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

1. Call to Order

Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #20-39: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Buck, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes – April 20, 2020

The minutes of April 20, 2020 were confirmed.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

5. Finance & Facilities Committee – April 16, 2020

RESOLUTION #20-40: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Archer, moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – April 16, 2020 be approved including that the Board approve the 2020-21 Accommodation Strategy Schedule.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

Reports from Staff:

6. Board Meeting Schedule – 2020-2021

RESOLUTION #20-41: Trustee Mulholland, seconded by Trustee Paikin Miller, moved: **That the Board meeting schedule for September 2020 to June 2021 be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

7. Committee of the Whole (Private) – April 27, 2020

RESOLUTION #20-42: Trustee Danko, seconded by Trustee Tut, moved: **That there was nothing to report at this time.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Prosic and Mehdi voted in favour

8. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. Student Trustee Report – Local Activities & Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Report –

The Student Trustees shared that both the Elementary and Secondary Student Senate meetings were held virtually on April 8th. There was discussion of concerns regarding the distribution of technology and mental health supports. Links were provided to mental health supports on the HWDSB website. There was further discussion of distance learning.

OSTA - There is currently an Ontario wide equity survey being completed. OSTA is going through a Governance review as well.

B. Director's Report

- The Director spoke of the phases of response and how challenging this has been since the March crisis and how staff, students and the community responded when they first heard the news. There was a lot of confusion, ambiguity and anxiety and then they moved to some short term solutions.
- When looking at the Strategic Directions one of the big priorities that has been removed from our Board is school renewal. Trustees and Staff have worked hard to create a capital plan and now the physical learning environment is out of our control and this affects the learning environment for both staff and students.
- Another area that has been vastly been affected is equity and the HWDSB partnerships with the City, Public Health, nutrition partners, Hamilton Student Success Foundation, School Mental Health Ontario as well as many more have stepped forward. Thanks was given to the partners who have stepped in to support the mental health challenges as well as the need for food and nutrition. Thanks was given to staff who supported the distribution of food with our partners.
- The Director spoke of what is in our control which is to create a standard virtual learning environment and platform so that it is easier on our families and students. A report will be coming to the Program Committee in September around a standard virtual learning platform.
- Thanks were given to many staff who have stepped up and to trustees during this time of great uncertainty.

C. Chair's Report

- We are currently in week 6 of the school closures.
- The Chair shared how Trustees have stepped up to the challenges and are supporting their communities.
- The Chair spoke of the supports that have been available for our students and families.
- There have been a lot of good news stories shared e.g. sharing our PPE, provisioning 7000 devices, equity in our technology, the donations that have been made from our partners as well as from other organizations.
- In times of need Hamilton and HWDSB pull together because the health and safety of the students and staff are foremost. HWDSB continues to work toward ensuring that the student's education needs are met in order to reach their goals.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.