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

1. Call to Order

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Delegation

A. Ian Brisbin, Chair of the Board of Directors for Hamilton Foundation for Student Success re: HWDSB NOM Charity of Choice.

Mr. Brisbin has formerly requested that HWDSB name the Foundation of Student Success as the Charity of Choice. The Foundation was founded in 1976 and has since been rebranded. He shared how the Foundation is the only registered Canadian Charity with the sole mandate to support HWDSB students. Mr. Brisbin shared the fundraising challenges that the Foundation has undergone over the past two years and how they have had to move to digital platforms for their fundraising efforts. Mr. Brisbin shared the number of ways in which the Foundation has supported student needs during COVID-19. He also shared that it has been a pleasure working with our Director, Manny Figueiredo, and wished him the best moving forward.

B. Julia Kollek, Hamilton Alliance for Temporary Shelters re: use of Sir John A Macdonald school

Julia Kollek, shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board and spoke of how the program is a growing movement. She spoke of the value of giving someone a safe, warm place they can call home. Photos of the cabins were shared and it was noted that they have connected with a local cabin maker to help support the project as well as architects and planners. This is temporary and when the school board needs the site the cabins can be moved. They would like to begin with 10 cabins and move to 20. The cabins have heating and fire extinguishers. Converted shipping containers would be used for toilet, showers and laundry room. Evening meals would be provided in portable kitchens. She would like the Board to consider the use of the Sir John A Macdonald school site for the HATS program. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/meetings/Board-Appendices-1643673415.pdf>

3. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #22-10: Trustees Galindo/Miller moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Galindo declared a conflict on interest for item #17 as he sits on the United Way Board of Directors.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes from January 17, 2022 were confirmed.

6. Correspondence

A. Brad Hussey re: COVID safety protocols in schools

RESOLUTION #22-11: Trustees Tut/Deathe moved: **That the correspondence be received and filed.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. Finance & Facilities – January 20, 2022

RESOLUTION #22-12: Trustees Galindo/Buck moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from January 20, 2022 be approved including that:**

- **That the Key Parameters and Assumptions to Guide 2022/2023 Budget Development be approved.**
- **That the 2022/2023 Board Budget Priorities for Consultation Purposed be approved (in alphabetical order) as:**
 - **21st Century Learning and Digital Resources**
 - **Improving Student Learning and Achievement**
 - **Mental Health and Well-Being**
 - **School Revitalization**
 - **Special Education**
- **That the following be rescinded from the June 5, 2017 Board motion for the West Hamilton PAR:**
 - A. That HWDSB seek partnerships to redevelop the Sir John A. Macdonald site as a Community Hub centred around a new JK-8 elementary school.**

 - C. That Hess and Strathcona close pending Ministry of Education funding for HWDSB's portion of the Community Hub project.**

 - D. That all schools remain open failing the creation of a Community Hub on the SJAM site.**
- **That staff proceed with a business case for a replacement school for Hess St and Strathcona Elementary schools.**
- **That staff explore, with City of Hamilton staff and Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS) staff, a possible use of the SJAM property for a short-term timeframe as long as the requirements previously outlined by the Board of Trustees are met.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Reports from Legislative Committees:

8. Parent Involvement Committee – December 14, 2021 and January 11, 2022

RESOLUTION #22-13: Trustees Buck/Deathe moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee report from December 14, 2021 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #22-14: Trustees Buck/Deathe moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee report from January 11, 2022 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

9. Special Education Advisory Committee – December 8, 2021

RESOLUTION #22-15: Trustees Johnstone/Deathe moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee report from December 8, 2021 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Report from Community Advisory Committees:

10. Rural Schools Advisory Committee – December 9, 2021

RESOLUTION #22-16: Trustees Deathe/Johnstone moved: That the Rural Schools Advisory Committee report from December 9, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Report from Staff:

11. Shakowennakara:tats - Vacancy

RESOLUTION #22-17: Trustees Miller/Buck moved: That Jullia Gross confirmed to stand as Shakowennakara:tats with HWDSB for the remainder of the student term of office until July 31, 2022.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

12. Secondary Semester Model – Update on Resolution #21-178

The update included:

1. Communicate with secondary students the most current and up to date information on the second semester model as we get guidance from the Ministry and Public Health.
2. That we support Student Trustees to gather student voice through an accessible platform.
3. Prioritize mental health supports and strategies to support students through the transition.

RESOLUTION #22-18: Trustees Archer/Paikin Miller moved: That the Secondary Semester Model – Update on Resolution #21-178 Report be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

13. Medical Masks for HWDSB Students – Update on Resolution #22-08

Staff shared that there is limited availability of non-fitted N95 masks and therefore, provisioning of these masks would not be possible. The cost for masks is approximately \$0.50 per mask. The quantity that is provided to staff is 2 per day so for the purposes of this calculation, staff have assumed that students would be provided with 2 per day.

Therefore, the cost to provision masks to students would be approximately \$1 per day per student. For the purposes of the calculation, staff is estimated that approximately 45,000 students attend in person school on a daily basis. The cost to provision masks to students is therefore estimated at \$45,000 per day. There are 95 days left in the current school year. The cost to provision medical masks to students for the remainder of the year is \$4.3 million.

RESOLUTION #22-19: Trustees Mulholland/Johnstone moved: That the Medical Masks for HWDSB Students – Update on Resolution #22-08 Report be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

14. Appointment to Trustee Special Committees: Policy and Program

Trustee Becky Buck self nominated for the Policy Committee and Trustee Maria Felix Miller self nominated for the Program Committee.

