

AGENDA: 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement
2. O Canada
3. Meeting Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
6. [Confirmation of the Minutes: December 5, 2022](#)
7. [Correspondence](#)
 - A. [Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB re: Bus Safety](#)
 - B. [Waterloo Region DSB re: Capital Funding](#)

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

8. [Program Committee – November 22, 2022](#)
9. [Finance & Facilities – November 24, 2022](#)

Reports from Legislated Committees:

10. [Parent Involvement Committee – November 8, 2022](#)
11. [Special Education Advisory Committee – November 30, 2022](#)

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

12. [Faith Community Advisory Committee – November 10, 2022](#)
13. [French as a Second Language Advisory Committee – November 30, 2022](#)

14. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

- A. City/School Board Liaison Committee
- B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association
- C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HWDSB Foundation)
- D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

15. Oral Reports from:

- A. Student Trustees' Report – Local Activities & Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Report
- B. Director's Report
- C. Chair's Report

16. Adjournment and move to Standing Committee

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<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/trustees/meetings/>

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 Gloria Li and Aisha Mahmoud.

1. Call to Order

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

2. Delegations:

Delegations were heard from the following three people regarding masking of staff and students:

- A. Tanya Collins, Equity Network (5 mins)
- B. Jennifer Abbatiello (5 mins)
- C. Dr. Joseph Oliver (5 mins)

Written delegations were received from the following people:

- D. Ingrid Waisgluss
- E. Carolyn McNeillie
- F. Catherine Clase
- G. Jake Cowper Szamosi
- H. Craig Burley
- I. Evan Ubene
- J. Sherly Kyorkis
- K. Sarah Almeida
- L. Lisa Donegan Baetz
- M. Joanne Witt

RESOLUTION #22-161: Trustees Tut/Wong moved: **That the Delegations be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #22-162: Trustees Tut/White moved: **That the Board agenda be approved.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None were declared.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes: November 7 and 21, 2022

The minutes of November 7, 2022 were confirmed. Trustee Tut noted a discrepancy with the November 21, 2022 minutes noting that no vote took place affirming Trustee Danko as Chair as it was done by ballot.

Report from Trustee Special Committees:

6. Audit Committee – November 10, 2022

RESOLUTION #22-163: Trustees Tut/Noble moved: **That the Audit Committee Report – November 10, 2022 be approved including that the 2021-22 Consolidated Financial Statements of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for the Year Ended August 31, 2022 be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

7. Appointment to Trustee Special Committee – Human Resources (1 member)

RESOLUTION #22-164: Trustees Tut/Wong moved: **That Trustee Maria Felix Miller be appointed to the Human Resources Committee.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

8. Update on Masking Motion (RESOLUTION #22-160)

Staff shared a presentation updating Trustees on questions that were asked at the November 21, 2022 Board meeting. The presentation can be found at: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/meetings/Board-Appendices-1670451337.pdf>

RESOLUTION #22-165: Trustees Danko/Tut moved: **That the Board take a 5-minute recess.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Trustees Noble/Tut moved: That effective December 12, 2022, HWDSB adopt a temporary universal masking standard, such that:

- All staff and students – in all HWDSB buildings and in all HWDSB led activities held indoors be expected to wear a medical mask or better unless they provide evidence of their individual opt-out;
- Exemptions shall be offered for all staff and students in circumstances such as:
 - Nutritional breaks,
 - Music/performing arts instruction OR sports in which masks cannot be worn; AND
 - Cases of written medical exemptions on the basis of documented disability.
- Individual opt-outs be made available to all staff and students wherein individual consent (or student assent), along with the provision of any reason, shall constitute grounds for exemptions;
- Consequences for violations of this standard shall require an explanation for not participating in the opt-out process; AND
- The universal masking standard remain in place until such time as:
 - Public Health Ontario and Hamilton Public Health no longer strongly recommend the public wear a mask to protect against exposure to airborne and respiratory viruses in indoor spaces.

Trustees around the room had an opportunity to share their views on their reasons for voting in favour or against the motion.

RESOLUTION #22-166: Trustees Tut/White moved: **That the meeting be extended for 30 minutes.**

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

In Favour (10): Trustees Archer, Buck, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Noble, Tut, White and Wong.
Student Trustees Gloria Li and Aisha Mahmoud.

