

AGENDA: 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement
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3. Meeting Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
6. [Confirmation of the Minutes: May 8, 2023](#)

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. [Program Committee – May 1, 2023](#)
8. [Policy Committee – May 3, 2023](#)
9. [Finance & Facilities – May 11, 2023 & May 18, 2023](#)
10. [Governance – May 1 and May 15, 2023](#)

Reports from Community Advisory Committees

11. [Special Education Advisory Committee – April 26, 2023](#)
12. [Parent Involvement Committee – May 9, 2023](#)

13. Reports from Committee of the Whole (Private) – May 29, 2023

14. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

- A. Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations
- B. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HWDSB Foundation)
- C. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

15. Adjournment

Trustees: Kathy Archer (electronically), Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Ray Mulholland, Graeme Noble, Paul Tut (electronically), Todd White and Elizabeth Wong. Student Trustees Gloria Li and Aisha Mahmoud.

Regrets were received from: Trustee Dawn Danko

1. Call to Order

Maria Felix Miller, Vice-Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Vice-Chair Miller was standing in as Chair for the May 8, 2023 Board Meeting as Trustee Dawn Danko was away.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #23-62: Trustees Buck/Fehrman moved: **That the Board agenda be approved.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes: April 3, 2023

The minutes of April 3, 2023 were confirmed.

Report from Trustee Special Committees

5. Finance & Facilities Committee – April 13, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-63: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – April 13, 2023 be approved including:**

Trustee White requested that the 2 action items be voted on separately.

Item A. International Education

That the Board approve an increase in the international student agent commission from 15% in year one only to 15% in year one, 10% in year two and 5% in year three, starting in the 2024-25 school year.

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

In Favour (6): Trustees Archer, Buck, Fehrman, Miller, Mulholland and Tut

Opposed (4): Trustees Dahab, Noble, White and Wong. Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud.

Item B: 2023-24 Accommodation Strategy Schedule

That the Board approve the 2023-24 Accommodation Strategy Schedule. (Appendix A) which includes no proposed accommodation reviews and two proposed boundary reviews (Appendix B and C).

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

6. Finance & Facilities Committee – April 20, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-64: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – April 20, 2023 be approved including: That staff bring back an annual monitoring report of International Education.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.
Trustee Tut was not available for the vote.

Student Trustee Tut left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

7. Human Resources Committee – April 18, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-65: Trustees Wong/White moved: **That the Human Resources Committee Report – April 18, 2023 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

8. Parent Involvement Committee – April 11, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-66: Trustees Buck/Wong moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee Report – April 11, 2023 be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

9. Human Rights & Equity Advisory Committee – April 26, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-67: Trustees Dahab/Fehrman moved: **That the Human Rights & Equity Advisory Committee Report – April 26, 2023 be approved including: Student member Temidayo Olowoyeye is no longer at HWDSB. Mona Siyad be appointed as a new member from Bernie Custis Secondary School.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Reports from Staff:

10. School Year Calendar 2023-24

RESOLUTION #23-68: Trustees White/Buck moved: **That the draft 2023-24 School Year Calendars be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education.**

CARRIED

Student Trustee Mahmoud voted in favour.
Student Trustee Li was not present for the vote.

RESOLUTION #23-69: Trustees Dahab/White moved: **That staff provide an update on a framework for the consultation process for the school year calendar for the days of Religious Observances for the early fall of 2023.**

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

In Favour (6): Trustees Dahab, Fehrman, Miller, Noble, White and Wong. Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud.

Opposed (3): Trustees Archer, Buck and Mulholland.

The Chair moved to Trustee Fehrman at 8:57 p.m. Trustee Fehrman requested that Trustee Miller bring forth the Committee of the Whole Report.

Reports from:

11. Committee of the Whole (private) – May 8, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-70: Trustees Miller/Wong moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – May 8, 2023 be approved including:**

- **That the Human Resources Committee report from April 18, 2023, be received.**
- **That the Finance and Facilities Committee report from April 20, 2023, be received.**
- **That the Human Resources Executive Report to the Committee of the Whole be approved including that the tentative Collective Agreement between the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 4153, Custodial, Maintenance and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for the term of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, be approved and amended as per the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

Trustee Miller resumed the position of Chair at 9:00 p.m.

12. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees' Report

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud shared the following:

- The HWDSB Student Voice Summit, grades 7 to 10, shared their voice on anti-bullying. Students who participated were able to take part in a few workshops that included discussion of programs, such as reimagining wellness.
- Ruth Silver met with both the elementary and secondary senates and prompted some interesting discussions for the new Strategic Directions.
- They are excited to be working alongside staff in preparation for the Student Leadership Summit tentatively happening on June 9, 2023. This summit aims to engage secondary student leaders in various HWDSB projects, gathering input in areas of mental health and the board's strategic directions, as well as celebrating student initiatives. Interested trustees are invited to attend either as a guest or keynote speaker (w/ more updates to come).
- There is a continuation of discussion involving the incoming student trustees surrounding the establishment of a Mental Health Student Advisory Group.
- The Student Trustees as well as the incoming Student Trustees will be attending OSTA-AECO's AGM from May 18-21 in Toronto. The AGM is the conference where student trustees elect the organization's executive council.

B. Director's Report

The Director shared the following:

- Director Robinson Petrazzini highlighted the current stage, Generate, of the Strategic Directions noting that we're generating engagement this month. HWDSB conducted over 43 interviews.
- The online survey has just been shared and is being promoted right now. It is available in nine languages. So far, we've had over 600 applications from our community, including youth, to participate in the Co-Design workshop that's happening this Saturday.
- We are in the process of seeking youth ambassadors supporting with popups that are going to be held at six community locations - the Dundas Driving Park, Valley Park Recreation Center, Memorial Park in Waterdown Beasley Community Center and Lime Ridge mall. Pop ups are also being held at five of our schools, Glendale, McNab, Sherwood, Bernie Custis and Ancaster High.

- The Director enjoyed her third community-based onboarding this past Friday with Amber Aquin, the Engagement Officer and Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Engagement. She was also able to visit an additional 7 schools.
- Last week was Education Week and it was combined with Mental health week at the board.
- HWDSB hosted a student voice summit on Friday, April 28th, and it was for students in grades seven to 10.
- Gratitude was shared for all our HWDSB volunteers.
- HWDSB will be celebrating the 25 Year Employee Celebration on Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

C. Chair's Report

The Chair shared the following message:

- The Chair shared that May 5th is the National Day of Awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.
- As part of our work for truth and reconciliation, trustees underwent their own professional development, led by our Indigenous education staff. Thanks were shared to the PD leaders for a wonderful evening of learning and sharing.
- The Chair shared news of the event "Take your MPP to School Day."
- Councillor Danko helped support and pass two motions at the Public Works Committee for the City of Hamilton that will allow educational institutions in the city to apply for free native trees. One of the Chair's schools received five native trees. The purpose behind this is to help the City of Hamilton meet its goal of building a better urban tree canopy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

[Board Meeting-20230508_190437-Meeting Recording.mp4 \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: May 29, 2023

From: Program Committee

Date of Meeting: May 1, 2023

The committee held a meeting through MS TEAMS from 6:02 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. on May 1, 2023 with Trustee Graeme Noble presiding.

Members present were: Trustees Becky Buck, Amanda Fehrman, Graeme Noble and Todd White. Trustee Danko joined the meeting (electronically). Regrets were received from: Trustee Kathy Archer

MONITORING ITEM:**A. Secondary Program Pathways**

Strategy where all HWDSB secondary schools offer students “a wide range of course and experiential learning opportunities” as well as “engaging programs and the ability to access what students need to graduate.” The strategy was based on the following guiding principles:

- All secondary schools are great schools.
- Students will have a choice within their home schools.
- Expanded access for students for specialized programs.
- All students achieving and graduating in HWDSB.

The Program Division and schools have worked to implement and build on the Program Strategy over the past 10 years. As a result, HWDSB students have a wide variety of options to meet their interests and post-secondary aspirations across five pathways: apprenticeship, college, community, university, or the workplace. These programs include Cooperative Education, Dual Credits, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs, Specialist High Skills Majors, and System Pathways Programs. Over time students in this in this program have found success in their graduating at higher rates.

