

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Education Centre

St. Catharines

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. [Private Session]

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. [Public Session]

A G E N D A

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory
2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Motion to Move to Committee of the Whole (Private Session)
2. Motion to Return to Open Board (Public Meeting)

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

Harriet Tubman Public School choir will perform 'O Canada' via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Diane Chase

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 5, 2017 be confirmed as submitted.” Pages 6-10

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 5, 2017 be confirmed as submitted.” Pages 11-17

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole

Recommended Motion:

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

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director’s Report and Recognition

W Hoshizaki
Pages 18-21

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

a) Director’s Recognition

i. Gera Harvie, Educational Assistant, Greendale Public School

ii. Paul Kieffer, Head Caretaker, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School

b) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

a) Peace Bridge Public School – musical talent

J Dickson

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

S Veld
Page 22

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 2020 to 2053, for the months of November and December, 2017 totalling \$45,432,422.42 be received.”

2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

H Campbell/L Campbell
Pages 23-24

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated December 6, 2017 be received.”

3. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

E Hilborn / A Qayum
Pages 25-27

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated December 6, 2017 be received.”

4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

D Robinson / J Ajandi

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated December 14, 2017 be received.”
Pages 28-34

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated January 11, 2018 be received.”
Pages 35-45

5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

K Maves
Pages 46-58

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated January 15, 2018 be received.”
And

“That CS & P Architects Inc. be appointed Architects to the New West Niagara Secondary School project.”
And

“That the International Education 2016-17 Financial Report be received.”
And

“That \$263,000 be allocated to support the Board’s strategic initiatives as directed by the Finance Committee.”

And

“That the 2017-18 Interim Financial Report, reflecting updated enrolments for October 31, 2017, and the resulting changes in revenues and expenditures, be received.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Session

No information session scheduled

3. Correspondence and Communications

- a) Correspondence from Niagara Catholic District School Board

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4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

D Chase

6. Future Meetings

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The February 2018 calendar is attached.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

"That this meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned."

**January 23, 2018 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Gera Harvie, Greendale Public School

Gera Harvie has been an Educational Assistant at Greendale Public School for seven years. She works with a wide variety of students with varying needs within the school.

Gera arrives to work every morning with a smile on her face and with words of positivity for those around her. Whether Gera is working with students or staff, she is a team player who always strives to do what is best for students. She is flexible and adaptable. When situations occur in the school and she has to alter her daily schedule, she does so with a smile and jumps right in to get the job done.

Every student knows Mrs. Harvie at Greendale and she knows them. Whether she is in the hallway greeting students or on yard supervision, she talks to students all day long asking them about their day, their family or their weekend plans. She makes them feel important and a part of the Greendale Gator family. She makes sure they know that they matter at Greendale.

When a new student started at Greendale mid-year, as you can imagine, the student was very anxious about her new school, classroom and teachers. Right away Gera stepped in to help make the student feel welcome. They mutually set up a time to have a daily break together to talk about the day, to do a fun activity or just to take a walk. Within no time, the student was arriving at school with a smile on her face and a hug for Mrs. Harvie.

When Gera is working with students, she always does it with positivity, a sense of humour and innovation. She is creative in the activities she does with students so that they are engaged in what they are doing. They always return to their classroom with a huge smile on their face regulated and ready to learn!

Gera also helps within the school community. She helps in the Breakfast Club and offers her assistance with activities that are being offered throughout the school. She is always there to lend a helping hand.

Gera is a staff member at Greendale who is loved by all: students, parents, staff and the community!

She makes all students (and staff) feel like they matter. She proudly embodies DSBN's I Matter philosophy and is most deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions. Congratulations!

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Paul Kieffer, Head Caretaker, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School

It is my pleasure to introduce Paul Kieffer, Head Caretaker at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School. Paul has worked for the DSBN for 35 years, and hopefully many more to come!

Paul is a valued member of the Administration Team at GFESS. His forward thinking with all things related to the building, student needs, flow of traffic, and safety have been, and continue to be, a key reason why the start-up of our board's first new high school in over 40 years has been as successful as it has been.

Knowing the importance of getting things right, Paul quickly established and maintained a good working relationship with the construction crew during the build of GFESS. He worked with tradespeople and school staff offering help and expertise to ensure areas were completed on time and ready for the first day of school. Paul often went in early and stayed late on his own accord to personally see tasks completed.

Paul is an extremely dedicated and loyal employee who works hard every day to ensure that Greater Fort Erie SS is clean and safe. He is known for his extraordinary work ethic and often goes above and beyond the call of duty. He is always willing to lend a hand whenever it is needed, without hesitation. I have been told it would be a rare occasion for Paul to miss work or take time off at all.