Opposed (1): Trustee Mulholland

Trustee Miller assumed the role of Chair at 10:03 p.m.

Trustee Danko resumed the role of Chair at 10:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION #22-167: Trustees Danko/Wong moved: **That the Board take a 5-minute recess.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Trustee Mulholland left the meeting.

Trustee Noble withdrew the motion on the floor.

RESOLUTION #22-168: Trustees White/Noble moved: **That staff operationalize a temporary universal masking requirement, with an unrestricted option to opt-out, in all HWDSB schools; and that the temporary requirement be renewable at the first Board meeting in January.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Trustee Mulholland was not present for the vote.

RESOLUTION #22-169: Trustees White/Miller moved: **That the meeting be extended for 15 minutes.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Trustee Mulholland was not present for the vote.

Trustee Miller assumed the role of Chair at 10:33 p.m.

Trustee Danko resumed the role of Chair at 10:36 p.m.

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

In Favour (7): Trustees Dahab, Danko, Miller, Noble, Tut, White and Wong.
Student Trustees Gloria Li and Aisha Mahmoud.

Opposed (3): Trustee Archer, Buck and Fehrman

9. Committee of the Whole (private) – December 5, 2022

RESOLUTION #22-170: Trustees Miller/Noble moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report from December 5, 2022 be approved including:**

- **That the Audit Committee report from November 10, 2022 be received.**
- **That legal opinions were received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

10. Oral Reports from:

RESOLUTION #22-171: Trustees Danko/Wong moved: **That the oral reports be deferred to the December 19, 2022 meeting.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Gloria Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Board recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snnX-BjxBtY>



November 10, 2022

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
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The Honourable Doug Downey
Attorney General of Ontario
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Dear Ministers Lecce and Downey:

On behalf of the Kawartha Pine Ridge (KPR) District School Board, I am writing to enlist your support for increased measures to keep our students safe as they travel to and home from school.

Each day more than 23,000 students are bused to school every day on close to 600 different bus routes that travel the over 7,000 square kilometers within the communities we serve.

Along with the Cobourg Police Services Board, the East Ferris Police Services Board, and community police partners across our jurisdiction, we remain deeply concerned that student safety is jeopardized each day by drivers failing to stop for school buses picking up or dropping off students.

To address this long-standing danger, we are lending our voices to call for increased transportation protections for our bused students.

Specifically, we are asking your government to review recent proposed changes to the school bus regulations by Transport Canada regarding required equipment to include:

- infraction cameras
- extended stop sign arms, and
- 360 degree exterior cameras

Further, we are asking for a commitment to apply camera and fine collection technologies, similar to those used on electronically controlled toll highways, to ensure that no offending driver is excluded from the law.

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We trust your government will support Ontario school boards and police services in addressing this shared concern for the safety of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Diane Lloyd
Chairperson of the Board

C: Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)
MPPs (Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board)
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November 7, 2022

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
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Via email: minister.edu@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Lecce:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the WRDSB Board of Trustees in support of the Thames Valley District School Board's letter dated August 25, 2022.

The Waterloo Region District School Board spans over 1,350 square km and is the 9th largest school board in Ontario, with approximately 65,000 students. Our school board continues to grow at a considerable rate due to the rapid migration of families to Waterloo Region.

As we strive to accommodate escalating student enrolment with quality learning spaces, we are faced with funding and timeline challenges, and we are hopeful that these challenges can be addressed with your support.

The first of these challenges is the limitations of current capital benchmark funding. According to findings from the Operations, Maintenance & Construction Committee (OMC) of the Ontario Association of School Business Officials (OASBO), there is an average gap of approximately 18% between cost estimates and tender prices for new schools tendered from 2015 to 2018.

We currently have 3 capital priority projects (2 elementary schools and 1 elementary addition) in advanced design phase with 3 different architects that are each experiencing cost estimates that far exceed benchmark funding grants in some cases greater than 50%. We also have a 4th school in the process of seeking an architect and expect this project too will experience similar challenges. Increased capital benchmark funding would allow for more realistic budgets for new capital projects moving forward.