The Ministry made two significant announcements regarding pathways and skilled trades in 2022-23. Starting with the 2024-25 cohort, students must earn at least one credit from the Grade 9 or 10 courses in the Technological Education curriculum, which includes construction, transportation, manufacturing, computer technology, and communication. The ministry intends that the compulsory credit in Technological Education will “give students hands-on experience and early exposure to skilled trades and build on the learning in the recently revised elementary Science and Technology curriculum.” The ministry also announced that it intends to have students begin apprenticeships in skilled trades as early as Grade 11.

In 2023-24, the Program Division will:

1. Establish a steering committee to assess readiness, identify needs and plan for implementation for the new Technological Education graduation requirement.
2. Continue to support students and families to make course selection and pathways choices that leave students with the greatest possible post-secondary choices and opportunities.
3. Continue to expand pathways programs, including:
 - a. Opening a system Co-Op placement at Arcelor Mittal Dofasco so students can gain firsthand experience in future skilled trades careers.
 - b. Developing additional OYAP Level I and Dual Credit opportunities based on student voice, pathways opportunities and labour market need.
 - c. Increasing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and robotics opportunities (Lego Robotics, First Robotics, Take Tech, etc.).
 - d. Participating in the Mohawk in Motion and Future Forward projects sponsored by OVIN (Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network) for 500 students in grades 5-9 to build skills and awareness of skilled trades (welding, machinery, electrical workshops).

On the motion of Trustee Buck, the Program Committee **received the Secondary Program Pathways Report.**

CARRIED

B. Partnerships

Staff shared that HWDSB launched a new and interactive platform Engage HWDSB. Engage HWDSB is an online space where students, families, staff, and communities can learn more about work at HWDSB, share their voice, and follow projects as they happen.

Community-Based Programs and Presentations

In collaboration with various HWDSB departments, an online platform is being developed to support information gathering from the community. Staff will have access to an internal database in which this information will be housed.

Focus on Youth

The objective of the 2022 Focus on Youth program was to provide high quality, safe and supportive summer program opportunities for Hamilton's youth who may identify as underrepresented and underserved.

Youth-Serving Agencies Network (YSAN)

YSAN is a strategic collaboration of community agencies promoting positive youth development for youth aged 12-29 in Hamilton.

Explore school-community connections to remove barriers, making it more accessible for students and families to access community services and support.

Needs Assessment and Partnership Evaluation Survey

The Needs Assessment and Partnership Evaluation is part of the overall Engagement Strategy. It is designed to understand the school-based needs related to community support, as well as to evaluate community programming in relation to meeting these needs.

Coffee in the Community

Coffee in the Community focuses on community learning and relationship building as part of the onboarding process of Director Shery Robinson Petrazzini.

Hamilton Public Library

The Communications and Community Engagement department, in collaboration with the Program, IIT and Privacy Departments are exploring a barrier-free process to distribute library cards to HWDSB students, connecting youth and their families to a wide range of collections, resources, spaces, and supports.

Review, strengthen, and streamline volunteer procedures to support parent and community involvement in opportunities and educational programming for students.

Volunteerism in HWDSB had not fully engaged in the return to volunteerism due to the pandemic. In the fall, 2022, HWDSB's Engagement Officer and Manager of Communications and Community Engagement held a session during a Parent Involvement Committee to hear from members about their experience with volunteering at HWDSB.

Nutrition Support

School nutrition programs are critical to provide needed support to students, and often present stable sources of food security. These programs include:

- Tastebuds
- Foods4Kids
- Hamilton's Bulldog Foundation

Orchard Park Robotics

Orchard Park Robotics is a FIRST team (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). TEAM 2056 is currently the top-ranked team in the world and its longstanding success can be attributed to a strong volunteer base, with many being former student team members.

Next Steps:

Strategic Planning 2023

HWDSB Trustees celebrated the start of a new path forward with the announcement of the 2023 multi-year strategic planning process to identify future values, priorities, and goals. The Communication and Community Engagement team is pleased to support the multi-phase approach to engagement.

