

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: September 1, 2020  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Catholic Education Centre  
802 Drury Lane, Burlington

Board Room Attendance: V. Iantomasi, Chair of the Board  
B. Agnew  
P. DeRosa  
M. Duarte, Vice-Chair of the Board  
N. Guzzo  
P. Daly, Secretary of the Board  
A. Lofts  
A. Swinden, Manager, Strategic Communications  
R. Di Pietro, Recording Secretary

Trustees:	H. Karabela	T. O'Brien
(Electronically)	P. Murphy	J. O'Hearn-Czarnota

Student Trustees:	N. Gubert	J. Roshdy
(Electronically)	K. Kelly	

Senior Staff:	S. Balogh	L. Naar
(Electronically)	J. Crowell	J. O'Hara
	R. Merrick	T. Pinelli

Also Present: L. Collimore, Chief Officer, Research and Development Services  
(Electronically) R. DeFranco, Creative Design Officer, Strategic Communications

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### 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

#### 1.1 Opening Prayer, National Anthem, and Oath of Citizenship (K. Kelly)

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer led by Student Trustee Kelly.

#### 1.2 Motions Adopted In-Camera

There were no motions adopted in-camera to be read in public session.

#### 1.3 Information Received In-Camera

The following information was received in-camera:

Retirements

Kelly Atto retired June 30, 2020. Albertina Carubba retired July 31, 2020. Martha Hughes, Debora Ramelli and Carol Schneider retired August 31, 2020.

Resignations

Joanne DeSantis resigned August 30, 2020. Lorrie Field, Sarah Hayes, Shannon Johnston, Kim Kinney, Lydia McGowan, and Christina Silveira resigned August 31, 2020.

Acting Department Heads

Sean-Edward Livingston and Myra Pierias appointed as Acting Department Heads effective September 1, 2020 for period of up to one (1) year.

Night School Principal 2020-2021 School Year

Gino DeLuca appointed as Night School Principal effective September 1, 2020 with a renewable one-year term at the Board's discretion.

Consultant Curriculum Generalist – French

Renata Dean appointed to the position of Curriculum Consultant Generalist – French effective September 1, 2020 for a period of up to three (3) years.

Acting Administrator Appointments

Tom Durran appointed as Acting Elementary Vice Principal effective September 1, 2020 with an end date to be determined. Paul Cianciolo appointed as Acting Secondary Vice Principal effective September 1, 2020 with an end date to be determined.

Teacher Hiring

Michael Capobianco, Brianne Chaffay, Aurelie Chuen Cheong, Maria Culjak, Jessica Curtis, Sarah Daum, Sara DiMichele, Adriana Ferlisi, Jordan Huffman, Tina Milicevic, Mary Miller Natacha Moniz, Stephen Nicholson, Abigail Nogiec, Olivia Pellegrino, Steve Sothirratnam Madeline Viera-Troke, Brandon Walker, Nicole Zinkann hired as probationary teachers effective September 1, 2020. Daniel Urciuoli hired as a probationary teacher effective February 1, 2021.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

A request was made to move agenda item 12 - Correspondence to after agenda item 5 - Delegations.

**#203/20**

**Moved by:** B. Agnew

**Seconded by:** N. Guzzo

**RESOLVED,** that agenda item 12 - Correspondence to come after agenda item 5 - Delegations.

The Chair called for a vote on **#203/20:**

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	P. DeRosa		
M. Duarte	N. Gubert (non-binding)		
N. Guzzo	H. Karabela		
P. Murphy	K. Kelly (non-binding)		
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota	T. O'Brien		
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### **#204/20**

**Moved by:** N. Guzzo

**Seconded by:** B. Agnew

**RESOLVED**, that Class Sizes and Operating Reserve Funds be added to the agenda as an action item.

The Chair called for a vote on **#204/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	P. DeRosa		
M. Duarte	N. Gubert (non-binding)		
N. Guzzo	H. Karabela		
P. Murphy	K. Kelly (non-binding)		
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota	T. O'Brien		
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The vote was not unanimous and therefore **DEFEATED**.

