HWDSB

Special Board Minutes Monday, June 15, 2023

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

Trustees: Kathy Archer (electronically), Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller (electronically), Ray Mulholland, Graeme Noble and Todd White.

Regrets: Trustees Sabreina Dahab, Paul Tut, Elizabeth Wong and Student Trustees Gloria Li and Aisha Mahmoud.

1. Call to Order

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Multi Year Strategic Plan Update

Director Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini Introduced the consultants, Ruth Silver, and Casey Hinton to the Board.

Ruth shared that they will be sharing only a fraction of what they have heard as there is still a lot of data to go through. The presentation is a very high-level, Executive Summary. The data was gathered from 43 leadership interviews, 5 Youth Ambassadors, 7 Advisory group sessions, 1 Community workshop, 3000+ survey respondents, 5 youth pop-ups and 6 community pop-ups.

Casey shared the Executive Summary of themes:

- 1. Equity and Inclusion a desire to cultivate an inclusive and equitable environment that fosters a deep sense of belonging for everyone.
- 2. Safety & Well-being safety is foundational for students' well-being and achievement, and there is a need for holistic and caring approaches and supports.
- 3. Student Centered Journeys Students need to feel heard and have opportunities for self-discovery and self-determination, with experiences and supports that meet their unique needs.
- 4. Community Connections schools should be community hubs, with improved communication and connections to partners across HWDSB to welcome all learners and their families.
- 5. Transformation & Reimagining Systems inequitable colonial systems require transparent and innovative change and healing with every HWDSB community member having a role to play.

Ruth and Casey reviewed the "What we heard" strategic directions theme matrix with the Board. Trustees had an opportunity to ask questions and share what surprised them about the data and if they felt that there were any gaps or missing information.

There will be a public meeting held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023. The Governance meeting that will be held on June 26, 2023, will offer a "prototyping" workshop to test and iterate the draft vision, mission, values, and strategic priorities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here: <u>Special Board-20230615</u> 180430-Meeting Recording.mp4 (sharepoint.com)

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