Partner Acknowledgements

On behalf of HWDSB, the Communications and Community Engagement team will be distributing small thank you packages to several local organizations.

Grey Cup 2023

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board is pleased to announce a collaboration with The Hamilton Tiger Cats Football Club for Grey Cup taking place on November 19, 2023. HWDSB will work with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to provide unique experiences for students during the festival, as well as programming opportunities within the classroom.

On the motion of Trustee White, the Program Committee **received the Partnerships Report**.

CARRIED

Trustee Fehrman was not present for the vote.

The agenda and Program package can be viewed using the following link: [Program-20230501_180703-Meeting Recording.mp4 \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

[Program-Committee-Agenda-1682708530.pdf \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Graeme Noble, Chair of the Committee

COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: May 29, 2023

From: Policy Committee

Date of Meeting: May 3, 2023

The committee held a meeting from 6:13 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on May 3, 2023, with Trustee Miller presiding.

Members present were: Trustees Kathy Archer (Electronically), Maria Felix Miller and Todd White. Regrets were received from Trustee Sabreina Dahab.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consent Items

Staff shared that they are developing a new template for consent items. Moving forward procedures will be updated every two months and reviewed by the policy committee on a bi-monthly basis.

On motion of Trustee White, the Policy Committee recommends **That staff move forward with a bi-monthly update to procedure changes.**

CARRIED

B. Occupational Health & Safety Policy

The Committee considered the Occupational Health & Safety Policy. This policy is up for its annual legislative review. The language has been updated throughout the policy for consistency and alignment with the recently passed Human Rights Policy.

On motion of Trustee White, the Policy Committee recommends that: **The Occupational Health and Safety Policy be approved.**

CARRIED

C. Workplace Violence & Harassment Prevention Policy

The Committee considered the Workplace Violence & Harassment Prevention Policy. This policy is up for its annual legislative review. The language has been updated throughout the policy for consistency and alignment with the recently passed Human Rights Policy.

On motion of Trustee White, the Policy Committee recommends that: **The Workplace Violence & Harassment Prevention Policy be approved.**

CARRIED

MONITORING ITEMS:

D. Engagement Policy

The Committee considered the Engagement Policy. This policy has been rewritten with a new approach to deepen HWDSB engagement work and includes the consolidation of three policies which were up for review: Community Engagement, Parent Engagement and Student Engagement. A tremendous amount of work has gone into this policy and goes back to the Safe Schools Review Panel recommendations and advisory groups, recent policy community and parent/guardian/caregiver engagement and consultation. Trustees discussed potential changes to the draft policy, including greater detail in the Action Required section to outline the engagement framework to be used. The committee also felt it would be better to bring this policy back to committee for further review after the strategic direction engagement and consultation process.

It was agreed that this policy would return to committee after the multi-year strategic plan has been established in fall of 2023. The policy will include the engagement framework and be revised for consultation approval using the feedback and guidelines from the strategic direction process.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Felix Miller, Chair of the Committee

The Policy package can be found at: [PC-Agenda-1682708712.pdf \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/PC-Agenda-1682708712.pdf)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: May 29, 2023

From: Finance and Facilities Committee

Date of Meeting: May 11, 2023

The committee held a hybrid meeting from 6:08pm to 7:54pm on May 11, 2023 with Trustee Paul Tut presiding.

Members participating were: Trustees Maria Felix Miller, Paul Tut, Todd White and Elizabeth Wong.

Regrets from: Dawn Danko

MONITORING ITEMS:

A. 2023-24 Budget Update

Staff provided information on the Support for Student Funds, Priorities and Partnership Funding, additional Grants for Student Needs, Capital and Special Education Strategy. GSN has been processed and all expenditures have been placed in the preliminary budget. Staff working through final staff placements to support Strategic Directions.

Staff from Specialized Services department provided an overview of how they are working to improve outcomes for students and the various programs and supports provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Tut, Chair of the Committee

COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: May 29, 2023

From: Finance and Facilities Committee

Date of Meeting: May 18, 2023

The committee held a hybrid meeting from 6:04pm to 6:50pm on May 18, 2023 with Trustee Paul Tut presiding.

