

AGENDA: 7:15 pm

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement
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3. Meeting Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda *Recess will be called to honour Ramadan Iftar at 7:39 PM
5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
6. [Confirmation of the Minutes: March 6, 2023](#)

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. [Finance & Facilities Committee – March 9, 2023](#)

Reports from Legislated Committees:

8. [Special Education Advisory Committee – February 22, 2023](#)

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

9. [Rural Schools Advisory Committee – February 9, 2023](#)
10. [Faith Community Advisory Committee – March 1, 2023](#)

Reports from Staff:

11. [Student Trustee Elections 2023-2024](#)

12. Reports from:

- A. [Standing Committee – March 6, 2023](#)
- B. [Committee of the Whole \(Private\) – March 27, 2023](#)

13. 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)

14. Adjournment

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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.

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 28th. 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 9th 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 3rd 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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COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: March 27, 2023

From: Finance and Facilities Committee

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2023

The committee held a hybrid meeting from 6:09pm to 7:20pm on March 9, 2023, with Trustee Dawn Danko presiding.

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

ACTION ITEMS:**A. International Education**

Staff provided a verbal update on the International Education program. The Board is working to re-establish relationships with new and existing agents and countries due to the decline in International Students post COVID. Many of HWDSB's contiguous school boards have increased International Student Rates; HWDSB has not increased its rates. Staff proposed increasing the International Student Tuition rate from \$14,500 to \$14,850, an increase of \$350 (2.4%). Staff proposed increasing the application fee to from \$275 to \$350, an increase of \$75 (27%). Staff examined the agent commission fees amongst contiguous school boards and identified a difference between the agent commission structures. HWDSB relies on agents to recruit and support international students in conjunction with HWDSB staff. HWDSB's current agent commission fee structure is 15% in year 1. Staff proposed an agent commissions of 15% in year 1, 10% in year 2, and 5% in year 3.

On the motion of Todd White, the Finance and Facilities Committee **RECOMMENDS: That the Board proceed with an increase in the annual International Student Tuition rate commencing in the 2023-24 school year and an increase in the application fee for the program commencing in the 2023-24 school year.**

CARRIED

On the motion of Todd White, the Finance and Facilities Committee **RECOMMENDS: That the Board proceed with an amendment to the agent commission structure commencing in the 2024-25 school year.**

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

FOR	Trustee Danko
OPPOSED	Trustees Miller, White, Wong

MONITORING ITEMS:**B. 2023-24 Budget Development**

Staff provided a verbal overview of the process to develop the preliminary budget and the assumptions used. Staff confirmed that the Ministry has not released any funding announcements or technical papers, therefore the preliminary budget will be adjusted accordingly based on the information contained within the technical papers. Staff are projecting an increase in the 2023-24 enrolment.

C. Rental Rate Update

Staff provided a verbal update on the Community Use of Schools rental rates. Staff will continue to review and consider options with our partners prior to bringing an action item to Trustees for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Danko, Acting Chair of the Committee

Committee Report

Presented to: Board

Meeting Date: March 27, 2023

From: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Meeting date: February 22, 2023

The Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, via MS Teams, beginning at 5:31 pm ending at 6:50 pm, with Chair Judy Colantino presiding.

Present

Angie Butt, Inclusion Action in Ontario, Jessica Malcew, VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children, Julie Armstrong, Centre for Diverse Learners, Judy Colantino, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton, SEAC Chair, Lindsay Bray, McMaster Children's Hospital Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Portfolio, SEAC Vice Chair, Lynn Vanderbrug, Lynwood Charlton Centre. Nancy Silva Khan, Autism Ontario (Central West Chapter), Sabreina Dahab, Trustee, Ward 2, Sarah Johnson, Community Living Hamilton (Alternate), Tracy Sherriff, Community Living Hamilton

Regrets

Dawn Danko, HWDSB Chair, Trustee, Ward 7, Mark Courtepatte, FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group, Melanie Roberts, The Association for Bright Children of Ontario, Susi Owen, CNIB Hamilton and Niagara

ACTION ITEMS

Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton – representative update

- Laura Rudolph has been nominated as the alternate representative on SEAC

On the motion of Nancy Silva Khan, seconded by Trustee Dahab, the Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that the representative update for Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton be approved

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The IDC30 – An Interdisciplinary Approach to Disability Studies and Human Rights – Pilot Project

Meredith Strongman, Specialized Services Learning Consultant, Sharon Gordon, K-12 Equity Consultant, Vanessa Petz, Head of Learning Resource, Saltfleet

