

Members present: S. Binder, E. Charlton, S. Binder, K. Hambly, K. Kramp, S. Lewis, S. Maracle, R. Prinzen (v), A. Robertson, R. Speck (v)

Student Trustees: A. Shah, C. Vance, J. Webster

Absent: E. Parsons

Guests: Demona Boyer, Bayside Secondary School Grade 12 Student;
Kirsten Newmann-Stephens, SWAC Coordinator & Secondary Teacher;
Matt Ronan, Dual Credit & SCWI Coordinator

Resources: K. Donnell, K. Dostaler, T. Elliott, T. Jones, N. Kishinchandani, K. MacIver,
D. McFarlane

Minutes: D. Lucas, Executive Assistant

1. Call to order

Chair Binder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Regular Public Board meeting.

2. Presentation – School-Within-A-College (SWAC): The presentation highlighted the Dual Credits and School-Within-A-College options available to HPEDSB students in partnership with Loyalist College. Through Dual Credits, students can earn high school and college credits at the same time. Through School-Within-A-College, students have access to individualized programs and support for their academic and personal growth; SWAC is anchored in experiential learning and workshops that are chosen by the students themselves.

3. Motion to convene into Closed Committee of the Whole – not required.

4. Reconvene to Regular Public Board meeting – not required.

5. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Trustee Lewis offered the Land Acknowledgement.

6. Roll Call

Chair Binder requested a roll call of Trustees and Student Trustees. All members are present, with the exception of Trustee Parsons.

7. Approval of the agenda

Mover: K. Kramp

Seconder: K. Hambly

That the agenda for the January 22, 2024, Regular Public Board Meeting be approved.

Carried

8. Conflict of Interest – none declared.

9. Consent Agenda Items

Recommendation:

Mover: K. Kramp
Seconder: A. Robertson

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- (a) Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023**
- (b) Committee Meeting Minutes (for information only)**
 - i) Governance and Policy December 4, 2023**
 - ii) Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Minutes December 11, 2023**

Carried

10. Rise and Report from Closed Committee of the Whole – Vice-chair Robertson reported that a Closed Committee of the Whole meeting was held on December 11, 2023, and there were two human resource matters discussed.

11. Report from External Organizations:

(a) Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) – Vice-chair Robertson provided the following highlights from OPSBA:

- OPSBA Directors voted to ratify the agreement with ETFO T/OT on December 19, 2023,
- OPSBA has created a template letter to support the inclusion for funding of a National School Food Program in the 2024 budget,
- next Board of Directors meeting will take place in March 2024.

(b) Food for Learning Steering Committee – no report

12. Standing Committee Reports:

(a) Governance and Policy Committee – Chair Binder shared highlights from the January 15, 2024 meeting:

- reviewed first draft of Policy XX: Indemnification of Board Members,
- reviewed topics for future Trustee Professional Development Learning Sessions,
- approved a recommendation to revise HPEDSB By-Laws Section 5.28 Notice of Motion

i) Recommendation –By-Law Revisions for Notice of Motion:

Mover: S. Lewis
Seconder: K. Kramp

That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the revisions made to the HPEDSB By-Law Section 5.28: Notice of Motion effective January 23, 2024.

Carried

(b) Student Learning, Well-Being, and Equity Committee – no report

(c) Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee – Committee Chair, Trustee Kramp shared the following highlights from the January 8, 2024, meeting:

- reviewed Budget Processes and Timelines,
- reviewed an Investment Report,
- reviewed a report on Education Centre Air Quality testing updates,
- reviewed a report on the Transition Plan to Easthill Elementary School,
- received a verbal update on the Extension of Agreement of Purchase and Sale – Queen Elizabeth Picton property, and
- approved the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan at the December 11, 2023, meeting with a recommendation for Board approval.

i) **Recommendation – Multi-Year Accessibility Plan:**

Mover: K. Kramp
Seconder: A. Robertson

That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the period of September 2023 to August 2028.

Carried

13. Standing Committee Reports:

- (a) **Audit Committee** – no report
- (b) **Parent Involvement Committee** – no report
- (c) **Special Education Advisory Committee** – no report
- (d) **Supervised Alternative Learning Committee** – Trustee Hambly provided highlights from the meeting held on January 10, 2024:
 - currently there are 93 students with 125 credits earned to date; students are working to complete remaining credits by the end of the first semester,
 - highlights from the December 13, 2023, meeting were not available and will be made available for the February Regular Public Board meeting.

14. Advisory Committee Reports:

- (a) **Accessibility Advisory Committee** – no report
- (b) **Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee** – Trustee Charlton provided highlights from the meeting held on December 13, 2023:
 - receiving positive feedback from students and schools about commemorative dates recognized by HPEDSB,
 - received an update on the Equity Action Plan activities,
 - discussed a professional learning opportunity for Trustees which would involve anti-hate and anti-racism.
- (c) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee** – no report
- (d) **Student Voice Committee** – Student Trustees provided highlights from the student voice committee meetings:
 - discussed concerns on how to make washrooms safe for students, big concern regarding students vaping in the washrooms and students not feeling safe to go to washroom without a buddy,
 - planning is underway for the provincial Indigenous Student Trustee conference.

15. Ad Hoc Committee Report - no report

16. Chair's Report – Report included the following highlights:

- attended the online learning sessions hosted by OPSBA, and
- attended the Boundary Review meetings held on January 16 & 17 2024
- (a) **Trustee Sharing** – Trustee Speck shared information regarding the new Construction Specialist High Skills Major program and a new Trades Sampler Dual Credits program starting at NHHS in March.

17. Director's Report – Report included the following highlights:

- The HPE Learning Foundation donated \$75,000 surplus funds to several schools to purchase technology such as interactive display boards, student Chromebooks and iPads,
- congratulated Jack Brown, a Grade 12 student in the Visual Arts Program at Centennial Secondary School, who designed the Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair poster for 2024,

- shared graduation rate statistics: the 4-year grad rate (starting with the 2018-2019 school year) increased to 75% (a 6-point rise); and the 5-year graduation rate (starting with the 2017-2018 school year),
- attended the SWAC graduation on January 18, 2024; 13 HPEDSB students celebrated the completion of their high school diploma.

18. HPEDSB Staff Reports

- (a) Kindergarten Promotion** – Report included an update on HPEDSB’s annual Kindergarten registration process. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Elliott responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 55.
- (b) De-streaming Update** – Report included an update of the purpose, priorities, and supports associated with de-streaming in HPEDSB. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Elliott responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 57.
- (c) Student Success through School-College-Work Initiatives (SCWI)** – Report included information regarding the pathway to graduation through the Ministry of Education School-College-Work Initiatives (SCWI). Trustees asked questions and Superintendent McFarlane and System Lead, Tina Jones responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 58.
- (d) Staffing and Recruitment** – Report included an update related to staffing and recruitment strategies implemented to address staff shortages. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent McFarlane responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 59.

19. Calendar of Events: To review the calendar of events and meetings, click [here](#) and go to page 61.

20. Correspondence – Chair Binder noted that Report 20(a) was received from Halton Catholic District School Board and addressed to Minister Lecce regarding a request for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding for Publicly Funded School Boards in Ontario. Chair Binder asked if there were any discussions from Trustees regarding this letter, there were none. No action is required.

21. Unfinished Business – nil

22. Trustee Motions for Consideration - nil

23. Trustee Notice of Motions - nil

24. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Chair

Secretary