sherman Access, west of Upper Sherman Avenue and, east of Upper Wellington Street), to align with the Sherwood Secondary boundary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

RESOLUTION #20-06: Trustee Bingham, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the boundary for Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School be amended as follows:**

- a) The entire elementary boundary of Pauline Johnson (defined by south of Mohawk Road East, north of Stone Church Road East, west of Upper Wentworth Street and east of Upper Wellington Street), to align with the Nora Frances Henderson Secondary Boundary.

- b) **The elementary boundary of Ridgemount (defined by south of the Lincoln Alexander Parkway, north of Rymal Road, west of Upper Wellington Street and east of Upper James Street), to align with the Nora Frances Henderson Secondary boundary.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

RESOLUTION #20-07: Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the boundary for Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School be amended as follows:**

- a) **The elementary boundary of Ridgemount (defined by, north of the Lincoln Alexander Parkway, south of Mohawk Road, west of Upper Wellington Street and east of Upper James Street), to align with the Sir Allan MacNab Secondary boundary. (See Appendix)**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

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

RESOLUTION #20-08: Trustee Tut, seconded by Trustee Deathe, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private), this being done at 7:10 p.m.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

The open session resumed at 8:45 p.m.

11. Committee of the Whole (Private) – January 20, 2020

RESOLUTION #20-09: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (private) – January 20, 2020 be approved including that the Finance and Facilities Committee report from December 12, 2019 be received.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Mehdi voted in favour

12. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee - There was nothing to report at this time.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

- The latest meeting was held on January 9, 2020.
- OFHSA is hosting a Paint Night on February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Stonewalls Restaurant in Hamilton. Tickets are purchased online via their website. Everyone is welcome and the deadline to purchase is January 20, 2020.
- The conference and annual general meeting will be held on April 6, 2020 at the Brantford Hotel and is being hosted by the OFHSA.

C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

- The annual general meeting will be held on February 5, 2020.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

- The 2020 pre-budget consultations are currently underway.
- The Ministry of Education is conducting their consultations on funding (GSN's). Submissions are due by January 31, 2020.

- Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) – Public Education Symposium will take place on January 23 -25, 2020.

E. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustee Mehdi shared the following highlights:

- There is one more Senate meeting prior to the 2020 "Take the Lead" Conference being held on February 13, 2020.
- Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Report –
 - Conducting research to collect for student equity. Follow social media channels for information on labour updates and other OSTA information.
 - OSTA conference will take place on February 20-23, 2020

F. Director's Report

The Director shared some highlights including the following:

- The new Eastdale School opened the first day back in January.
- Rockton Elementary School, Greensville, and Nora Francis are well on their way to welcome students.
- Rogers Hometown Hockey was in Ancaster during January 17-19.
- Over 15 HWDSB students are being recognized for the John C. Holland Awards on February 1.

G. Chair's Report

The Chair shared:

- The many holiday concerts and celebrations that she as well as her fellow Trustees attended in December.
- She spoke of the uncertainty moving into the New Year with respect to Labour updates and timely communication when there is information to share.
- She is looking forward to the bell time study report that will be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.