Another difficulty we face as a board is a substantial capital backlog of \$445,479,038, projected to reach \$759,399,801 over the next five years. Increased funding for the School Condition Improvement (SCI) and School Renewal Allocation (SRA) grants would assist in alleviating this significant backlog so that we can ensure students are learning in well maintained environments.

Approval timelines also present a challenge for our board as enrollment growth outpaces the speed at which we can secure approvals for new schools and build much-needed student accommodations.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Waterloo Region District School Board, I ask that you please consider the following actions to ensure the timely, cost-effective construction of quality schools for our students:

1. Increase capital benchmark funding for building of new schools and additions to meet current needs.
2. Increase funding to the School Condition Improvement (SCI) and School Renewal Allocation (SRA) grants to reduce WRDSB's capital backlog which presently is at \$445,479,038 and is forecasted to increase to \$759,399,801 over the next five years.
3. Shorten approval timelines for business cases submitted through the Capital Priorities Program and the construction approval process for new schools.

As Trustees this would assist our communities by ensuring our students have the facilities they need for an optional learning environment as enrolment increases and improve overall confidence in public education. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Scott Piatkowski
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

cc: Director of Education
Ontario Public School Boards' Association Member Board Chairs

COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: December 19, 2022

From: Program Committee

Date of Meeting: November 22, 2022

The committee held a meeting through MS TEAMS from 5:39 p.m. to 7:07 p.m. on November 22, 2022 with Trustee Graeme Noble presiding.

Members virtually present were: Trustees Kathy Archer, Becky Buck, Amanda Fehrman, Graeme Noble (Chair – in person) and Todd White.

MONITORING ITEM:**A. Positive Culture & Well-Being Report**

Staff provided an update on the Positive Culture & Well-Being Report. Staff outlined the upcoming reporting schedule noting the following dates:

- November 2022 – Equity Action Plan, Mental Health and Well-being and Safe School action Plan
- March 2023 – Mid Year Update
- June 2023 – Equity Action Plan, Community Mapping and Safe Schools Action Plan

Equity Action Plan Priorities include:

- School and Classroom
- HR, Leadership and Governance
- Positive Culture and Well-Being
- Data Collection and Integration

Staff spoke to Investing in People using the following strategies:

Strategy #1: Provide differentiated professional learning on Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy (CRRP), Indigenous Cultural Safety, and Learn.Disrupt.Rebuild@HWDSB with a focus on relationships and conditions impacting learners who are currently and historically underserved.

- CRRP focused on literacy in 2022-2023
- Developed *Junior Reading Strategy* (Gr. 3-6)
- Vice-Principal and Principal development on Human Rights, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), responding to incidents of hate, and bias and prejudice in reading instruction

Strategy #2: Provide differentiated professional learning to system leaders on Human Rights, systems of oppression, privilege, anti-racism, and implications within the learning and working environments.

- Vice-Principal and Principal development on ableism, how to support repairing and learning from harmful incidents, the Right to Read, and Gr. 7-10 programs and pathways
- Senior Manager, Manager, and Executive Council development on Human Rights and Accountability

Staff shared Leveraging Effective Practices using the following strategies:

Strategy #1: Implement differentiated strategies to provide targeted and enhanced support to Black, Indigenous, Racialized and Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ students and students requiring special education supports and/or services.

- Expanded Graduation Coaches for Black Students Program
- Student voice groups gathered for racialized and Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ students
- Updated guide for *Understanding and Supporting Transgender, Non-Binary, and Diverse Gender Identities* distributed to schools with relevant staff development
- *On The Horizons* guide available to staff for responding to sensitive issues in the classroom
- Working on diverse identity-affirming mental health and well-being support programs
- Project SEARCH continues to support HWDSB-facilitated internships

Strategy #2: Implement Emotion Coaching to enhance student-staff relationships (e.g., caring adult). Emotion Coaching is a communication strategy that can help instill calm and improve relationships.