The following was added to the agenda:

Notice of motion – Masking at HCDSB (H. Karabela)

#### **#205/20**

**Moved by:** M. Duarte

**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

**RESOLVED**, that agenda be approved as amended.

The Chair called for a vote on **#205/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	P. DeRosa		
M. Duarte			
N. Gubert (non-binding)			
N. Guzzo			
H. Karabela			
K. Kelly (non-binding)			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion **CARRIED**.

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**5. Delegations**

**5.1 Secondary Timetable (J. Moore)**

A delegation was presented regarding changes to the secondary timetable.

**5.2 Mandatory Masks - K-3 (S. Rodriguez)**

A delegation was presented requesting Trustees to rescind their decision on mandatory masks from K-3.

**5.3 Mandatory Masks K-3 (L. Kasper-Leochko/S. Bilbao)**

A delegation was presented requesting Trustees to rescind their decision on mandatory masks from K-3.

**5.4 Mandatory Masks - K-3 (Dr. C. Wendler)**

A delegation was presented regarding a primary healthcare provider's concern about masking in school children.

**5.5 Mandatory Masks - K-3 (J. Krmencik)**

A delegation was presented regarding mandatory masks for students K-3 and specifically that medical advice was not considered.

**5.6 Mandatory Masks K-3 (S. Di Murro)**

A delegation was presented regarding mandatory masks for students K-3.

**5.7 Mandatory Masks K-3 (R. Kosilos)**

The delegation requested that Trustees rescind their decision on mandatory masks from K-3.

Due to technical difficulties, the delegate was unable to present her delegation. An expectation was made and requests made for correspondence to be read aloud were granted.

**#206/20**

**Moved by:** M. Duarte

**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

**RESOLVED**, that correspondence from M. Fabiano also be read into the public record.

The Chair called for a vote on **#206/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	N. Guzzo		
P. DeRosa			
M. Duarte			
N. Gubert (non-binding)			
V. Iantomasi			
H. Karabela			
K. Kelly (non-binding)			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion **CARRIED**.

Director Daly read into the public record, correspondence from submitted requests.

**#207/20**

**Moved by:** B. Agnew

**Seconded by:** P. DeRosa

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting move past 10:00 p.m.

The Chair called for a vote on **#207/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**#208/20**

**Moved by:** P. DeRosa

**Seconded by:** M. Duarte

**RESOLVED**, that the delegation from R. Kosilos be read into the public record.

The Chair called for a vote on **#208/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew		N. Gubert (non-binding)	
P. DeRosa			
M. Duarte			
N. Guzzo			
V. Iantomasi			
H. Karabela			
K. Kelly (non-binding)			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion **CARRIED** and Director Daly read the delegation into the public record.

## 6. Approval of Minutes

### 6.1 Minutes of the June 2, 2020 Regular Board Meeting #209/20

**Moved by:** T. O'Brien

**Seconded by:** P. DeRosa

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#209/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew		N. Gubert (non-binding)	
P. DeRosa		K. Kelly (non-binding)	
M. Duarte		J. Roshdy (non-binding)	
N. Guzzo			
V. Iantomasi			
H. Karabela			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			

The motion **CARRIED**.

### 6.2 Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting #210/20

**Moved by:** M. Duarte

**Seconded by:** H. Karabela

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the June 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#210/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew		N. Gubert (non-binding)	
P. DeRosa		K. Kelly (non-binding)	
M. Duarte		J. Roshdy (non-binding)	
N. Guzzo			
H. Karabela			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarota			

The motion **CARRIED**.

