

HWDSB

Special Governance Committee

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

EC-340D and MS Teams

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558

Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

AGENDA: 9:45 a.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Trustee Policy manual – carry over discussion from previous meeting
5. Adjournment

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We acknowledge our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.



EXECUTIVE REPORT TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

TO: GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini, Director of Education
DATE: December 6, 2023
PREPARED BY: Heather Miller, Officer of Trustee Services
RE: Trustee Policy Manual - feedback

Action

Monitoring X

Background:

At the previous Governance meeting in November, the committee requested that the last item be referred to a future meeting due to time constraints.

Attached is the remaining proposal of feedback for committee discussion.

Trustee Policy Manual – Section	Feedback	Proposed Change
	Request to add a section related to navigating media requests	<p>Proposal:</p> <p>Chair of the Board. The Chair of the Board is the official spokesperson for the Board of Trustees with respect to all external communications on matters under consideration by the board, as well as explaining Board positions and decisions, including budget and policy decisions.</p> <p>Trustees Trustees may not to speak on behalf of the board, unless authorized to do so by that Chair of the Board.</p> <p>All media request for administrative or political response on board matters, and or interviews shall be directed to the Senior Manager, Communications and Community Engagement.</p> <p>Whenever possible, media request received directly by individual trustees are responded to following consultation with the Senior Manager, Communications and Community Engagement, fellow staff, and/or Board Trustees to ensure that the response is reflective of the position of HWDSB.</p> <p>Any personal opinions must be clearly identified as such and further, that such opinions are not necessarily those of HWDSB.</p>