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

Regrets: Trustees Becky Buck, Ray Mulholland and Graeme Noble

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Maria Felix Miller, Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and recited the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #24-55: Trustees White/Tut moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest – None

4. Confirmation of the Minutes: April 8 and 16, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-56: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the minutes from April 8, 2024 and April 16, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

5. Correspondence

RESOLUTION #24-57A: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the correspondence from E. Biro be received and filed.

The motion **CARRIES** on the following division:

In Favour (7): Trustees Archer, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Tut, White and Wong

Opposed (1): Trustee Dahab

Student Trustees Lin and Wang were opposed.

RESOLUTION #24-57B: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the correspondence from A. Chatterton be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

6. Program – March 26, 2024

RESOLUTION # 24-58: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the Program Committee report from March 26, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour

7. Human Resources – April 3, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-59: Trustees Danko/Tut moved that the Human Resources Committee report from April 3, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour

8. Audit – April 4, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-60: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Audit Committee report from April 4, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

Trustee Danko was not present for the vote and left the meeting.

9. Special Governance – April 15, 2024

Resolution #24-61: Trustees White/Dahab moved that the Special Governance Committee report from April 15, 2024 be approved including that the Governance Committee serve as the committee responsible for conducting a performance appraisal of the Director of Education, as prescribed by O. Reg. 83/24 with the following exceptions:

- the Chair of the DPA Committee will be selected by the committee membership at the first meeting of the committee following the Organizational Board Meeting each year.
- the Board recognizes the decision-making authority given to the Committee and/or Committee Chair by O.Reg. 83/24 which supersedes the Board's regular approval processes.
- that the committee membership be no fewer than 3 and no more than 7 members of the Board of Trustees, where the Chair and Vice Chair are required members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

10. Reports from Legislated Committees:

Special Education Advisory Committee – March 27, 2024

Resolution #24-62: Trustees Felix Miller/White moved that the Special Education Advisory Committee report from March 27, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour

11. Report from Committee of the Whole (Private) – April 29, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-63: Trustee Tut/Dahab moved that the following report from Committee of the Whole held earlier this evening be approved including:

- That the Human Resources Committee report from April 3, 2024 be received
- That the Audit Committee report from April 4, 2024 be received
- That the tentative Collective Agreement between the Ontario Secondary Teachers' Federation, District 21, representing the Teachers and Occasional Teachers (OSSTF T/OT) and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) for the term of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, be approved and amended as per the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act
- That a report was received with legal counsel present

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

12. Written Notice of Motion re: HWDSB Nutrition Programs

Submitted by: Student Trustee Lin (supported by Trustee Dahab)

Whereas: Several organizations support students across our system with access to nutrition programs (such as breakfast, snack, lunch, and weekends) throughout the day in the City of Hamilton;

Whereas: We know that having access to a healthy nutritious meal before school directly correlates with better grades;

Whereas: Many students, especially in disenfranchised and underrepresented schools, often cannot access three meals throughout the day and need support from their schools to ensure that they are fed;

And whereas: There are challenges delivering nutrition programs (due to funding or individuals to oversee programming) currently being experienced by some schools across the system.

Therefore be it resolved that staff provide a report on the funding and partnerships of nutrition programs in HWDSB (such as breakfast, snack programs, and lunch programs).

Be it further resolved that staff provide a report on the history and evolution of any nutrition programs in HWDSB.

Be it further resolved that staff provide a report on which HWDSB schools currently have nutrition programs and how they are sustained (ex: volunteer run, parent council run, separate agency run).

RESOLUTION #24-64: Student Trustee Lin, supported by Trustees Dahab/Tut moved that the following be approved:

- That staff provide a report on the funding and partnerships of nutrition programs in HWDSB (such as breakfast, snack programs, and lunch programs).
- That staff provide a report on the history and evolution of any nutrition programs in HWDSB
- That staff provide a report on which HWDSB schools currently have nutrition programs and how they are sustained (ex: volunteer run, parent council run, separate agency run).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

13. Oral Reports from:

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

Student Trustee Lin provided the following update:

- recognized and appreciated a grade 10 student who initiated the request to bring back the breakfast program and noted that Student Senate is working on videos, Instagram reels and various other social media channels to promote this initiative.
- Public Education Interest Group Town Hall – Student Trustee Lin (in his role as Secretary), accompanied by HWDSB incoming Student Trustees for 2024-25 and 30 students from across Ontario, worked in conjunction with the Two-Spirit and LGBTQA Advisory Group on implementing all gender bathrooms in each HWDSB school. They are currently working on a letter for Executive Council around student safety and concerns in schools.
- Inaugural Hamilton City Youth Town Hall - hosted a breakout room with Student Trustee H. Wang on Sustainable Housing and Transportation.

Student Trustee Wang provided the following update:

- recognized the work that has been done by the Elementary Senate related to the Healthy Nutrition Program.
- He also noted he had the privilege of being the Master of Ceremony for the Earth Day celebrations last week held at the Education Centre and enjoyed talking to different schools about their initiatives related to climate change.

B. [Director's Report](#)

Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini, Director shared the following:

- Each month, we have the opportunity to share important events that affect our students, families and communities across HWDSB and April has proved to be another fantastic month with outstanding examples of excellence across our system.
- Yesterday was to mark the National Day of Mourning and a message was shared as a reminder of the importance of workplace safety and our shared responsibility to protect workers from harm.
- Visited several schools this month and was able to witness students having conversations and engaging in activities that were focused on being kind and compassionate. She saw examples of joy in action in different ways also. Connections with students are incredibly important for spreading those values of: Joy, Dignity, Trust and Compassion.
- Prom project, a collaborative effort between HWDSB and Hamilton Foundation for Student Success was a fabulous success, and it was so wonderful to support students to thrive, see joy in milestone moments and being confident as their truest selves. It was supported by 150 volunteers and was held at Sir Winston Churchill. A special thanks to Amy Leeming-Cote of the Hamilton Foundation for Student Success for her leadership and thanks to those trustees who were able to attend that day.

C. Chair's Report

Trustee Miller shared the following:

- Trustees are participating in Take Your MPP to School Day taking place May 21-24 by connecting with local MPPs and coordinating school visits with their School Superintendents.
- Acknowledged that the Minister shared an update on Sunday regarding cell phones in our schools and vaping in our schools.
- Trustees were acknowledged and thanked for their participation in Prom Project and Earth Day last week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

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