- Undoing Ableism: Teaching About Disability in K-12 Classroom, by Priya Lalvani and Susan Baglieri was a key resource used to create this course
- The course is currently being offered in four high schools
- Course units: Foundations to IDC30 Disability Studies and Human Rights, Disability as Diversity, Ableism and the History of Ableism, Human Rights and Disability Rights Movement, Inclusive Design and Accessibility, Disability Pride and Celebration

MEMBERS' UPDATE

a) Trustees Update

Sabreina Dahab, Trustee, Ward 2

- Showcase of Hearts 2023 fundraising event on March 30th at Mohawk College – proceeds from the event go toward Student Support Grants, which provide much needed funds to support the needs of HWDSB students
- Trustee Dahab to provide updates at an upcoming meeting on barrier free access projects, as requested by Judy Colantino

b) Local Association Update

Julie Armstrong, Centre for Diverse Learners

- We have our annual conference coming up on March 3rd and 4th. <https://diverselearners.ca/sf12/schedule/>

c) Superintendent's Update

Peggy Blair, Superintendent of Specialized Services

- In March 2023 we are hosting Project SEARCH teams from other boards in the province who wish to meet with Erin Riehle, the founder of Project SEARCH Cincinnati Hospital
- We received funding to support students to receive the accommodation noted in their IEP when they move to a post-secondary institution

Respectfully submitted by Judy Colantino, SEAC Chair

COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: March 27, 2023

From: Rural Schools Community Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting: February 9, 2023

The Rural Schools Advisory Committee held a meeting from 6:32 p.m. – 7:50 p.m. on Thursday, February 9th, 2023, virtually via MS Teams.

Members Present: **Bellmoore:** Raman Rakkar; **Flamborough:** Leah Young; **Greenville:** Katherine Hamstra; **Michaelle Jean:** Paul Hatala; **Mount Hope:** Heidi Oglesby; **Rockton:** Tanya Brouwer; **Tapleystown:** Cathy Abbott.

Also present: Kristina Keery Bishop, Principal, Balaclava; Suzana Milinovich, Principal, Bellmoore; Nancy Kucic, Principal, Flamborough; Sandra Constable, Principal, Michaelle Jean; Priscilla Mochrie, Principal, Millgrove; Paul Clemens, Principal, Rockton; Brandon Berketa, Principal, Tapleystown; Amanda Fehrman, Trustee, Wards 11 and 12; Paul Tut, Trustee, Ward 13; Felix Gyimah, Budget Analyst – HWDSB; Jane Macpherson, Superintendent of Student Achievement; Vanessa Aguirre, Executive Assistant.

Regrets: **Balaclava:** Representative for Rural Schools; **Greenville:** Jennifer Miscas, Principal; **Millgrove:** Representative for Rural Schools; **Mount Hope:** Nancy Radojevic, Principal.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Election of Chair

Superintendent Jane Macpherson explained the chair’s responsibilities:

- Setting the agenda with the superintendent holding the Rural Schools portfolio,
- Chairing committee meetings,
- Being the point of contact for committee members,
- Seeking input from committee members regarding topics of interest for committee meetings,
- Overseeing the Rural Schools report that is presented by trustees to the Board.

Election of Chair:

Heidi Oglesby, Mount Hope, self-nominated herself for the Rural School Committee Chair position. There were no other interested members and no challenges to her nomination.

Carried Unanimously

B. Implementation of Rural School Reporting Page on HWDSB's public website (Action Item and Information)

Superintendent Macpherson explained that as of this year we are working with Budget and Corporate Communications on the creation of the public website page and will start to report publicly as required by the Ministry of Education.

Felix Gyimah from the Budget Department presented the Committee with the Rural Schools Budget Report and further explained the Ministry requirement for publicly reporting allocation of and expenditure of funds.

As per Ministry requirement, Superintendent Macpherson is presenting the action items to the Board of Trustees.

Carried per Ministry Requirement

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Rural Schools Designation/Funding and mandate of the Committee

Superintendent J. Macpherson explained to the Committee the background regarding the funding allocation from the Ministry of Education. The funding for Rural Schools is received through the Northern Education Fund as an enhancement to the grant for student needs. The funding is dedicated for school boards to further improve education for students from rural communities.

The funding is used based on local needs and the expenditures will be reported publicly. The fund is used to support schools in the rural areas where it's more difficult to access some of the supports, services, and resources.

The purpose and mandate of the committee is to provide the board of trustees with advice from the community on specific areas consistent with the Education Act and board policies, program, and services that affect the educational success and well-being of Hamilton Wentworth District School Board students in rural schools.