- Situational development provided for staff Emotion Coaching, paired with *On the Horizons*, with additional development ongoing
- Monthly Emotion Coaching webinar series available for caregivers

Strategy #3: Implement Phase 3 of *Employment Equity Action Plan*

- Action Plan outlined 70 recommendations
- 46 recommendations have been implemented
- 22 additional recommendations are in progress in 2022-2023
- All 70 recommendations will be in progress or implemented by fall of 2024

Staff shared Refining Measure of Progress using the following strategies:

Strategy #1: Develop and implement the tools required to collect student identity-based data as part of the annually updated Student Census.

- Follow up with community on census results and disproportional representation
- Exploring ways to increase participation for future assessments

Strategy #2: Develop and implement a *Safe Schools Action Plan* to respond to the recommendation from the *Safe Schools: Bullying Prevention and Intervention Review Panel*.

- Ongoing invitations for membership in advisory groups (student, caregiver, community, and organizational)
- Introduced *Reimagining Wellness 2.0*, with elementary resource complete and secondary under development
- Last Bullying Prevention and Intervention Week focused on cyberbullying
- Roots of Empathy program continues to support empathy development
- Partnering with YMCA, Alternative Suspension Program under consideration for short-term suspensions (3-5 days)

On the motion of Trustee White, the Program Committee received the Positive Culture & Well-Being Report.

Consent

Respectfully submitted,
Graeme Noble, Chair of the Committee

COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: December 19, 2022

From: Finance and Facilities Committee

Date of Meeting: November 24, 2022

The committee held a virtual meeting from 5:39pm to 6:58pm on November 24, 2022 with Trustee Paul Tut presiding.

Members participating were: Trustees Maria Felix Miller, Paul Tut, Todd White and Elizabeth Wong. Regrets were received from Trustee Dawn Danko.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. 2023-24 Education Funding Consultation

The committee discussed the 2023-24 Education Funding Consultation Guide provided by the Ministry with the intention of endorsing COSBO and OPISA's previously submitted submissions relating to Education Funding for 2023-24.

On the motion of Todd White, the Finance and Facilities Committee **RECOMMENDS: That the Chair of Finance and Facilities Committee write a letter endorsing the previously submitted submissions for the 2023-24 Education Funding.**

CARRIED

MONITORING ITEMS:

B. Average Class Size Report - Secondary

Reporting secondary average class size is an annual requirement of the Ministry of Education. HWDSB was in compliance with Ministry secondary average class size requirements in 2021-22 and the report has been filed.

C. Average Class Size Report - Elementary

Staff provided an update on HWDSB's submission to the Ministry of Education related to Average Class Size for elementary students as of September 30, 2022. HWDSB is in compliance with Ministry elementary average class size requirements in 2022-23.

D. Enrolment Update – October 31, 2022

Enrolment is a key role in operations as it is the basis for the Grant for Student Needs (GSN) which is 97.5% of a school boards funding. A report with actual October 31, 2022 enrolment was presented. Enrolment has increased by approximately 920.50 students from the projections for the 2022-23 budget.

E. 2022-23 Secondary Facility Benchmark Strategy

Staff presented a report using the budgeted amounts and Guiding Principles to recommend projects to be completed as part of the 2022-23 Secondary Benchmark Strategy totaling \$5.2 million.

F. 2022-23 Elementary Facility Benchmark Strategy

Staff presented a report using the budgeted amounts and Guiding Principles to recommend projects to be completed as part of the 2022-23 Elementary Benchmark Strategy totaling \$10 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Tut, Chair of the Committee

Committee Report

Presented to: Board

Meeting date: December 19 2022

From: Parent Involvement Committee

Meeting date: November 8 2022

The committee held an MS Teams meeting on November 8, 2022 from 6:30 pm. to 8:30 p.m. with Chair Mike Palma presiding.

Members present: Alyse Nishimura, Amanda Lloyd, Cheryl Hue, Christine Scheewe, Cindy Bourassa, Cindy Stranak, Emma Haslam Topping, Heather Harvey, Heather Lambert Hillen, Heather McCully, Heidi Oglesby, Jay Edington, Melanie Roberts, Mike Palma, Scott Dicker, Shelley Clemence, Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin

Regrets: Adriana Harris, Amanda Fehrman, Carley Casey, Christine Sandor, Corrie Ledgerwood, David Campos, Janet Fairley, Katrusia Marunchak, Laura Farr, Leah Ferleyko, Natalie Rendall, Sumaira Khurshid, Wasan Mohamd

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Newsletter

Chair Mike Palma shared that a PIC newsletter will be developed in collaboration with Communications.

