
Trustees: Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Cam Galindo, Alex Johnstone, Maria Felix Miller, Carole Paikin Miller and Paul Tut. **Student Trustees** Deema Abdel Hafeez and Aisha Mahmoud.

Regrets were received from Trustees Archer, Bingham, Mulholland and Shakowennakara:tats Tanaya Kagige.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Swearing In Ceremony – Student Trustees

Student Trustees Mahmoud and Abdel Hafeez read their Oath and were sworn in as Student Trustees for the 2021-22 term.

3. Profiling Excellence

Superintendent Stephanian welcomed Profiling Excellence recipients – Beth Hughes from Westdale and Jappreet Gill and Naomi Martin from Westmount. Students were recognized for their accomplishments and receipt of the Sharon Enkin Award.

Each year, the Hamilton Jewish Federation and the Enkin family partner with HWDSB to recognize students and staff. The Sharon Enkin Awards were established as a way to pay tribute to a figure who inspired countless young minds.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #21-141: Trustees Deathe/Buck moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None were declared.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes from June 14, 2021, August 23, 2021 and September 13, 2021 were confirmed.

7. Correspondence Received

A. Correspondence received from Educators for Human Rights

RESOLUTION #21-142: Trustees Johnstone/Miller moved: **That the correspondence from Educators and Human Rights re: Mandatory Vaccination be received and filed.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

B. Correspondence from Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

RESOLUTION #21-143: Trustees Johnstone/Buck moved: **That the correspondence from Parent Involvement Committee re: Vaccinated Volunteers be received and filed and that the Chair follow up with correspondence to the committee.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

8. Policy Committee – September 15, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-144: Trustees Miller/Galindo moved: **That Policy Committee report from September 15, 2021 be approved including the Performance Appraisal and Professional Learning policies.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Reports from Legislated Committees

9. Parent Involvement Committee – June 8 and September 14, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-145: Trustees Buck/Deathe moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee reports from June 8 and September 14, 2021 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

10. Special Education Advisory Committee – June 16 and 21, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-146: Trustees Johnstone/Deathe moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee reports from June 16 and 21, 2021 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Trustee Paikin Miller left the meeting.

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

11. Human Rights and Equity Community Advisory Committee – June 10, 2021

RESOLUTION #21-147: Trustees Miller/Galindo moved: **That the Human Rights and Equity Community Advisory Committee report from June 10, 2021 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Reports from Staff:

12. School Re-Opening COVID-19 Update #2

Staff presented the report and the presentation can be found here: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/meetings/Board-Appendices-1633093743.pdf>

RESOLUTION #21-148: Trustees Johnstone/Tut moved: **That the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education to advocate for the following:**

- That rapid antigen testing kits be free and accessible, available to students and staff in the community
- That the ministry have a policy or develop a policy as quickly as possible that includes a program where the tests can be reported for school boards to track the use of the tests and their effectiveness.
- That the test kits would be fully funded by the Ministry of Education or other levels of government.
- That the confirmation of the rest of the COVID funding and that the ministry fund the costs associated with the immunization disclosure.

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

In Favour (6): Trustees Danko, Deathe, Galindo, Johnstone, Miller, and Tut

Opposed (1): Trustee Buck

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

13. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees

Student Trustees Mahmoud and Abdel Hafeez noted the following relating to OSTA-AECO

- Student Trustee Mahmoud attended the OSTA-AECO Executive Council Transitional Conference, and will be serving as the Public Board Council Vice-President on OSTA-AECO's Executive Council
- Student Trustee Abdel Hafeez attended the OSTA-AECO Working Group Transitional Conference, and will be serving as a Student Well-Being Working Group Co-Chair, as well as a Regional Representative for the Public Board Council.
- The Executive Council met with members of the Ministry to plan this year's Student Trustee Orientation sessions, which will be occurring in the following weeks
- OPSBA Policy Development Work Team Meeting, OPSBA-OSTA Liaison Committee Meeting, Priority Setting Process Sub-Committee

Student Trustees Mahmoud and Abdel Hafeez noted the following relating to Student Senate

- Student Trustees met with Superintendent Denomme and Mr. Puley to plan elementary and secondary senates
- Plans to create a Student Senator's Handbook, which to clearly outline the roles and responsibilities of student senators, share best practices for collecting and amplifying student voice and creating strong lines of communication, and supporting senators
- We are finalizing the details of Student Trustee and Student Senate social media platforms to further strengthen a clear line of communication with the student body

B. Director's Report

The Director highlighted the following in his report

- Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30) – thank you to our Indigenous Education Team and our Indigenous Community for creating a video with students from our SHAE program. The video shared stories and impacts of when students don't see themselves represented in the curriculum and challenge us to think about how all mainstream schools and classrooms represent the truth, the truth of history and the and the horrors that the Indigenous people have dealt with and how we heal and move forward together
- Remembering the Second year anniversary of the tragic death of Devan Selvey from Churchill Secondary. Thank you to Mrs. Selvey and our Social Work department who has been working with the Churchill school community to create an outdoor learning space – a reminder of peace and safety. Curriculum is being developed to the traditional teachings led by the Indigenous Education Team, the Indigenous Education Circle and our Indigenous community.
- Finally, a reminder that tomorrow is World Teachers Day, and in addition to honoring all our teachers last week, I want to acknowledge our Caretakers and Maintenance Staff as well. It's just critical to remind everyone how important frontline workers have been in education, and I want to thank everyone.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair highlighted the following in her report

- Appreciate that the Director reminded us about the tragic death of our student Devan Selvey and the work that's being done in the Churchill school community.
- Acknowledge that our first National Day of for Truth and reconciliation, honoring the lost children and survivors of residential schools did happen last week. It was also Orange Shirt Day, and it's such an important time to reflect and to collectively grieve alongside the indigenous community as they work together to heal and to grieve from the trauma of residential schools.

- There is excitement as we end September and begin October, however, there is a lot of work being done behind the scenes to keep our schools safe for students and staff. It's important that we remember to be kind to one another as our focus is on safety and supporting our students through safe protocols

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.