### 6.3 Minutes of the July 8, 2020 Special Board Meeting #211/20

**Moved by:** M. Duarte

**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the July 8, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#211/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ba Agnew		N. Gubert (non-binding)	
Pn DeRosa		K. Kelly (non-binding)	
Ml Duarte		J. Roshdy (non-binding)	
N. Guzzo			
H. Karabela			
Pt Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
Ju O'Hearn-Czarota			

The motion **CARRIED**.

### 6.4 Minutes of the July 22, 2020 Special Board Meeting #212/20

**Moved by:** P. DeRosa

**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the July 22, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#212/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew		N. Gubert (non-binding)	
P. DeRosa		K. Kelly (non-binding)	
M. Duarte		J. Roshdy (non-binding)	
N. Guzzo			
H. Karabela			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			

The motion **CARRIED**.

### #213/20

**Moved by:** B. Agnew

**Seconded by:** H. Karabela

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting move past 10:30 p.m.

The Chair called for a vote on **#213/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

## 6.5 Minutes of the July 23, 2020 Special Board Meeting

### #214/20

**Moved by:** M. Duarte

**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the July 23, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#214/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew		N. Gubert (non-binding)	
P. DeRosa		K. Kelly (non-binding)	
M. Duarte		J. Roshdy (non-binding)	
N. Guzzo			
V. Iantomasi			
H. Karabela			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			

The motion **CARRIED**.

## 6.6 Minutes of the July 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting

### #215/20

**Moved by:** T. O'Brien

**Seconded by:** M. Duarte

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the July 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#215/20**:



IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew		P. DeRosa	
M. Duarte		N. Gubert (non-binding)	
N. Guzzo		K. Kelly (non-binding)	
V. Iantomasi		J. Roshdy (non-binding)	
H. Karabela			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarota			

The motion **CARRIED**.

**6.7 Minutes of the August 12, 2020 Special Board Meeting  
#216/20**

**Moved by:** P. DeRosa

**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#216/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**6.8 Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting  
#217/20**

**Moved by:** T. O'Brien

**Seconded by:** H. Karabela

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#217/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**6.9 Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Special Board Meeting  
#218/20**

**Moved by:** P. DeRosa

**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the August 19, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved.

The Chair called for a vote on **#218/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	J. O'Hearn-Czarnota		
P. DeRosa			
M. Duarte			
N. Gubert (non-binding)			
N. Guzzo			
V. Iantomasi			
H. Karabela			
K. Kelly (non-binding)			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion **CARRIED**.

## 7. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

The Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings was received as information.

## 8. Action Items

### 8.1 Response to Delegations (5.1 – Secondary Timetable)

**#219/20**

**Moved by:** H. Karabela

**Seconded by:** N. Guzzo

**RESOLVED**, that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive the delegation regarding the secondary timetable as information.

The Chair called for a vote on **#219/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	M. Duarte	K. Kelly (non-binding)	
P. DeRosa	N. Gubert (non-binding)		
N. Guzzo	J. Roshdy (non-binding)		
V. Iantomasi			
H. Karabela			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			

The motion **CARRIED**.

### Response to Delegations (5.2 – 5.7 – Mandatory Masks K-3)

**#220/20**

**Moved by:** P. DeRosa

**Seconded by:** H. Karabela

**RESOLVED**, that the response to delegations 5.2 to 5.7 be a staff report consisting of a survey of our constituents (as per Policy V-18 Community Engagement and Public

Consultation), to establish their position on the Board Motion resulting from the special board meeting of August 19, 2020 (ref, 198/20 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLANNING) making it mandatory the wearing of masks for JK-3.

The Chair called a vote on **#220/20:**

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
P. DeRosa	B. Agnew		
N. Gubert (non- binding)	M. Duarte		
H. Karabela	N. Guzzo		
K. Kelly (non-binding)	P. Murphy		
T. O'Brien	J. O'Hearn-Czarnota		
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion was **DEFEATED**.

### **#221/20**

**Moved by:** P. DeRosa

**Seconded by:** N. Guzzo

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting move past 11:00 p.m.

