

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Private Session: 7:00 p.m. – 7:05 p.m. | Public Session: 7:05 p.m. – 8:13 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam (Vice Chair), Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Helga Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Susan Jovanovic, Elizabeth Klassen, Deanne MacIntosh, Shannon Mitchell

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Tiya Patel, Julianna Marcel, Kya Steinbach-Parker

OFFICIALS

Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, Simon Hancox, Ann Gilmore, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Darren Vanhooydonk, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Maryam Safdar Ali, Kim Sweeney, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jennifer McGugan

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Nate Burns, Wendy Coit

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Chair Barnett opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTING OF MEMBERS ABSENT

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

"That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole."
CARRIED

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the Board return to Open meeting."
CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:05 p.m.

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

The Board stood as '*O Canada*' was performed by the Central French Immersion Public School Choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Jonathan Fast shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Lora Campbell
"That the Agenda be adopted."
CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 8, 2022, be confirmed as submitted."
CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.”

CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director’s Report and Recognition

a) Director’s Recognition

There were no Director’s Recognitions.

b) Director’s Report

There was no Director’s report.

2. Educational Showcases

a) **Secondary Student Voice in DSBN Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism work**

Superintendent Pisek introduced the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism team, Pratima Burton, Student Achievement Leader and Zakia Hamdani, Consultant, who introduced the student presenters that spoke about the importance of student voice on the Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism Community Advisory Committee and the value of the DSBN Student Alliance and their work in creating a sense of belonging within their school communities.

b) **Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Information & Communications Technology (ICT) at Welland Centennial Secondary School (WCSS)**

Superintendent Smith introduced a video highlighting the exciting and professional support for video, film, art, and audio technology available to students in the SHSM ICT program, with a focus on film production, at WCSS. Roy Smith, CSS Consultant, introduced students from both the broadcasting and film programs who shared their experiences about the technical training they received through the school and the community.

c) **Learning Renewal In Action**

Superintendent Reimer Friesen and Superintendent Gilmore introduced the teams from Princess Elizabeth Public School and A.N. Myer Secondary School, as well as Principals Jamie Sinnett and Kim Carruthers. Both school teams shared details and videos about the work of the Learning Renewal

Support Staff in developing student literacy and numeracy skills. They also shared a variety of school strategies such as elementary Learning Resource Teacher interventions, secondary Student Success Team support, the Homework Help program, and the partnership with Brock University for elementary tutoring.

d) Intensive Support Training Team

Superintendent St. John introduced Nikki Train, Student Achievement Leader, Special Education and staff from the Intensive Support Training team who shared information on the newly implemented strategy for promoting positive school culture through building student skills, equipping staff, providing training, assessments, individual student support, and access to therapeutic interventions for students with complex needs, as well their school community and staff.

In response to a question, Superintendent St. John noted that input from Superintendents, and the Mental Health & Well-Being and Special Education teams, inform the school selections for Intensive Support Training Team support.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

Moved by Lora Campbell

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated November 9, 2022, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell shared that the committee reviewed and approved fourteen SAL applications. The progress of ten current SAL plans was also reviewed with nine students active and compliant with their SAL plans and one student not in contact with their school with follow-up required.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions.

L. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

2. TRUSTEE INFORMATION SESSION

There was no trustee information session.

In response to a question, Director Hoshizaki welcomed any request for topics for trustee information sessions and stated that the existing list of topics will be provided to trustees.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

There was no correspondence or communication.

4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

Trustee Baggott received an excellent report from a parent of a student at Woodland Public School on their Remembrance Day celebration.

Trustee Barnett shared that the Glendale Public School principal received many decorations and notes from students expressing their appreciation for the school and their principal.

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Trustee Baggott shared that she will share an information link for trustees to review prior to the Public Education Symposium in January 2023.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of December 2022 meetings was provided.
The December Days of Significance calendar was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Helga Campbell

Seconded by Kate Baggott

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on November 15, 2022, be now ratified by the Board.”

“That the Chair and proper officials of the District School Board of Niagara are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the business as decided by the Board of Trustees this day.”

CARRIED

O. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

SUE BARNETT
Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI
Director of Education and Secretary