Paul is a well-known respected individual in the school and greater community. He believes that everyone matters and makes sure they are set up for success in their daily responsibilities. Paul is truly deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions. Congratulations!

Local

Project Share

The School Council at Westlane Secondary School organized a Project Share event in December that was a huge success.

With the help of the Special Needs class, 300 Project Share bags were delivered to the neighbours closest to Westlane School. A few days later, members of school council picked up the bags full of food and toys!



BT Gives Back Campaign

Harriet Tubman P.S. teacher, Deb McLean, was recognized on Breakfast Television as a part of their "BT Gives Back" Campaign.

Principal Ronna Lockyer submitted this nomination:

For over 10 years, and in her spare time, Deb has organized a Christmas Hamper program to support needy families in our school community. This year, our staff nominated over 100 students in need - the most ever. Undaunted, Deb once again found 'elves' to sponsor each of these students. She also seeks out community donations and support to supplement donation baskets. The 'elves' bring all donations to Deb, who organizes and prepares hampers of gifts, warm items and food for the holidays. On Monday December 18, Deb was found at our local high school, St. Catharines Collegiate, in a room full of Christmas gifts, distributing hampers to over 100 students and families in our community. She is supported by many teachers in the school, who both help Deb, and/or sponsor families.

Deb and Ronna, along with other Ontario nominees, were part of the live Breakfast Television event and were awarded thousands of dollars in prizes. Outstanding!

Exciting News for James Morden Public School

Some exciting news for students and staff at James Morden!

- 1) James Morden PS was selected to receive \$10,000 in e-gift cards to purchase new reading material for their Learning Commons from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation.
- 2) The school applied for and will receive a Niagara Falls Schools in Bloom grant in the spring. They will receive about \$4,500 in goods from community partners to improve their Kindergarten play area. This program gives schools across the city the opportunity to participate in rewarding activities to landscape and beautify their schoolyard areas, while continuing to learn about horticulture and the environment.

Canada 150 Project

Lockview Public School teacher, Linda Chown, learned about the Canada 150 Project at the St. Catharines Museum and decided to enlist her grade two class in creating a tribute to Harriet Tubman. Together they created a "collaborative story quilt."

With their submission, they attached a letter saying:

This collaborative story quilt is a celebration of Harriet Tubman's extraordinary accomplishments and character.

Harriet has taught us many things including:

- Never judge people by the colour of their skin
- Stand up for what you believe in
- Never give up



Most importantly, even little grade 2's are capable of doing extraordinary things with the right amount of grit and determination. Her leadership and example make her an important member of our community. We strongly believe that Harriet Tubman's legacy must endure.

Happy New Year! Bonne Année 2018!



Crossroad PS - Les Lunettes de Bonne Année 2018!

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Background and Rationale:

The Summary of Accounts is regularly presented to the Trustees in order to disclose the Board expenditures paid during the previous month. The Summary highlights the costs associated with employee benefits, transportation, utilities, and the total of all other non-salary expenditures.

Summary of Accounts:

A summary of accounts paid in Batch Numbers 2020 to 2053, for the months of November and December, 2017, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 17,729,151.21
Transportation	3,641,174.62
Utilities	1,507,380.43
Other	<u>22,554,716.16</u>
Total	<u>\$ 45,432,422.42</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 2020 to 2053, for the months of November and December, 2017, totaling \$45,432,422.42, be received.”

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

January 23, 2017

For further information, please contact Stacy Veld or the Director of Education.



Wednesday, December 20th, 2017

Dale Robinson
Chair of the Board
District School Board of Niagara
191 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7P4

Dear Chair Robinson:

Further to your emailed letter dated November 29, 2017 and my email response the same day, your letter to the Niagara Catholic District School Board was placed on the December 19th, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda as Correspondence.

At the December 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board approved the following motion:

“THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board will engage in initial staff level discussions in the new year on a proposed joint-use school in Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara; will notify the community of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School of the proposal, and that an initial staff report will be brought to a future Board Meeting for the information and consideration of the Board.”

Once the Board receives an initial staff report and recommendation for its consideration, the decision on a joint-use school between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and the District School Board of Niagara in the Township of Wainfleet will be communicated to the District School Board of Niagara.

Sincerely,

Rev. Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chair of the Board

cc. Board of Trustees, Niagara Catholic District School Board
John Crocco, Director of Education, Niagara Catholic District School Board
Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education, District School Board of Niagara