The Chair called for a vote on **#221/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

### **#222/20**

**Moved by:** M. Duarte

**Seconded by:** T. O'Brien

**RESOLVED**, that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive the delegations regarding mandatory masks K-3 as information.

The Chair called for a vote on **#222/20:**

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	P. DeRosa		
M. Duarte	N. Gubert (non- binding)		
N. Guzzo	V. Iantomasi		
K. Kelly (non-binding)	H. Karabela		
P. Murphy	T. O'Brien		
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion **CARRIED**.

### **#223/20**

**Moved by:** T. O'Brien

**Seconded by:** P. DeRosa

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting move past 11:30 p.m.

The Chair called for a vote on **#223/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**8.2 Board Meetings (J. O'Hearn-Czarnota)****#224/20****Moved by:** J. O'Hearn-Czarnota**Seconded by:** M. Duarte

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees direct Pat Daly, Director of Education to retain the services of a Parliamentarian (chosen by majority vote of Trustees) to attend (sit in) on 3 Regular Board meetings for September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**#224/20 (AMENDMENT)****Moved by:** H. Karabela**Seconded by:** P. DeRosa

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees direct Pat Daly, Director of Education to retain the services of a Parliamentarian (chosen by majority vote of Trustees) to ~~attend (sit in)~~ on ~~3 Regular Board meetings for September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.~~ review 3 recent recording of Regular Board meetings (May 19, June 2 and June 16) and provide constructive feedback; provide an advanced training session on parliamentary procedures and answer specific questions collected from Trustees.

The Chair called for a vote on **#224/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**#224/20 (AMENDMENT 2)****Moved by:** M. Duarte**Seconded by:** P. Murphy

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees direct Pat Daly, Director of Education to retain the services of a Parliamentarian (chosen by majority vote of Trustees) to ~~attend (sit in)~~ on ~~3 Regular Board meetings for September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.~~ review 3 2 recent recording of Regular Board meetings (May 19 and June 2; and June 16) be physically present in the Board Room at future meetings; and provide constructive feedback; provide an advanced training session on parliamentary procedures and answer specific questions collected from Trustees.

The Chair called for a vote on **#224/20 (AMENDEMNET 2)** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**#224/20 (AS AMENDED)****Moved by:** J. O'Hearn-Czarnota**Seconded by:** M. Duarte

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees direct Pat Daly, Director of Education to retain the services of a Parliamentarian (chosen by majority vote of Trustees) to 2 recent recording of Regular Board meetings (May 19 and June 2); be physically present in the Board Room at future meetings; provide constructive feedback; provide an advanced training session on parliamentary procedures and answer specific questions collected from Trustees.

The Chair called for a vote on **#224/20 (AS AMENDED)** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

The vote on choosing a Parliamentarian will take place at the September 15, 2020 Regular In-Camera Board meeting.

**#225/20**

**Moved by:** B. Agnew

**Seconded by:** N. Guzzo

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting move past 12:00 a.m.

The Chair called for a vote on **#225/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**9. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

**10. Information Items**

**10.1 Student Trustees Update (N. Gubert, K. Kelly, J. Roshdy)**

The pillars of Achieving, Believing and Belonging were shared.

**#226/20**

**Moved by:** N. Guzzo

**Seconded by:** P. DeRosa

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting move past 12:30 a.m.

The Chair called for a vote on **#226/20** :

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	N. Gubert (non-binding)		
P. DeRosa			
M. Duarte			
N. Guzzo			
V. Iantomasi			
H. Karabela			
K. Kelly (non-binding)			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarota			
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion **CARRIED**.

**10.2 Return to School Planning (P. Daly)**

Director Daly provided an overview of the intent to return to school survey, gradual return and preparations for a safe and healthy return to school.