Members participating were: Trustees Paul Tut, Todd White and Elizabeth Wong.

Regrets from: Trustees Dawn Danko and Maria Felix Miller

MONITORING ITEMS:

A. Enrolment Summary – March 31, 2023

Staff presented a report showing that the March 31, 2023 enrolment is 67.75 students higher than projected. March 31 is one of the two count dates that is used by the Ministry to calculate the GSN, along with October 31. Enrolment data was provided on a school by school basis. The overall slight increased enrolment will have a positive impact on the current year budget.

B. 2023-24 Budget Update

Staff provided information on the increased projected enrolment of approximately 348.50 students for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. HWDSB's projected operating revenue is projected to be approximately 2.41% higher than the 2022-23 revenue. Staff are working finalizing the 2023-24 budget with the timeline of presenting the preliminary budget to the committee on June 8, 2023, followed by approval at Board on June 12, 2023 so it can be filed with the Ministry by the deadline of June 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Tut, Chair of the Committee

COMMITTEE REPORT (Public)

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: May 29, 2023

From: Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: May 1, 2023

The committee held a meeting from 5:30 PM to 6:02 PM on May 1, 2023, via MS Teams and in person with Trustee Becky Buck presiding until Trustee Todd White arrived at 5:34 PM.

Members present: Trustees Becky Buck, Dawn Danko, Todd White, Maria Felix Miller and Graeme Noble.

MONITORING ITEMS:

A. Strategic Directions Update

The Committee met with, Nadia Galati to discuss an update of the SAFFY component of the Strategic Directions draft plan.

Nadia reviewed the Community Engagement Calendar with the Committee noting the following:

- There were 600+ Co-Design and Youth Ambassador applications. 43 people were interviewed for 2172 minutes, and 319,000 words were collected. May 13th was the Co-Design Workshop, and the survey will launch in over 5 languages!

Nadia Galati reviewed the tasks and deliverable for the periods of:

- April to May of 2023 including External and Internal Engagement & Participation and meeting dates for HWDSB review and approvals.
- June to July of 2023 including the Define the Future phase, tasks and deliverables, and dates for HWDSB reviews and approvals.

Nadia Galati provided an overview of the Pop-Up Events including 6 SAFFY led events that will be hosted across the city. Five Youth Ambassadors will lead Pop-Ups at their schools, and unlimited Pop-Up kits are available for community groups.

The committee thanked Nadia Galati for this update of the Strategic Directions planning.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd White, Chair of the Committee

COMMITTEE REPORT (Public)

Presented to: Board

Date of Meeting: May 29, 2023

From: Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: May 15, 2023

The committee held a meeting from 6:00 PM p.m. to 8:40 p.m. on May 15, 2023, at 20 Education Court, Hamilton, ON, in person and through MS Teams, with Trustee Becky Buck presiding until Trustee Todd White arrived at 6:02 PM.

Members present were: Trustees Becky Buck, Todd White, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller and Kathy Archer.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Trustee Learning Update

Director Sheryl Robinson Petrazinni provided an update on Trustee Learning including an Indigenous Learning Session, and two upcoming Human Rights and Equity Learning Sessions.

Staff shared topics for consideration for trustee development including learning session and information sessions and possible associated timelines. Learning topics proposed by the committee were:

- a) Ward Representation
- b) Governance
- c) Human Rights & Equity

The committee will review a draft plan presented by staff in June 2023, consider additional topics and hope to plan out further development opportunities for Trustee learning in the 2023-24 school year.