B. Rural Schools Funding

Felix Gyimah presented the report provided by the Budget Department noting the following:

- 2022-2023: Budget Amount \$ 33,341; 2021-2022: Carried forward amount \$ 33,632
- Total Funding for 2022-2023: \$ 66,973
- Current Expenses YTD \$ 16,999.00 (25% of 2022-2023 Budget – including rounding)
- Final Budget Available as of meeting date \$ 49,932 (including rounding)

F. Gyimah explained the difficulty spending during Covid 19, but schools are now encouraged to spend their available funds as per Ministry and Board expenditure guidelines. The recommendation from the Budget department is to spend funds as Ministry has the option to take funds back. The Board is required to publicly disclose how the funds are being used.

C. Updates – Facilities; Health & Safety: Water; and Transportation

The following staff reports were shared with the committee:

Facilities:

Balaclava:

- Window and Door Replacement project completed – deficiencies are now completed.
- HVAC Upgrades – Operational. Warranty part of gym replaced and operational. Damaged controllers have also been replaced and operational. Just final deficiencies outstanding (no impact to school).

Bellmoore: No Updates

Greenville:

- Interior doors and frames were painted over winter break to provide contrast to walls

Michaëlle Jean:

- Project in design for the replacement of the corridor ceilings including new LED lighting, renovations to gym (new flooring, painting, gym mats, and lights), renovations to the existing washrooms (new fixtures, ceilings, partitions, painting) and window replacement. Anticipated construction start for July 2023

Millgrove: No Updates

Mount Hope:

- Roof replacement was completed summer 2022

Rockton: No Updates

Tapleystown:

- New Nash school in for Site Plan Approval with the City. Design is progressing and team is working on clearing conditions of site plan with the City.

Water:**Ont. Reg 243 lead testing at all schools**

- All drinking water fixtures in all schools were tested over a 3-year period starting in 2017
- After all fixtures were tested, we continue annual testing of parts of each school
- None of the rural schools have had an exceedance in the last 2 years
- These schools have their pipes flushed weekly.
- Should there be an exceedance for lead, this would be communicated to the school population and we would work with public health to ensure we are able to provide a remedy.

Ont. Reg 170 Schools with Drinking Water Systems (Balaclava, Michaëlle Jean, Rockton, Millgrove, Flamborough, Greenville):

- Daily checks are completed each morning prior to students arriving to ensure we're providing safe drinking water to students and staff
- Every month, water is sampled at each of these schools for microbial activity to make sure our systems are working as they should. The last samples continue to be within the standard.
- Quarterly samples are taken for nitrate and nitrites. The latest samples in November 2022 were below the limits. We are scheduled to take quarterly samples again in February 2023.
- Every 5 years (60 months), we test each school for a number of inorganic and organic parameters. Flamborough's new well was tested for these parameters in 2022, whereas the others were tested in 2020 and the results were all within the standard.

Flamborough

- The Flamborough well was replaced in November.

Transportation:**Driver Shortage:**

- HWSTS has been experiencing an on-going driver shortage since start-up. This is part of a broader labour shortage in all sectors within the province. Many districts experiencing similar or worse driver shortages.

- Rural schools, like many others across the system, have been experiencing delays related to the driver shortage. Greensville, Flamborough Centre and Mount Hope experiencing the highest respectively since Nov 1, 2022
- Post Start up (Nov 1) HWSTS put increased focus on working with bus operators and implementing remedies to improve the driver shortage.
- Following the Christmas Break, the drivers' shortage was improved by approximately 50%
- Driver shortage related delays for Rural Schools were reduced by more than 50% for this same period.
- HWSTS continues to work closely with Bus Operators to further close this gap and reduce delays.

New Technology for improved Customer Service and Safety:

- As part of the 2021 Request for Proposal for Transportation Services, HWSTS introduced GPS/Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) on School Bus operators' fleets; starting in February 2022.
- For September 2022, all school buses servicing HWSTS were fully equipped with GPS/AVL which integrates with the HWSTS Transportation Management Software; Busplanner Pro.
- HWSTS has been spending 2022/23 to measure and audit the Bus Operators use for GPS for accuracy and change management. Key focus is to ensure consistent locations reporting from all vehicles and ensuring vehicle/route/GPS device information is accurate.
- Following GPS review and auditing, HWSTS will be reviewing best option for implementing enhanced public facing applications to improve Customer Service

OTHER BUSINESS – Future Meetings

The committee discussed potential topics for future meetings. Topics suggested:

- Safety – Rural schools committee members note that their schools experience concerns with speed limits and parking. The committee requested inviting a representative from Facilities Management to discuss strategies for supporting these safety issues.

Respectively submitted,
Heidi Oglesby, Chair
Rural Schools Community Advisory Committee

Committee Report

Presented to: Board

Meeting date: March 27, 2023

From: Faith Community Advisory
Committee

Meeting date: March 1, 2023

The committee held a meeting on March 1, 2023, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. via MS Teams with Chair Madeleine Levy presiding.

