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**Trustees: Kathy Archer (electronically), Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Maria Felix Miller, Ray Mulholland, Graeme Noble, Todd White and Elizabeth Wong. Student Trustees Gloria Li and Aisha Mahmoud.**

**Regrets were received from: Trustees Amanda Fehrman and Paul Tut.**

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**1. Call to Order**

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

**RESOLUTION #23-27:** Trustees White/Wong moved: **That the Board agenda be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes: February 13, 2023**

The minutes of February 13, 2023 were confirmed.

**Report from Legislated Committees**

**5. Parent Involvement Committee – February 21, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-28:** Trustees Buck/Miller moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee Report – February 21, 2023 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**Report from Community Advisory Committees**

**6. Human Rights & Equity Advisory Committee – February 8, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-29:** Trustees Dahab/Miller moved: **That the Human Rights & Equity Advisory Committee Report – February 8, 2023 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**Reports from:**

**7. Committee of the Whole (private) – March 6, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-30** Trustees Miller/Buck moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – March 6, 2023 be approved including:**

- **That the Governance Committee Report – February 27, 2023 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**8. Oral Reports from:**

**A. Student Trustees' Report**

Student Trustees shared

- Elementary and Secondary Student Senate met on February 8, 2023, and discussed the upcoming elections and ideas for a board-wide student leadership event.

- Manager of Corporate Communications, Shawn McKillop, also attended the meeting to gather feedback from Senators on HWDSB communication strategies specifically around masking guidelines.
- Student trustee elections for the 2023-2024 year ran from February 21st – 28th where candidates submitted video responses to questions relating to their goals as a student trustee. A graphic was shared on Instagram including secondary students encouraging students to vote. Schools shared morning announcements, and put up posters to encourage voting.
- The Student Voice Survey Results were released through a video on all social media platforms on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The video included higher level findings relating to ways we can support student well-being, inclusive spaces, and communication. They are currently working towards establishing a student advisory committee that aims to incorporate the lived experience and voices of students and aid our mental health strategy.
- OSTA-AECO's Board Council Conference was held on February 16 – 19, 2023, in Ottawa. Speakers included OPC, CPCO, the Assembly of Seven Generations, and a panel of student trustee alumni. OSTA-AECO is also very excited about the upcoming release of the Ontario Student Voice Awards, recognizing students across the province who demonstrate leadership in various sectors such as entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship, sports excellence, etc. Trustees were encouraged to keep an eye out and share this scholarship opportunity with secondary students in their ward.

## **B. Director's Report**

The Director shared the following:

- Director Robinson Petrazzini celebrated Black History “We Are Hamilton” with the City of Hamilton where 16 Black Hamiltonians were celebrated. There were posters highlighting this throughout the City and in all HWDSB schools.
- Through “Engage HWDSB” the Director invited students and communities to share their experience of Black Joy.
- School activities included Michaëlle Jean Empowerment Squared presentation and defining movement dance class. We had Glendale's Black Cultural Awareness committee that celebrated the school's first Black History Month assembly. This was delayed until March 9<sup>th</sup> due to a snow day back in February.
- Culture facts to Black History Month celebration was hosted by graduation coaches for secondary students from various schools and that was held at Nora Frances Henderson.
- Director Robinson Petrazzini attended the John C Holland Awards for the first time and noted what a beautiful celebration it was. There were 12 HWDSB students who actually received awards and many more were nominated.
- The Director wanted people who identify as black to gather together so the wrap up event “It Doesn't End Here” was held and it was a great example of Black joy.
- A number of schools were visited including South Meadow, Westdale Secondary, Kanétskare, Lake Avenue, Mount Hope and Ancaster High. Gratitude was shared with staff, superintendents and trustees for their support in making these school visits possible and very welcoming.
- Recently Glendale Secondary School was celebrated for being recognized as the first language friendly secondary school in North America. This means 40% of students speak a language other than English as their first language and the school is recognized for being incredibly supportive and welcoming of the students.
- The Director attended the YWCA Women of Distinction Awards, and there were two fabulous women connected to HWDSB who were recognized.
- On March 3<sup>rd</sup> the Director brought greetings to educational assistants, child and youth care worker practitioners and communicative disorders assistants at their professional learning session.
- Taste buds is planning for the Great Big Crunch on March 9, 2023, and this is incredible because we have 67 schools that are receiving nutrition programs offered by taste buds.

- This week is the celebration of the essential contributions of our social workers in our HWDSB school communities and across the province, and also happening this week is Black Mental Health Week.

### **C. Chair's Report**

The Chair shared the following:

- The first Trustee newsletter is going out this week. Thanks, was shared with our Communications team for their support in coordinating all of the information and pulling everything together.
- Chair Danko shared her gratitude to all of the staff in Facilities for their diligence and hard work clearing the snow from our many snowfalls. We have to coordinate both with the City of Hamilton and contracted services to clear the different areas in and around our schools.
- The Chair would like to invite trustees to take turns sharing an update for future Chair's Reports. She is thinking of doing a model where Trustees get an opportunity to share what they're seeing in their community, and also what they're doing in their community.
- She found it really beneficial at joining a number of different trustees on school visits and hearing directly from students. They really appreciate when they get a student led tour or an opportunity to talk directly with students, to hear about what's going on in their school, and find that it is really great to see programming in action.
- Another great way to connect has been through PIC connect. It has been a really fantastic way to bring school council members together from different schools and get them sharing ideas. It is a really great way to hear where there may be some gaps or areas that we can do a little more to support.
- We just had "Eat a Beet" campaign for Food 4 Kids and raised over \$25,000 for students in Hamilton. Thanks, was shared with the Hamilton Professional Firefighters Association, Local 288, because this is their initiative.
- This Chair wished everyone a fantastic March Break.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. and moved into Standing Committee.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

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