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Trustees: Kathy Archer (electronically), Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Ray Mulholland, Graeme Noble, Paul Tut, Todd White and Elizabeth Wong. Student Trustees Thomas Lin and Harry Wang.

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**1. Call to Order**

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and recited the land acknowledgement.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Additional items added to the agenda included a return to private session and Rise and Report – October 2, 2023 (to follow item 14 on the agenda)

**RESOLUTION #23-111:** Trustees Tut/Wong moved: **That the agenda be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes: September 11, 2023**

The minutes of September 11, 2023, were confirmed.

**5. Correspondence – Thames Valley DSB re: GSN Insufficiencies and Special Education Shortfalls**

**RESOLUTION #23-112:** Trustees Tut/Buck moved: **That the Correspondence Thames Valley DSB re: GSN Insufficiencies and Special Education Shortfalls be received and filed.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

**Report from Trustee Special Committees**

**6. Governance Committee – September 12, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-113:** Trustees White/Buck moved: **That the Governance Committee Report – September 12, 2023, be approved including that the Trustee Code of Conduct be affirmed.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

**7. Policy Committee – September 13, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-114:** Trustees Miller/White moved: **That the Policy Committee Report – September 13, 2023, be approved including the Advertising Expenditure Policy and the Privacy Policy.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

**8. Finance and Facilities Committee – September 19, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-115:** Trustees Danko/Noble moved: **That the Finance and Facilities Committee Report – September 19, 2023, be approved including:**

- That the Board approve the 2023 Capital Priorities Projects (Appendix A) for submission to the Ministry of Education for funding considerations, as per Memorandum 2023:B08 – Launch of 2023-24 Capital Priorities Program (Appendix B).
- That the Board pause posting a competitive process for the new build; investigate the changing conditions due to activity at the GFL Stoney Creek Regional Facility with respect to the impacts to the health and well-being of students, staff, families and interested parties at the future school site over the expected lifespan of the school; to explore alternate options for accommodation of students; that the Chair of the Board and the Ward Trustee engage with City and Provincial officials as part of the investigation; and report back to Trustees prior to posting a competitive process for this project.

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

#### Report from Legislated Committees

##### 9. Parent Involvement Committee – September 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION #23-116:** Trustees Fehrman/Wong moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee – September 12, 2023, be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

#### Reports from Staff

##### 10. Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2028

Director Robinson Petrazzini walked through the process and thanked all the many people providing their input/feedback, particularly the trustees.

**RESOLUTION #23-117:** Trustees White/Buck moved: **That the Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2028 be approved.**

**Vision** – Growing Together

**Mission** – Every student experiences a sense of belonging and engages in dynamic learning to reach their potential and build their own future.

**Values** – Our values of Compassion, Dignity, Trust, and Joy guide our daily work and ensure that we honour the unique identities and needs of all.

- Compassion: Leading with peace, friendship and love creates space for compassionate accountability, where we are responsible to one another in creating a culture of care.
- Dignity: Reciprocity, anti-racism and anti-oppression lead to a just and equitable learning community, where every person is included, respected and valued.
- Trust: Humility and transparency build the trusted relationships, connections and education system necessary for growth, change and evolution.
- Joy: Curiosity, play and fun are catalysts for meaningful student learning outcomes and support joyful and enriching experiences.

#### Strategic Directions

1. Upholding Human Rights, Safety and Well-being – We will support all students and staff to feel safe and secure in our classrooms and school communities.
2. Providing Equitable Quality Education – We will offer equitable quality educational opportunities to improve student engagement, learning and achievement for future-readiness.
3. Collaborating with Students, Families & Communities – We will build reciprocal relationships and partnerships to enhance access and engagement for students, families and communities.

4. Building a Sustainable Education System – We will adapt to a rapidly changing world through responsible fiscal management, investing equitably in accessible and sustainable facilities, and supporting a robust workforce.
5. Reinforcing Indigenous Educational Wellness & Reconciliation – We will honour our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by nurturing respectful and reciprocal relationships among Indigenous Peoples and Treaty Partners, and by cultivating intergenerational healing and wellness in a restorative education system.

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

### **11. Fall 2023 School Year Calendar Holiday Consultation Framework**

Superintendent Goodacre provided a report outlining Ministry guidelines and requirements and consultation process. A One-Year Process (Option A) and a Two-Year Process (Option B) were outlined, noting both options would engage in regular consultation. Trustees expressed the value in continuing to engage Ministry in conversation.

**RESOLUTION #23-118:** Trustees White/Dahab moved: **That staff engage in a two-year process for Fall 2023 School Year Calendar Holiday Consultation Framework (Option B) to further investigate options be approved.**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

**In Favour (8): Trustees Archer, Dahab, Danko, Miller, Noble, Tut, Wong and White**

**Opposed(3): Trustees Buck, Fehrman, Mulholland**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

### **12. Translating Reports and Materials**

Superintendent Stephanian presented the report to Trustees. Superintendent Denomme confirmed that the guides for suspension and expulsion process would require updating prior to being translated.

**RESOLUTION #23-119:** Trustees White/Dahab moved: **That staff update the suspension and expulsion guides and then proceed with both guides being translated in the top 10 non-English languages.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

**RESOLUTION #23-120:** Trustees Dahab/Miller moved: **That a discussion take place at Program Committee on how the date from the Disproportionality Report will be communicated with families most impacted.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

**RESOLUTION #23-121:** Trustees Buck/Tut moved: **That the Board move into Private session under section 207.2 B of the Education Act the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian; (e) litigation affecting the board. R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, s. 207 (2) this being done at 9:05 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

Board public session resumed at 10:00 pm. Trustee Mulholland and Student Trustees Lin and Wang did not return to the meeting.

**Reports from:**

**13. Committee of the Whole (private) – October 2, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-122:** Trustees Miller/Fehrman moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – October 2, 2023 be received including the Finance & Facilities Committee report from September 19, 2023.**

**CARRIED**

**14. Oral Reports from:**

**A. Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations**

Trustee Danko noted that the initial meeting of the school year took place on September 21, 2023. The Association wished to extend support to the families that were affected by the school threats recently and to advocate for clear communication going forward. The committee is also looking forward to being included in the consultation related to the Fundraising policy.

**B. Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)**

Trustee Wong noted that the OPSBA Leader's Academy workshop series will continue on October 18 and November 22 in the same virtual format over the lunch hour. Registration is required and if participate is not possible, OPSBA has uploaded the sessions to their YouTube channel.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Reference:

Board Meeting Recording – [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)