The following motion was put forward:

**#227/20****Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** B. Agnew**WHEREAS** safety of our students and staff are of the utmost importance to the HCDSB,**WHEREAS** the Federal/ Provincial Government has provided additional funding to the HCDSB for the Back to School plan;**WHEREAS** funding will be streamed to the board for the Start of School Year from the Provincial government in the amount of \$3,483,375.00 to be utilized for one time staffing and school opening costs;**WHEREAS** there will be a second amount of money to come down from the Provincial government to the board in amounts yet to be defined;**BE IT RESOLVED** that the HCDSB organize class sizes in elementary with an average of 22 but no more than 25 students per class.**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board direct staff to access Operating Reserve Funds to implement the above class sizes,**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any further funds allocated to the Board in term two will be used to offset any costs that were drawn from the Operating Reserve Funds.**#228/20****Moved by:** H. Karabela**Seconded by:** P. DeRosa**RESOLVED**, that the motion be postponed until staff can provide a plan at the September 15, 2020 Regular Board meeting.The Chair called for a vote on **#228/20**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
P. DeRosa	B. Agnew		
N. Gubert (non-binding)	M. Duarte		
H. Karabela	N. Guzzo		
	K. Kelly (non-binding)		
	P. Murphy		
	T. O'Brien		
	J. O'Hearn-Czarnota		
	J. Roshdy (non-binding)		

The motion was **DEFEATED**.

**#229/20****Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** B. Agnew**RESOLVED**, that the meeting move past 1:00 a.m.The Chair called for a vote on **#229/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.**#227/20 (AMENDMENT)****Moved by:** N. Guzzo**Seconded by:** B. Agnew**WHEREAS** safety of our students and staff are of the utmost importance to the HCDSB,**WHEREAS** the Federal/ Provincial Government has provided additional funding to the HCDSB for the Back to School plan;**WHEREAS** funding will be streamed to the board for the Start of School Year from the Provincial government in the amount of \$3,483,375.00 to be utilized for one time staffing and school opening costs;**WHEREAS** there will be a second amount of money to come down from the Provincial government to the board in amounts yet to be defined;**BE IT RESOLVED** that the HCDSB organize class sizes in elementary with an average of 22.18 but no more than 25 students per class.**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board direct staff to access Operating Reserve Funds to implement the above class sizes,**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any further funds allocated to the Board in term two will be used to offset any costs that were drawn from the Operating Reserve Funds.The Chair called for a vote on **#227/20 (AMENDMENT)**:

IN FAVOUR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
B. Agnew	P. DeRosa		
M. Duarte	H. Karabela		
N. Gubert (non-binding)			
N. Guzzo			
K. Kelly (non-binding)			
P. Murphy			
T. O'Brien			
J. O'Hearn-Czarnota			
J. Roshdy (non-binding)			

The motion **CARRIED**.

**10.3 Variance between Board Approved 2020-21 Budget and Ministry of Education Budget Submission (A. Lofts)**

Trustees updated on the 2020-21 Budget Estimates online Education Finance Information System (EFIS) forms submission.

**10.4 Notice of Motion - Masking at HCDSB**

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that only students in grades 4-12 be required to wear non-medical masks/ face coverings (with the exception of students with exemptions) to align our Board with the directives received from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education in conjunction with Halton Regional Health, and leaving the final decision to the parents/guardians of JK-grade 3 students whether to send them to school with or without a mask.

This will be an action item at the September 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

**11. Miscellaneous Information****11.1 Minutes of the May 11, 2020 SEAC Meeting**

Minutes of the May 11, 2020 SEAC meeting provided as information

**11.2 Minutes of the May 25, 2020 SEAC Meeting**

Minutes of the May 25, 2020 SEAC meeting provided as information.