Moved by Trustee Buck, the Governance Committee **recommends that staff return to the Governance Committee in June 2023 with a draft plan for Trustee learning for the period of September to December of 2023.**

CONSENT

B. Board Meeting Dates 2023-24

The Committee reviewed the following DRAFT 2023-24 Board Meeting dates:

- September 18, 2023
- October 2, 16 and 30, 2023
- November 6 and 27, 2023 (November 27th, 2023, Initial Board)
- December 4 and 18, 2023
- January 15 and 29, 2023
- February 12 and 26, 2023
- March 4 and 25, 2023
- April 8 and 29, 2023
- May 13 and 27, 2023
- June 10, 17 and 24, 2023

Moved by Trustee Fehrman, the Governance Committee **recommends the DRAFT Board Meeting Dates for the 2023-24 school year be approved.**

CONSENT

C. Trustee Ward Representation Update

Manager of Corporate Communications Shawn McKillop provided an update on Trustee Ward Representation including the Ward Trustee Newsletter, Trustee-School Council Communication Standards and Ward Information Nights.

The Committee discussed Ward Information Nights and the option of updating the Trustee Handbook to include this topic by October of 2023.

Moved by Trustee Buck, the Governance Committee **recommends that Staff return with a DRAFT Ward Information Night section for the Trustee Handbook.**

CONSENT

MONITORING ITEMS:

D. Strategic Directions Update

Ruth Silver of Groundswell and Casey Hinton of Saffy provided an update of the Strategic Directions planning and consultation. The consultants will bring further update to the May 30, 2023, Governance Committee meeting.

The recorded meeting can be accessed here: [Public Governance Meeting-20230515 180343-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Todd White, Chair of the Committee

Committee Report

Presented to: Board

Meeting Date: May 29, 2023

From: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Meeting Date: April 26, 2023

The Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, in room 180 A at the Education Centre, beginning at 5:39 pm ending at 7:48 pm, with Chair Judy Colantino presiding.

Present

Dawn Danko, HWDSB Chair, Trustee, Ward 7, Jessica Malcew, VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children, 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., Mark Courtepatte, FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group, Melanie Roberts, The Association for Bright Children of Ontario, Nancy Silva Khan, Autism Ontario (Central West Chapter), Sabreina Dahab, Trustee, Ward 2, Susi Owen, CNIB Hamilton and Niagara, Tracy Sherriff, Community Living Hamilton, Sarah Johnson, Community Living Hamilton (Alternate)

Regrets

Julie Armstrong, Centre for Diverse Learners, Samantha Sweet, Centre for Diverse Learners (Alternate)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Student Voice: AIM Presentation

Brian Mason, Manager, Behaviour Analytic Services, Erica Konrad, Team Lead-Board Certified Behaviour Analyst

- An overview of programs supported by the Behaviour Analytic Services team was provided
- Key principals of Behaviour Analytic Services are respect for dignity, individualization and participation, with students and families at center
- Programs include: Excellence in Social Learning (ExSL), AIM, Case Management-CYCP support in secondary, Safe Intervention Program (1 elementary, 1 secondary)
- Student supports include: BCBA for FASD and Transportation, Itinerant Teachers for ExSL, DECEs, System LRTs, Itinerant CYCPs for primary students and an Occupational Therapist
- AIM is an in-school support for students who experience high to moderate levels of dysregulation throughout their day, which disrupts their learning and the learning of others
- It teaches pro-social and self-regulation skills through positive reinforcement to shape behaviour
- Students from Lawfield and Cathy Wever schools spoke about their experiences in the AIM Program

2023-24 GSN and Budget Overview

Denise Dawson, Senior Manager of Business Services

- An overview of some of the budget highlights was shared
- HWDSB GSN allocation for Support for Students Fund is \$5.3 million
- \$7.1 million of COVID Learning Recovery funding allocated for 22-23 is expiring at the end of this school year – it is no longer included in the preliminary budget for next year
- Transportation funding is no longer based on enrollment, but on a standard criteria for all school boards in the province
- Realignment of indigenous education funding includes a supplemental amount of \$36.98 per student
- Safe and clean schools supplement allocation is \$383,000
- Recent immigrant supplement allocation is \$535,000
- \$181,000 was allocated for early intermediate supports for students with special needs
- Allocation for math recovery is \$1.8 million
- Staffing to support de-streaming and transition to secondary was allocated \$2,408 million
- Reading supports was allocated \$2.21 million
- Summer learning for students with special needs was allocated \$189,000
- Allocation for assessments was \$205,800
- Deadline to submit the budget to the Ministry is June 30th

