

Board Minutes Monday October 17, 2022

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558 Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

Trustees: Kathy Archer, Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Penny Deathe, Alex Johnstone, Maria Felix Miller, Ray Mulholland and Elizabeth Wong. Student Trustees Gloria Li and Aisha Mahmoud.

Regrets were received from Trustees Cam Galindo, Carole Paikin Miller, Paul Tut

1. Call to Order

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #22-134: Trustees Wong/Buck moved: That the Board agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Johnstone declared a conflict for item #8 Human Resources Committee report.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes: October 3, 2022

The minutes of October 3, 2022 were confirmed.

Report from Trustee Special Committees

5. Program Committee – September 26, 2022

<u>RESOLUTION #22-135:</u> Trustees Buck/Deathe moved: **That the Program Committee Report – September 26, 2022 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

6. Human Resources Committee – September 27, 2022

<u>RESOLUTION #22-136:</u> Trustees Deathe/Miller moved: That the Human Resources Committee Report – September 27, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Trustee Johnstone did not vote.

7. Policy Committee – October 5, 2022

<u>RESOLUTION #22-137:</u> Trustees Miller/Buck moved: That the Policy Committee Committee Report – October 5, 2022 be approved including the Board and School Cancellation of Operations Policy (formerly: Inclement Weather).

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Report from Legislated Committees

8. Special Education Advisory Committee – September 28, 2022

<u>RESOLUTION #22-138:</u> Trustees Deathe/Wong moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee** Report – September 28, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

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Report from Community Advisory Committees

9. French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – September 28, 2022

<u>RESOLUTION #22-139:</u> Trustees Buck/Wong moved: That the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Report – September 28, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

10. Committee of the Whole (private) - October 17, 2022

<u>RESOLUTION #22-140:</u> Trustees Buck/Wong moved: That the Committee of the Whole Report from October 17, 2022 be approved including:

• That the Human Resources Committee report from September 27, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

11. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustees shared:

- They are reviewing the data and results from last year's student voice survey, which was opened in May for Grade 7 to 12 students across HWDSB. They received approximately 4500 responses.
- The first student Senate meeting of the year, which will take place on Wednesday, October 26th.
- They worked with the communications department to film the autocomplete interview that was
 inspired by the popular wired series and answered questions about the role of a student trustee and
 how students can get involved at the Board.
- OSTA Executive Council met with Minister Lecce at the September 17, 2022 meeting where they
 were able to discuss curriculum modernization and providing student feedback.
- The attended a Roundtable hosted by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism to develop a provincial anti hate plan. The Roundtable was held on October 13, 2022 with representatives.
- HWDSB Eco Summit October 18, 2022 secondary students and guest speakers have been invited to gather at the board office to share environmental concerns ideas and action items that student leaders can take back to their local communities.
- The Fall General Meeting is being held from October, 20-23, 2022.

B. Director's Report

The Director shared the following:

- HWDSB has released its communication standards publicly.
- The Director has been visiting a number of schools, including Westmount Secondary Hess Street Elementary and Bernie Custis Secondary, Prince of Wales and Nora Frances Henderson and most recently the archives at Hill Park.
- She has enjoyed seeing the school renewal in action in our spaces and has had the opportunity to see some of the partnerships in action.
- HWDSB has a policy on Anti-Black Racism and Human Rghts and she is extremely proud to be staffed in the Board that has prioritized these.
- HWDSB strives to keep its community informed about the status of Labor relations with employee
 groups in our school board. HWDSB is committed to timely communication with staff and families.
 We have prepared a labor update section on the HWDSB website to begin communications and
 updates with families.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair shared the following:

- It has been a very busy month for Trustees who are now able to visit their schools once again.
- The Chair acknowledged that our education workers represented by CUPE have filed a no board report as of October 7, 2022 and that is in response to central bargaining. It puts the caretakers and maintenance workers in a legal strike position as of November 3, 2022.
- Central bargaining continues to happen and the Board wants to see all of our groups reach a fair deal with fair compensation because that is where that is negotiated.
- The Ministry of Education has said that they do not want to see disruptions for our students and our schools and our Board feels the same way.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

https://hwdsbonca.sharepoint.com/sites/tv_trustees/_layouts/15/stream.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2 Ftv%5Ftrustees%2FVideos%2F2022%2D2023%2F02%20October%2FBoard%20Mtg%20October 172022%2Emp4&ga=1