

# Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday, September 29, 2014

**LOCATION:** 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario (City Hall, Council Chambers)

**Trustees Jessica Brennan (Chair), Judith Bishop, Shirley Glauser, Wes Hicks, Alex Johnstone, Ray Mulholland, Lillian Orban, Tim Simmons, Karen Turkstra, Todd White (Vice-Chair); and Student Trustees Hannah Tobias-Murray and Rakhshan Kamran.**

**Regrets were received from Trustee Laura Peddle.**

## 1. Call to Order

Jessica Brennan, Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## 2. Profiling Excellence

Superintendent Stephanian spoke briefly about Orchard Park's Robotics Team - Team 2056. The team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Archimedes Division in St. Louis, Missouri on April 26th at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) International Competition. They have had nineteen consecutive wins in an eight year history.

### **Orchard Park Robotics Team – Team 2056**

Students of the Orchard Park Robotics Team (represented by: Kailey Bastarache)

Sajeel Akbar	Samuel Holmes	Anita Panesar
Gemma Alex	Nikola Jovanovich	Dante Petitti
Will Alex	Jake Kielty	Joel Pink
Brett Bakewell	Sumeet Kler	Heidi Poca
Cassandra Barlow	Kayleigh Marshall	Alessandra Puglielli
Kailey Bastarache	Melanie Matsubuchi	Chris Pyc
Harshal Brahmabhatt	Caleb Mech	Zayed Sheet
Nipun Chheda	Nicole Mech	Lucas Smith
Tyler Dickson	Jacob Muchynski	Saloni Tattar
Ethan Elliott	John Muchynski	Billy Thorpe
Lauren Field	Dane North	Tyler Tomkiw
Brayden Goehner	Abigail Norton	Evan VanDuzer
David Harris	Amandeep Panesar	Mac Wells

Speaking briefly about their accomplishments, Superintendent Stephanian introduced the following staff members, whom then received Profiling Excellence certificates from their respective ward trustees.

Staff Recognition

1. Stanley Hunter, Orchard Park Robotics Team Mentor, Team 2056
2. Rian McLaughlin – ETFO President’s Award and the 2014 Inaugural Year Brock University Faculty of Education Alumni Achievement Award

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**RESOLUTION #14-94:** Trustee Glauser, seconded by Trustee White, moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran voted in favour

**4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**5. Confirmation of the Minutes – August 25, 2014 Special Board**

**RESOLUTION #14-95:** Trustee Hicks, seconded by Trustee Simmons, moved: **That the minutes of the Special Board meeting – August 25, 2014 be approved.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran voted in favour

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

**6. Rural Schools Advisory Committee – Sept. 18 2014**

**RESOLUTION #14-96:** Trustee Turkstra, seconded by Trustee Orban, moved: That move the report of the Rural School Advisory Committee – September 18, 2014 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran voted in favour

**7. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private)**

**RESOLUTION #14-97:** Trustee Bishop, seconded by Trustee Glauser, moved: **That the Board move into Committee of the Whole (Private)**, this being done at 6:31 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran voted in favour

The open session resumed at 7:36 p.m.

**8. Reports from Standing Committee****A. Standing Committee – September 22, 2014**

**RESOLUTION #14-98:** Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Simmons, moved: **That the following report of the Special Standing Committee - September 22, 2014 be approved, including:**

3. Delegation from Mr. John McGreal, North School Site
4. Finance & Facilities Committee – September 9, 2014
5. Governance Committee – September 9, 2014
6. Policy Committee – September 10, 2014
7. Program Committee – September 8, 2014
8. Ministry request for School Consolidation Capital Projects
9. North School Site Update
10. Annual Corporate Communication Report

Trustee Mulholland requested separate voting on clause 9 of the report.

Clause 9 (North School Site Update) was **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

- In favour (9) Trustees Bishop, Brennan, Glauser, Hicks, Johnstone, , Orban, Simmons,  
Turkstra and White.  
Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran.
- Opposed (1) Trustee Mulholland.

To the remainder of the report, (excluding North School Site Update),

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran voted in favour.

## **B. Committee of the Whole (Private) – September 29, 2014**

**RESOLUTION #14-99:** Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That the report of the Committee of the Whole (Private) – September 29, 2014 be approved including:**

- **Finance and Facilities Committee Report from September 9, 2014**
- **Human Resources Committee Report from September 9, 2014**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran voted in favour.

## **10. Written Notices of Motion**

### **A. Aboriginal Education**

**RESOLUTION #14-100:** Trustee Bishop, seconded by Trustee Johnstone, moved: **That an annual report and work plan, tracking progress of HWDSB with respect to meeting goals regarding First Nations, Metis and Inuit issues identified in MOE's Aboriginal Education Strategy, beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year be prepared and presented to Trustees.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Student Trustees Tobias-Murray and Kamran voted in favour.

## **11. Oral Reports**

### **A. Student Trustees' Report – Local Activities and Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA)**

**Report** – Student Trustee Tobias-Murray indicated that the first Student Senate meeting was helpful in setting the tone for the school year as a positive and inclusive environment. She also noted that Student Trustee Kamran and herself will be attending the OSTA Fall General Meeting on Thursday October 2, 2014. Student Trustee Kamran added that Student Senate is an effective communication tool and that this year's focus will be positive school climate.

Chair Brennan acknowledged Trustee Johnstone and Superintendent Prendergast for the mentorship to the Student Trustees.

### **B. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**

Trustee Johnstone drew attention to the following:

- The deadline to participate in student vote is October 10
- EQAO results have been released and there is a decline in math results
- Poverty reduction strategy is to keep the focus on the kids
- Regional discussion for start of year included class sizes, kindergarten, difficulty in finding French Immersion teachers and some had a normal start up to the year
- First Nations, Metis and Inuit Report – Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs is dedicating \$7.9 million into education. OPSBA motioned for mandatory curriculum in First Nations, Metis and Inuit history education and the impact of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty act.

### **C. Director's Report**

Director Malloy drew attention to the following:

- Secondary transition update – The largest transition to take place - including over 800 students, 188 staff and adding 6 new SHSM majors. Nora Frances Henderson is transforming learning everywhere and changing the learning environment. Special thank you noted to all students, parents, staff and the community for their hard work in this transition.
- Directors Breakfast – Thanked Sam Barringer, the key note speaker whose phrase has resonated within our system –“to teach us is to reach us.”
- Welcomed Superintendent Woon to her first official board meeting.

#### **D. Chair's Report**

Chair Brennan thanked all of the Trustees and Student Trustees for the reports and for bringing forth their concerns and start up challenges. Chair Brennan acknowledged the work of the Superintendents and senior staff, as well as the principals and teachers. She thanked Dr. Malloy and Executive Superintendent Reinholdt for their tremendous work. She expressed gratitude to the City Council and Councillor Morrow in identifying the footprint for the New North Secondary school.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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