MEMBERS' UPDATE**a) Trustees Update****Dawn Danko, HWDSB Chair, Trustee, Ward 7**

- HWDSB is looking for community members to join a Co-Design Workshop to help shape the Board's new strategic directions. The Co-Design Workshop is scheduled for May 13, 2023, from 10 am until 2 pm.
- On Saturday, April 29, Prom Project Hamilton takes place at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School from 9 am until 4 pm. This 'pop-up shop' style event gives Hamilton students the opportunity to pick out formal wear for special events, free of charge.
- Showcase of Hearts Event raised over \$50,000 for HWDSB students
- Human Resources has ongoing recruitment for all sectors
- Trustees requested more data from staff regarding suspensions and expulsions
- Updated the following policies: Student Attendance Policy, 21st Century Learning Policy and Naming of Schools Policy
- Trustees voted to no longer name schools after people

b) Local Association Update**Lynn Vanderbrug, Lynwood Charlton Centre**

- Week of May 1st is Mental Health Week

c) Superintendent's Update**Peggy Blair, Superintendent of Specialized Services**

- In collaboration with Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Pathways to Transition Event will be held May 2nd, 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Nicholas Mancini Center. This provides the opportunity for community partners in the Hamilton region to work together to support the transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to adult services and adult living.
- On May 9th, 9:30-1:30 pm at Sir Allan MacNab Celebrating Inclusion Forum will bring together students from across HWDSB to promote disability pride and allyship.
- On May 10th, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, students with an individual education plan (IEP) who have accepted an offer of admission into a program at Mohawk College, are invited to visit the Fennell Campus for a tour and to receive helpful information about Accessible Learning Services and the Learning Support Centre. This tour is a collaborative event hosted by HWDSB and Mohawk College staff and will help students to navigate their next steps toward becoming a college student.
- A reminder that on May 29th (elementary) and May 30th (secondary) we are hosting Access Athletics (formerly Special Olympics) at Nora Henderson Secondary School from 10:00-1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Colantino, SEAC Chair

Committee Report

Presented to: Board

Meeting date: May 29, 2023

From: Parent Involvement Committee

Meeting date: May 9, 2023

The committee held a PIC meeting on May 9, 2023, from 6:30 pm. to 8:30 p.m. with Chair Mike Palma presiding.

PIC Members Present: Adriana Harris, Alyse Nishimura, Cheryl Hue, Christine Scheewe, Cindy Bourassa, Cindy Stranak, Emma Haslam Topping, Heather Lambert Hillen, Heidi Oglesby Katrusia Marunchak, Laura Farr, Leah Ferleyko, Melanie Roberts, Mike Palma, Shelley Stacey, Wasan Mohamd

PIC Regrets: Alissa Shuker, Amanda Lloyd, Carley Casey, Christine Sandor, Cindy Stewart, Corrie Ledgerwood, David Campos, Heather Harvey, Heather McCully, Janet Fairley, Jay Edington, Kristina Collier, Natalie Rendall, Scott Dicker, Shelley Clemence, Stephanie Lostonaw Lavin, Sumaira Khurshid

Trustees Present: Elizabeth Wong

Trustee Regrets: Amanda Fehrman, Becky Buck

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Public Health

Hamilton Public Health Guest Sharon Munn shared a presentation on student vaping including a survey to capture interest in a Vaping Parent Information Survey.

B. Trustees and School Council Update

Manager of Communications Shawn McKillop provided an update on initiatives for Trustees to continue to build strong relationships with School Councils. The role of the Trustees in assisting parents with concerns was reviewed and a discussion followed on how Trustees can support School Councils and strengthen the Trustee-School Council relationship.

C. Home & School Update

Heather Lambert-Hillen shared that HWCHSA participated in the Annual General Meeting and that new members will be elected at the next HWCHSA meeting on May 18 2023.

D. Trustee Update

Trustee Elizabeth Wong provided an update on the approved 2023-24 School Year Calendar and the Strategic Directions consultation currently open. She also shared that a CUPE agreement has been reached and that the Naming of Schools and Modern Learning Policies have recently been approved by Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Palma, Chair