Members present were: Aaron Gerrad, Tehahenteh, Bonnie Cook, Sukhi Dhillon, Georgina Hewitt, Mahendra Deonrain

Trustees: Becky Buck, Todd White

ACTION ITEMS

A. FAC Membership Recommendation

The committee approved the membership make-up for 2023. The committee also approved the recommendation to immediately seek applications to fill the vacancy for one Buddhist member and to add two additional student representatives.

CARRIED

MONITORING ITEMS:

B. Critical Friend Update

Superintendent Denomme shared that he has been reaching out to local post-secondary faculties to identify a world religions expert that could serve as a critical friend to the committee. The search continues as he awaits responses.

C. Religious Accommodation Guide

Members discussed the relevance of the guide. Members also shared suggestions for removing barriers to accessing HWDSB religious accommodation information for students and their families. Staff will review the document to include some suggestions, such as using simpler language, additional translations and more outreach to the community regarding the document.

D. Trustee Update

Trustee Buck shared that there were many opportunities to celebrate Black excellence during Black History Month at HWDSB and in the Hamilton community. Kindergarten registration has begun. Trustees are in the process of reviewing the IB program at HWDSB. Members were invited to support student talent at the upcoming Hamilton Foundation for Student Success’s Showcase of heARTS event.

Trustee White shared that the HWDSB Whistleblower and Anti-Bullying Policies have been passed. The governance committee is working on strategic directions to set Board vision and priorities.

E. Staff Update

Superintendent Denomme shared an update on an event called “It Doesn’t End Here”, held for Black identifying staff at the Ed Centre to mark the end of Black History Month. HWDSB staff and students were well represented at the annual John C. Holland Awards held on February 18th. Pink Shirt Day was observed board wide on February 27th. February 28th marked the end of the Student Trustee Elections process and was also the date of the release of the HWDSB Student Voice survey results.

Meeting recording concluded at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Madeleine Levy, Chair



EXECUTIVE REPORT TO BOARD

TO: BOARD

FROM: Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini - Director of Education

DATE: March 27, 2023

PREPARED BY: Estella Jones, Superintendent of Student Achievement
Jessica Macdonald, Interim Officer of Trustee Services

RE: Student Trustees 2023-2024

Action

Monitoring

Recommended Action:

That the following students be confirmed to stand as Student Trustees with HWDSB for the term of office August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024.

- Thomas Lin, Ancaster High
- Harry Wang, Westmount Secondary

**names above are listed in alphabetical order by last name*

Background:

Similar to previous years, the election process for the two Student Trustee representatives was completed via electronic ballots and provided an opportunity for every Grade 7-12 HWDSB student to participate in voting for their top two (2) candidates to represent their voice at the boardroom table. Following the individual student submissions, the votes at each school were tallied and each school (with grades 7-12) submitted a final ballot with the school's top two (2) choices that was used in determining the successful candidates voted as Student Trustees for 2023-2024.

Student Trustee Election candidates were invited to submit video recordings of themselves answering questions related to the role of Student Trustee. The videos and candidate bios were made available on the HWDSB website for students to review prior to casting their vote for Student Trustees.

A total of fourteen (14) applications were received and all candidates moved on to the Election Assembly as they all met the eligibility criteria. Applications were received from Ancaster High, Dundas Valley, Orchard Park, Saltfleet, Sir Allan MacNab, Westdale and Westmount secondary schools (some schools had multiple applications submitted).

At this time, CC:Rose continues to work through their process for raising Shakowennakarà:tats and once they have completed their process a report will follow to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: March 27, 2023

From: Standing Committee

Date of Meeting: March 6, 2023

The committee held a meeting from 7:27 p.m. to 8:14 p.m. on March 6, 2023, with Trustee Maria Felix Miller presiding.

Members present were: 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 Lee and Aisha Mahmoud.

Regrets were received from Trustees Amanda Fehrman and Paul Tut.

1. Approval of Agenda

On the motion of Trustees Wong/Danko, the Standing Committee **RECOMMENDS that the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Reports from Staff

3. School Year Calendar 2023-24

Staff shared the report with the Committee noting that the School Year Calendars and Professional Activity Days comply with Ontario Regulation 304. Currently the Ministry of Education has not released detailed guidance regarding the requirements of Professional Activity Days for the 2023-2024.

On the motion of Trustees Danko/White, the Standing Committee **RECOMMENDS That the Draft 2023-2024 School Year Calendars be approved for public consultation and that the results be brought back to Board.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Felix Miller, Chair of the Committee

The Standing Committee package can be found at: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/meetings/Standing-Committee-Agenda-1677862859.pdf>