B. Four Corners

Committee members engaged in an activity to expand upon topics that will be discussed at future meetings.

C. Communications Update

Manager of Communications Shawn McKillop shared that Communications will be focusing on the HWDSB volunteer program. The volunteer policy is due to be reviewed and they would like to consult the Parent Involvement Committee in the review. Members of the committee shared their perspectives and experiences with the volunteer policy.

D. Home & School Update

Heather Lambert Hillen shared that the monthly meeting has not yet taken place, but wanted to speak to the CUPE labor action, welcome the incoming trustees, and thank outgoing trustees and retiring Superintendent Laura Romano.

E. Trustee Update

Trustee Buck thanked outgoing Trustee Deathe for her committee involvement. Trustee Deathe provided labour update and acknowledged the Human Resources team and their work with the unions. Trustee Buck acknowledged incoming and outgoing trustees of the board. A motion was passed by the board relating to trustee electronic meeting and committee participation to increase visibility. Trustee Buck acknowledged and thanked outgoing Superintendent Laura Romano.

F. Parent Engagement Update

PIC Co-Chair Amanda Lloyd shared that Parents Reaching Out Grant funds from the Ministry are now available. A PIC subcommittee will review the program applications from schools. PIC is seeking members to be a part of the subcommittee to review submissions.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Palma, Chair

Committee Report

Presented to: Board

Meeting Date: December 19, 2022

From: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Meeting date: November 30, 2022

The Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, beginning at 5:38 pm ending at 7:19 pm, with Chair Judy Colantino presiding.

Present

Julie Armstrong, Learning Disabilities Association of Halton-Hamilton, Judy Colantino, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton, SEAC Chair, Lindsay Bray, McMaster Children's Hospital Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Portfolio, Lynn Vanderbrug, Lynwood Charlton Centre, Michelle Campbell, Autism Ontario (Central West Chapter), Sabreina Dahab, Trustee, Ward 2, Susi Owen, CNIB Hamilton and Niagara, Tracy Sherriff, Community Living Hamilton

Regrets

Dawn Danko, HWDSB Chair, Trustee, Ward 7, Cecile Santos-Ayrault, The Association for Bright Children of Ontario, Jessica Malcew, VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children (Alternate), Lita Barrie, VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children, Mark Courtepatte, FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group, SEAC Vice-Chair, Melanie Roberts, The Association for Bright Children of Ontario (Alternate)

ACTION ITEMS

A. The Association for Bright Children of Ontario – representative update

Melanie Roberts has been nominated as the SEAC representative, and Cecile Santos-Ayrault as an alternate

On the motion of Tracy Sherriff, seconded by Julie Armstrong, the Committee recommends **that the representative update for The Association for Bright Children of Ontario be approved.**

CARRIED.

B. Centre for Diverse Learners – new membership

Julie Armstrong has been nominated as the SEAC representative, and Samantha Sweet as an alternate

On the motion of Lynn Vanderbrug, seconded by Michelle Campbell, the Committee recommends **that Centre for Diverse Learners be approved as a member of SEAC.**

CARRIED.

C. Inclusion Action in Ontario – new membership

Angie Butt has been nominated as the SEAC representative

On the motion of Julie Armstrong, seconded by Lindsay Bray, the Committee recommends **that Inclusion Action in Ontario be approved as a member of SEAC.**

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

D. HWDSB Supports and Services for Students with Hearing Loss

Heather Morrow, Michael Gover, Lindsay Philpott, Rachel Eales, Itinerant Teachers, DHOH Team

- Staff presented an overview of the service delivery model of strategies that they provide to support students who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Team also works with an external educational audiologist and an educational assistant who help with SEA and technology, and collaborates with provincial demonstration schools which provides resources and best practices for caseloads if needed

E. MEMBERS' UPDATE

- **Trustees Update**

Sabreina Dahab, Trustee, Ward 2

Judy Colantino welcomed Trustee Dahab on behalf of the Committee. Trustee Dahab provided a brief overview of her background, and is looking forward to support and learn about our work