RESOLUTION #22-20: Trustees Deathe/Galindo moved: That Trustee Buck be appointed to the Policy Committee and Trustee Miller be appointed to the Program Committee.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

15. Committee of the Whole – January 31, 2022

RESOLUTION #22-21: Trustees Buck/Tut moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report from January 31, 2022 be approved including:**

- **That the Finance & Facilities Committee reports from December 16, 2021 and January 20, 2022 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

16. Written Notices of Motion – Trustee Buck re: HWDSB Charity of Choice

Trustee Galindo declared a conflict of interest for this item and did not participate in the discussion or vote.

Notice of Motion: HWDSB's Charity of Choice
Submitted by: Vice-Chair Buck

Whereas; HWDSB is a corporation without share capital established under the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. and

Whereas; Hamilton Foundation for Student Success is a registered charity and corporation with share capital incorporated by Certificate and Articles of Incorporation under the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) and,

Whereas; Hamilton Foundation for Student Success is the only registered charitable organization with the sole mandate to raise funds in support HWDSB students recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency and,

Whereas; Hamilton Foundation for Student Success and HWDSB operate under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated August 20, 2019.

Be It Resolved that:

HWDSB name Hamilton Foundation for Student Success as its Charity of Choice.

RESOLUTION #22-22: Trustees Buck/Archer moved: **That HWDSB name Hamilton Foundation for Student Success as its Charity of Choice.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Trustee Galindo did not vote

Student Trustee Mahmoud left the meeting.

17. Oral Reports from:

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

The Chair is currently working on getting a date for a meeting. No date has been confirmed.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association

Trustee Buck shared that they met on January 13, 2022. There were concerns about in person learning and education gaps due to the pandemic. Some felt that in person learning was important for the health and well being of the students. Concerns were shared about the ventilation in schools. They would like to see volunteers back in the schools again. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2022

C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HWDSB Foundation)

Showcase of heARTS - Tickets are now available for 2022 Showcase of heARTS taking place on April 7, 2022. Max Francis and Westmount student, Arjun Ram will be returning as the evening's co-hosts. More information is available on the Foundation's website.

D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Johnstone shared the update:

- OPSBA's Public Education Symposium was held on Jan. 28th followed by the Central West Regional meeting.
- Memos from the Ministry and OPSBA updates were shared.

E. Student Trustees

Student Trustees Abdel Hafeez highlighted the following:

- Registration for the annual Board Council Conference has been sent to school boards, and will be held virtually on February 18th and 19th
- The Public Board Council of OSTA-AECO is continuing to receive responses from students in a province-wide survey around student achievement and barriers to success
- Student Trustees attended OPSBA's Public Education Symposium on Jan. 28th, where we heard from a variety of speakers and participated in breakout sessions.
- The Elementary and Secondary HWDSB Student Senates met on January 19th
- The Secondary Senate discussed updates around learning models, introduced the chairs and co-chairs of the Student Well-being, Equity and Inclusion, and Communications committees, scheduled virtual meetings with the student councils of each high school, and planned projects for the new year
- Our Elementary Senate meeting focused on the impacts of the pandemic on students and school communities. Senators discussed the challenges of online learning, the different types of well-being, and how to support students and their mental health during this time.
- Worked alongside staff to create videos for grade 7 and 8 information nights to support students in their transition to high school.
- Met with Superintendent Stephanian to discuss how to further collect student voice for the Safe Schools Action plan, and how we can better reach marginalized students.
- Working with Vice-principal Aaron Pulley in the creation of a student trustee-run SharePoint to share relevant information, leadership opportunities, and Student Senate initiatives with the HWDSB student body on a platform that's accessible to all.
- Hosted an Information session for interested candidates as we approach the student trustee elections in mid-February.

F. Director's Update

The Director highlighted the following:

- A warm welcome was extended to John Bryant as the interim Director for the term of February to June 2022. Mr. Bryant spoke to the Trustees and thanked them for the opportunity to work with our Board. Thanks, were shared to Manny and the wonderful Executive team.
- Manny asked the Board of Trustees, senior team and staff/leaders to keep human rights as the key focus, as the centre of their work.
- The Director asked the question of our Leaders. What inspires you? What keeps us up at night and what does it mean for our students?
- Manny thanked the Board for the privilege of working with them for the past 6.5 years stating that it was an honour to work with a wonderful senior team, staff and students. In closing the Director stated "put students first, be inspired and serve our community".

G. Chair's Update

The Chair reflected on what it will be like as we say goodbye and transition to a new Director. Thanks, were shared with John Bryant for his support in transitioning to a new Director. The Chair spoke about the Food 4

Kids program that provides food for over 1,0000 HWDSB students on the weekend. They are currently running a fundraiser "Eat a Beet" and the Hamilton Firefighters Association is supporting this event so thanks were extended to them and people were invited to participate in the "Eat a Beet" Fundraiser.

Thank you and a farewell was extended to our Director Manny Figueiredo. His leadership, support and encouragement has been appreciated and the Chair stated that he helped her and others to see their value. Manny will still be working with the Board in a different way as he moves to the YMCA, a community partner.

Trustees all had an opportunity to thank Manny and wish him the very best moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

<https://hwdsb.tv/media/board-meeting-jan-31-2022/>