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

Regrets: Trustee Sabreina Dahab and Elizabeth Wong

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Maria Felix Miller, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and recited the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #24-17: Trustees Danko/Noble moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

Trustee White was not in the room at time of the vote

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest – None

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #24-18: Trustees Fehrman/Danko moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

5. Governance – January 22, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-19: Trustees White/Danko moved that the Governance report from January 22, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

6. Finance and Facilities – January 23, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-20: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the Finance and Facilities report from January 23, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Legislated Committees:

7. Special Education Advisory Committee – December 20, 2023

RESOLUTION #24-21: Trustees Danko /Fehrman moved that the Special Education Advisory Committee report from December 20, 2023 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

8. Report from Committee of the Whole – February 12, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-22: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the Committee of the Whole report from February 12, 2024 including the Finance & Facilities report from January 23, 2024 and a personal matter be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

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

- Trustee Danko shared the committee continues to work to support home and school associations with questions and concerns.
- The Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations will be holding an annual conference on May 3rd and 4th in Brantford ON and they are still working through changes to their rental procedures to make sure they're supported and have a meeting room at the Ed Center.
- Next meeting is Thursday February 15th, 2024 at the Education Centre.

B. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success:

- Trustee Archer shared that Prom Project 2024 will take place on Saturday April 13th, at Sir Winston Churchill. Donations of gently used formal wear, including boys small sized suits, men's shoes, and plus size dresses are currently be accepted at approx. 20 locations across Hamilton.
- They are looking for seamstress to help with alterations and more information about donating or volunteering can be found at www.promprojecthamilton.ca.
- Student Support Grants have been a huge hit this year. HFSS continues to share funds with students needing support.

C. Ontario Public School Boards Association:

- Trustee Buck shared a thank you to those trustees that were able to attend the Public Education Symposium in January 2024. She shared some highlights including guest speakers and learning sessions such as Bill 98, which is the better schools and Student Outcome Act as well as digital media literacy in the age of AI and the transformational power of school food programs. Trustee Danko, participated in a panel discussion on school board collaboration with municipalities, which was a highlight for all those who were able to attend that morning.
- OPSBA is actively supporting and promoting the great big Crunch. Trustees should have received invitations for local events, OPSBA is also participating on March 7th.
- Nominations for the OPSBA Awards is now open. If you know an amazing teacher, trustee, education worker, school administrator, student or community member who deserves some recognition, please go to the OPSBA website and let the world know of about this amazing person in your life and the life of your students and your wards.
- During the MOE's recent call with school board chairs, the Minister of Education indicated that the announcement of capital priorities would occur this winter and that the release of the GSNs would follow a more traditional timeline of late spring.
- The Ministry of Education and several other MP's unveiled new mandatory learning in grade 7/8 and 10 history on the exceptional contributions and history of Black Canadians who helped build Canada. This learning will highlight the various black communities that emerge, developed, and contributed to the development of Canada, including pre and post confederation.
- The Government of Ontario also shared last week a number of curriculum updates that will be in place or will be implemented as of September 2024, including: technological education, building the entrepreneurial mindset, launching a meeting at business, exploring Canadian geography (will be de-streamed), career studies and Grade 9 English classes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Reference: [Agenda Package](#) and [Recording](#)