- **Local Association Updates:**

Michelle Campbell, Autism Ontario (Central West Chapter)

- We are starting to offer in-person events for families, such as family nights at Ron Joyce, gym, and swim etc.,

Julie Armstrong, Learning Disabilities Association of Halton Hamilton

- No longer associated with LDAHH. New association is Centre for Diverse Learners, to be more inclusive to support parents. Holiday mixer Fri. Dec. 2nd 6:00-9:00 pm to celebrate new identity

- **Superintendent's Update:**

Peggy Blair, Superintendent of Specialized Services

- Starting to distribute Lexia™ Core™ Reading licenses to grade 4 – we have rolled out approximately 320 licenses beginning with students in grade 3
- Professional learning on the board created UDL course has started with several schools. Staff have been working on the course on the PA Day. Will be having a session for system teachers as well

Respectfully submitted by
Judy Colantino, SEAC Chair

Committee Report

Presented to: Board

Meeting date: December 19, 2022

From: Faith Community Advisory
Committee

Meeting date: November 10, 2022

The committee held a meeting on November 10, 2022, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. via MS Teams with Chair Madeleine Levy presiding.

Members present were: Madeleine Levy, Rev. Aaron Gerrard, Bonnie Cook, Georgina Hewitt, Sukhdeep Dhillon, Ilda Caeiro-Azzam, Tehahenteh, Deema Abdel Hafeez

MONITORING ITEMS:

A. Election of Chair/Co-Chair

Madeleine Levy nominated as Chair by Georgina Hewitt and seconded by Sukhdeep Dhillon. Madeleine Levy acclaimed as Chair.

B. Review of committee purpose, governance, Trustee Handbook & HWDSB Code of Conduct

Chair Madeleine Levy introduced and reviewed the committee's core values and governance. Superintendent Denomme shared an overview of the Trustee Handbook and HWDSB Code of Conduct to committee members.

C. Terms of Office

Members confirmed their term of office (1 year or 2 years)

D. Presentation: Student Census findings

Sally Landon, HWDSB Manager of Research and Analytics, presented the findings from the HWDSB Student Census with respect to faith-based data. Approximately 11,000 students identified as having a religion, faith, or belief system. Members discussed how to use the data in a culturally responsive way.

E. Membership Makeup

Members discussed the committee membership makeup. Members are mindful that multiple perspectives are and need to be represented on the committee. There will be a call for representation from a member of the Buddhist faith.

Respectfully submitted by
Madeleine Levy, Chair

Committee Report

Presented to: Board

Meeting date: December 19th, 2022

From: French as a Second Language Advisory Committee

Meeting date: November 30th, 2022

The committee held a meeting on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022, via TEAMS from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, chaired by Jason Arsenault

Members present were Jason Arsenault, Jeremy Galea, Kristina McGill, Alyssa Shuker, Rachelle Chiasson, and Maryam Butt. Also present: Becky Buck (Trustee), Bill Torrens (Superintendent of Program), and Lisa Reynolds (FSL Special Assignment Teacher). Regrets: Todd White (Trustee)

MONITORING ITEMS:

A. Staff Presentation: HWDSB 3-Year French as a Second Language Strategy and Program Model

Staff presented the HWDSB 3-Year FSL Strategy and Program Model. It was noted that this information is publicly available at [French as a Second Language | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/french/). Staff took questions and a recommendation regarding sharing information about the DELF to elementary students to inspire continuing in FSL programming in secondary school.

B. Staff Presentation: Grade One French Immersion Application Process

Staff presented an overview of the Grade One French Immersion Application Process. The committee posed questions, but no recommendations were made.

C. Updates

- a) Canadian Parents for French (CPF) provided an update on its after-school programming, which can be found at: <https://on.cpf.ca/en/1-virtual-programs/> or <https://www.facebook.com/CPFHamilton/>. Committee members were encouraged to CPF join at: <https://on.cpf.ca/en/become-a-member-or-renew-your-cpf-membership-and-win/>
- b) Staff provided an update on having a committee member attend Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting; and on having the option of continuing with Teams or meeting in person.
- c) Trustee Buck provided updates on selection of Board Chair and Vice-Chair, Masking, and PIC.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Arsenault, Chair