**12. Correspondence**

**12.1 A. Cavalcanti**

**12.2 J. Pustai**

**12.3 C. Zaffuto**

**12.4 K. Dickinson**

**12.5 N. Deveau**

**12.6 A. Knorr**

**12.7 M. Fabiano**

**12.8 M. Cookson**

**12.9 S. McMillan**

**12.10 M. Ramsey**

**12.11 S. Gowan**

**12.12 C. Jones**

**12.13 Y. Spellman**

**12.14 J. Santos**

**12.15 J. Bobanovic**

**12.16 L. Messom**

**12.17 D. Otterman**

**12.18 J. Zasiewski**

**12.19 C. DeJong**

**12.20 S. Thompstone**

**12.21 C. Settimi**

**12.22 H. Albertson**

**12.23 D. Zasiweski**

**12.24 D. Kuypers**

Correspondence was provided as information.



**13. Open Question Period****Question 1**

In the return to school plan, it was clear that lockers were not to be used. In schools that have enough lockers to accommodate 1 per child, why not allow them to be used? Some classrooms are already spatially challenged, and to add the clutter of coats, backpacks and shoes doesn't seem reasonable if the school has the resources to have 1 locker per child. COVID-19 can live on soft surfaces such as clothing for a period of hours to days and to have those items brought into the classroom, to me doesn't make sense.

*It was decided at both elementary and secondary that lockers would be locked to encourage students to bring what only is needed to school. This will also help avoid congregation in the hallways.*

**Question 2**

I have completed the intent to return form and I have opted at this time to send my kids to school. I have to admit I have a lot of anxiety with this decision but at the same time am uncertain about distance learning at home as well. That being said, if I decide once the children start school that it is not the right decision am I able to change to home learning? Will there be "withdrawal" Opportunities as there are entry points for those who choose home learning ie. at Thanksgiving, Christmas etc. ?

*Thanksgiving and Christmas have been designated to opt back into face to face learning.*

**Question 3**

Can the Board of Trustees do everything in its power, including dipping into the operational reserve funds if necessary, to guarantee that those HCDSB conventional class lists and the corresponding funding that existed pre August 26<sup>th</sup> for those classes will remain intact for the school year regardless of the results of the Return to School Survey and regardless of what class sizes will actually be by the end of September. Put another way, even if class sizes go down as a result of parents opting for their child to learn on-line, will the Board of Trustees use every resource in its power to ensure funding for existing school classes and to ensure no classes are collapsed, in particular if the funding is cut off from the Ministry?

*The Ministry has assured us that they will continue to fund students whether it be face to face or online. Trustees passed a motion to use resources that are at their disposal to lessen or reduce class sizes.*

**Question 4**

Will there be school councils for virtual schools? Will parents whose children are studying remotely remain eligible to participate in their home school's school council?

*We would want to keep the connection with parents and students with their home school. Have not talked about council for virtual schools. Depending on numbers a principal may be designated.*

## Question 5

What will the uniform policy be for students... What will the uniform policy be for students studying remotely (personally, I would recommend continuing to require uniforms or at least uniform tops although other parents will differ)?

*Students will not be expected to wear uniform but expected to dress appropriately.*

## Question 6

When will students know who their teacher and principal will be? When will students be given login information, timetable information, etc?

*Virtual classes are currently being created. Do not currently have definitive date on log in information. Goal is to have virtual classes up and running by September 14<sup>th</sup>.*

## Question 7

What options will be provided to allow continued connection with their home school? What measures will be taken to foster community between students studying remotely?

*A well-being and maintaining community committee was struck. Considerations were incorporated in the Return to School Plan.*

## Question 8

Where are kids placing their mask when they go to the bathroom, have a drink of water, eat their food, are at recess etc. etc.? The risk for transmitting bacteria by taking the mask on and off is far greater than not having it on at all. Are we going to place more effort and time on masking than actual teaching and instruction?

*Students will wear masks when go to washroom and remove when eat and drink and recess. Teachers will work with students on good hand hygiene to support taking mask off and on etc.*

## Question 9

When a kid must sneeze, what are they to do? Sneeze in the mask and soil it, and then have to wear it for the full day? Nothing about that sounds healthy or sanitary for a child.

