
Trustees: Kathy Archer, Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Graeme Noble*, Paul Tut, Todd White^(R), Elizabeth Wong*.

Student Trustees: Oluwafikunayomi (Fikun) Alabi and Victoria Li. **Shakowennakara:tats:** Daunte Hillen.

* electronic participation, ^(R) regrets

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Trustees Archer/Tut moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #24-125: Trustees Archer/Tut moved that the Minutes from September 23, 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

4. Audit – September 17, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-126: Trustees Danko/Tut moved that the Audit Committee report from September 17, 2024, be approved including that the Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2024 be forwarded Trustees for information and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

5. Facilities & Finance – September 24, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-127: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the Facilities & Finance report from September 24, 2024, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

6. New Nash Elementary School Update

Staff presented the report to update the Board on the actions taken since October 2023 while following the board's motion to pause the project. Staff have responded to the motion while working to ensure that the school is opened as intended for the school community as soon as possible.

Trustees Archer/Buck moved that Staff proceed with the competitive process for the new build in the Nash neighbourhood and continue to inform the school community on the progress of the new build through regular status updates on project milestones.

RESOLUTION #24-128: Shakowennakara:tats Hillen (supported by Trustee Dahab)/ Trustee Archer moved the following amendment to the motion (to be inserted after school community):

“...including families and students attending the school, the collective Indigenous student voice, knowledge Holders and Elders ...”

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

To the main motion, as amended

RESOLUTION #24-129: Trustees Archer/Buck moved that staff proceed with the competitive process for the new build in the Nash neighbourhood and continue to inform the school community, including families and students attending the school, the collective Indigenous student voice, knowledge Holders and Elders on the progress of the new build through regular status updates on project milestones.

The Motion **CARRIED** on the following division:

In Favour (7): Trustees Archer, Buck, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Tut, Wong.

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen.

Opposed (1): Trustee Dahab.

Abstain (1): Trustee Noble.

7. Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

RESOLUTION #24-130: Trustees Tut/Danko moved that the Committee of the Whole (Private Session) Report from October 7, 2024 be approved including:

- That the Audit Committee report from September 17, 2024, be received
- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from September 24, 2024, be received

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

8. Hamilton – Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations

Trustee Danko provided an updated noting:

- Welcomed a new President, Stacey Smith and First Vice President Heather Lambert-Hillen
- Feedback and recommendations were provided regarding communication of the Religious Accommodation Procedure for families
- Feedback will be sought on the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar and the first day of school

9. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Buck provided an updated noting:

- Local Government Week is October 21 – 25th, 2024. The aim of this initiative is to increase youth and public awareness about the role the local government plays in our community.
- OPSBA and the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) met in Ottawa to discuss public education and identify opportunities to better serve students in Canada
- Students and teachers can explore the CRA's “Learn about your taxes” competition designed to boost students' tax literacy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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