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

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Maria Felix Miller, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and recited the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #24-23: Trustees Danko/Noble moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest – None

4. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #24-24: Trustees Fehrman/Danko moved that the minutes from February 12, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

5. Human Resources – January 30, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-25: Trustees Danko/Tut moved that the Human Resources report from January 30, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

6. Finance and Facilities – February 20, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-26: Trustees Tut/Noble moved that the Finance and Facilities Committee report from February 20, 2024 be approved including:

Gatestone and Shannen Koostachin Boundary Review:

- A. That the geographic area described below is moved from Shannen Koostachin's boundary to Gatestone's boundary: Commencing at the corner of Rymal Road East and Regional Road 56, moving south along the centre of Regional Road 56 until Dalglish Trail. The boundary continues west along the back property lines of the homes on Dalglish Trail and continues west along the back property lines of the homes on Dolomiti Court. The boundary then moves north along the back property lines of the homes on Dolomiti Court until Cittadella Boulevard. The boundary then moves west along the centre of Cittadella Boulevard until moving north along the back property lines of the homes on Rockledge Drive until Dalglish Trail. The boundary then moves east along the centre of Dalglish Trail until Terryberry Road where it moves north along the back of the Terryberry Road property lines until Rymal Road East. At Rymal Road East the boundary moves east, returning the corner of Rymal Road East and Regional Road 56.
- B. That existing grade JK to 5 students in the identified boundary change area move from Shannen Koostachin to Gatestone.
- C. That current grade 6 and 7 students attending Shannen Koostachin and residing in the identified boundary change area may remain at Shannen Koostachin for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. All siblings of current grade 6 and 7 students residing in identified boundary change area to attend Gatestone. (clause amended at committee meeting)

- D. As of ratification of the motion, that all existing out of catchment students attending Gatestone may continue to attend Gatestone under the out of catchment practice. All siblings of current out-of-catchment students may attend Gatestone in accordance with HWDSB's out-of-catchment practice. That this provision not cause the enrolment of the school to exceed the on the ground capacity (i.e. no increase in temporary accommodation needs on the site).
- E. That a Transition Committee is struck upon approval of a boundary change by the Superintendent of Student Achievement.
- F. That the boundary change is effective September 2024.

Waterdown Short-Term Accommodation Strategy be approved:

- A. That Allan A Greenleaf receive all new K to 8 English program students south of Highway 5 (Dundas St E). The area is defined as south of Highway 5 East (Dundas St E) to the Burlington border between Hamilton Street South to the west and Kerns Road to the east.
- B. That Flamborough Centre French Immersion program be relocated to Guy B Brown; Flamborough Centre remains a K to 8 English school.
- C. That Guy B Brown receives all grades 5 to 8 French Immersion program students from the Mary Hopkins/Flamborough Centre boundary (as applicable).
- D. That Mary Hopkins grade 5 French Immersion students be directed to Guy B Brown; That Mary Hopkins grade 5 English students be directed to Flamborough Centre; Mary Hopkins becomes a K to 4 English, and 1 to 4 French Immersion school.
- E. That applications for out of catchment follow out of catchment practices in accordance with HWDSB's Out-of-Catchment Process.
- F. That special consideration be provided for Flamborough Centre students applying for Out-of-Catchment to Balaclava.
- G. That transportation be provided for Flamborough Centre students applying for Out-of-Catchment to Balaclava.
- H. That a transition committee be struck upon approval of the short-term strategy by Superintendent of Student Achievement.
- I. That the strategy be effective September 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. Special Education Advisory Committee – January 31, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-27: Trustees Danko/Fehrman moved that the Special Education Advisory Committee report from January 31, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

8. Parent Involvement Committee – February 13, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-28: Trustees Buck/Fehrman moved that the Parent Involvement Committee report from February 13, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour.

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

9. Faith Community Advisory Committee – February 6, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-29: Trustees White/Buck moved that the Faith Community Advisory Committee report from February 6, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Student Trustee Lin and Wang voted in favour

10. Human Rights & Equity – January 31, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-30: Trustees Dahab/Danko moved that the Human Rights & Equity Committee report from January 31, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour

11. Standing Committee – February 12, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-31: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the Standing Committee report from February 12, 2024 be approved including that the draft 2024-2025 School Year Calendars be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour

12. Committee of the Whole – February 26, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-32: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the following report from the Committee of the Whole held earlier this evening be approved:

- That the Human Resources Committee report from January 30, 2024 be received
- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from February 20, 2024 be received
- That the tentative Collective Agreement between the Ontario Secondary Teachers' Federation, District 21, representing the Professional Student Services Personnel (OSSTF PSSP), and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) for the term of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, be approved and amended as per the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour

13. Written Notice of Motion re: Lake Avenue Community Hub

Submitted by Trustee White

Whereas: The City of Hamilton and HWDSB began a joint Community Hub initiative in 2015 to incorporate affordable housing units as part of the Dominic Agostino Riverdale Recreation Centre's expansion project on Lake Avenue School property; and

Whereas: The concept plan, developed in 2017/18, included a nine-story building of affordable housing units on the west corner of the school property, with the first two floors designated for a food bank, health centre and community kitchen; and

Whereas: Due to turnover at both HWDSB and the City of Hamilton, combined with pressures of the pandemic and the absence of Ministry approvals, the project was abandoned in 2022; and

Whereas: The City of Hamilton has expressed a renewed interest in the Lake Avenue Community Hub; and

Whereas: The Government of Ontario has identified housing as a top priority.

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Board renew discussions with the City of Hamilton and Ministry of Education to explore the opportunity for the City to build affordable housing on the Lake Avenue School site.

Further be it resolved: That the project be at no incremental cost to the Board.

RESOLUTION #24-33: Trustees White/Dahab moved the following be approved:

- that the Board renew discussions with the City of Hamilton and Ministry of Education to explore the opportunity for the City to build affordable housing on the Lake Avenue School site and;
- that the project be at no incremental cost to the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

14. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees' – Local Activities & Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Report

- Student Trustees' have been working with Elementary Senates focusing on topics that are most important to them. The topic that comes up the most is anti-bullying.
- Brainstorming sessions with Elementary Senates provided great feedback, including the majority Elementary senators are not aware of the voting policies and tools currently in place in schools and are not sure how these tools can help when facing difficult situations. For the next month they will be working on some of these problems together and continue working on team building skills.
- February was the 2024/2025 Student Trustee Elections, there are 11 candidates who are eager to present their student voice for next year. They have worked very hard using different types of media, social etc to get the word out for students to go out and vote.
- Both student trustees attended the OSTA conference in Ottawa. They heard insightful keynotes from the President of People for Education and representative from the Ontario Principles Council.

B. [Director's Report](#)

- The first few months of 2024, we launched the new multiyear strategic plan that will guide our work and the impact that we have on the lives of students, staff, families and communities for the next five years and beyond.
- The Director visited multiple schools and had the opportunity to witness students achieving their own vision of what excellence looks like including CB Stirling student photo shoot showcasing them being their authentic selves, at Bernie Custis seeing students immersed in learning experiences such as cosmetology, arts and culinary programs to name a few to Bellmoore where students were leading a podcast which featured Women in Leadership as part of the Intranational Women's Day on March 8th.
- Black History Month 2024 is coming to a close and the Director wanted to recognize there has been lots of learning, activity and reflection highlighting the contributions of black leaders and community members, that continue to support black students and families.
- The Reverend John C Holland Awards for Black Excellence was on Saturday February 24th. 42 students were nominated representing 13 schools at the John C Holland awards. Thank you to Trustees and staff that were at the event.
- Upcoming Events include: FDK is open, Pink Shirt Day, Student Trustee Election is now closed, will be announced at March 29, 2024 Board meeting. March 7th great big crunch (advocating for national food share program).
- Reminder Friday is no longer a PD Day has been moved to April 8th, 2024 for the Solar Eclipse.
- Thank you to Acting Superintendent Angela Mercier for supporting while we found a new Superintendent.

C. Chair's Report

- The Chair shared that she attended the Reverend John C Holland Awards for Black Excellence. Congratulations to all the nominees and a thank you to Hamilton Black Community making sure the students were the centre of the event.
- A reminder to Trustees that The Big Crunch is on March 7th, you can attend at one of your schools or you can support via social media.
- City board liaison meeting is coming up, please reach out to Trustee Miller with items for the agenda.
- Thank you to Trustees, this evening we had multiple items on our agenda that really required trustees to connect with their communities to have their voices heard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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