*Student sneezes and its dry they can continue to wear mask. If sneeze and its wet, practice hand hygiene first, take mask off and replace with another mask. Respiratory etiquette that will be reviewed with all students.*

## Question 10

A huge part of entering school in JK is making new friends. How can these youngest students even know what people look like, or understand facial expressions as they create new relationships?

*Expectation is students wear masks. There will be opportunities to be outside and have masks off. There will be mask breaks in class which will help create those new relationships.*

## Question 11

Where exception cases arise and certain children are exempt from masking, how are you going to address the other kids questions around “why do I have to wear one and they don’t” and all the unintended segregation and bullying that can arise from that?

*Teachers and hopefully parents will do some of that groundwork. Letting their children know that not everyone will be able to wear a mask and do some prep work at home. Message from teachers is to always important to emphasize care, kindness, and acceptance for all students.*

## Question 12

How do we expect children aged 3-8 to wear masks for close to 6 hours a day when medical professionals in many cases have expressed challenges in doing so? (And don’t say “We will give them mask breaks”)

*There will be opportunities during the day for students to demask.*

## Question 13

Are children with a peanut allergy or any allergy with an Epi Pen exempt from masking up until Grade 4? If not, how will you be able to identify if a child is having a reaction with only their hands, eyes and forehead exposed? Especially in the younger grades where a child may not be able to understand or fully identify the symptoms of a reaction? Is this Board willing to take responsibility for being late to recognize and respond to an allergic reaction and the potential need to administer an EpiPen?

*Parents can work with principal through plan of care and request exemption based on the needs of the child.*

## Question 14

Have you done even a minute of research on the origins of things like Peanut allergies? Likely not, so I would implore you to watch the CBC documentary “The Allergy Fix”. These decisions will have long term unintended consequences on immunity health of our children for years to come. In the next 5-10 years we won’t be talking about mandatory masks as the majority of children will need EpiPens. Has anyone considered for a moment the need to build a child’s natural immune system?

*In regards to masking, we have no done research in terms of peanut allergies.*

## Question 15

Should a classroom actually be large enough to accommodate physical distancing given the number of students in the class, will the children be allowed to demask while at their desk (All Grades)?

*There will be opportunities during the day for students to demask.*

## Question 16

What is the policy / criteria for including correspondence in the board report? In particular, please address:

- Why correspondence from some organizations is included but not others;
- Why correspondence from the Ministry of Education to the Director and/or Trustees is not included;
- Why some correspondence to individual trustees is included, but not all such correspondence, and not even all correspondence that is addressed to all trustees; and
- Why the board allows bias by sharing some correspondence, but not others.

*If correspondence is received in a timely fashion we try to include in the Board agenda. Exception made in this case because of the level of correspondence and requests to have read into the record.*

*Ministry letters are not typically part of Board package. Information is shared with parents and also shared on social media.*

*There is no bias and try to include correspondence received in a timely fashion.*

## Question 17

How will secondary students develop exam writing skills which are crucial for post-secondary pathways if they won't be writing exams this year? What if the adapted/hybrid model and/or remote learning continues past this current school year?

*Students may not be writing a traditional 2 hour exam but will have opportunities for test taking. Exams not required for final evaluation.*

## Question 18

Why haven't the school level "return to school committees" been established yet? What is their purpose if they are not established until after the return to school is complete, and the school year is well underway?

*Return to school committees have not started up as councils have not been established. Committee to return throughout the fall as circumstances change.*

**14. In Camera**

There was no follow-up In-Camera session.

**15. Resolution re Absentees**

There were no absentees.

**16. Adjournment and Closing Prayer (B. Agnew)**

**#230/20**

**Moved by:** P. DeRosa

**Seconded by:** M. Duarte

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting adjourn.

The Chair called for a vote on **#230/20** and it **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 a.m. with a prayer led by Trustee Agnew.

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair