

191 Carlton Street St. Catharines, ON L2R 7P4

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 Education Centre St. Catharines

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. [Private Session] 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. [Public Session]

<u>A G E N D A</u>

A. <u>COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD</u>

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

B. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u>

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

C. <u>SINGING OF 'O CANADA'</u>

Quaker Road Public School will perform 'O Canada' via video

D. <u>REFLECTIVE READING</u>

By Trustee Linda Crouch

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

"That the Agenda be adopted."

2. <u>Approval of Board Minutes</u>

Recommended Motion:

"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated February 27, 2018 be confirmed as submitted."

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Appointment of Ad Hoc Governance Committee

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

W Hoshizaki Pages 19-21

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

- a) Director's Recognition
 - i. Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society, Community Partner
 - ii. Joshua Gautier, Student, AN Myer Secondary School
- b) Director's Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

a) Gordon Public School – STEAM

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Pages 7-18

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 2068 to 2084, for the month of February, 2018 totalling \$21,632,639.30 be received."

2. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

L Campbell Pages 23-24

Recommended Motion:

"That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated March 7, 2018 be received."

3. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

D Robinson / J Ajandi Pages 25-30

Recommended Motion:

"That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 8, 2018 be received."

4. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

D Schaubel Pages 31-124

Recommended Motions:

"That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated March 22, 2018 be received."

And

"That, effective March 28, 2018, the elementary boundary change to transfer Zone A from Harriet Tubman PS to Connaught PS, as shown on Appendix C of the Report, be approved and apply to all future students in Zone A, including students pre-registered at Harriet Tubman PS for the 2018-19 school year. Existing Harriet Tubman PS JK to grade 7 students in Zone A, as described in this report, are grandfathered from the boundary changes and have the option to attend either school; and,

That the school boundaries be updated accordingly."

And

"That the Board adopt a Naloxone Administrative Procedure and place naloxone kits in all secondary schools, some alternative education sites and any other site deemed necessary."

And

"That the report of the Educational Research Committee of February 2015, 2018 be received."

And

"That the following grade changes for North Niagara Falls Elementary Schools be approved, effective June 30, 2018 for implementation for the 2018-19 school year:

- Martha Cullimore PS grade structure be expanded to include grades 7 and 8 to create a regular track K-8 school;
- Martha Cullimore PS students will remain at Martha Cullimore PS to complete their K to 8 elementary education;
- Victoria PS students be redirected from Prince Philip PS to Martha Cullimore PS for grades 7 and 8;
- Prince Philip PS regular track grades 7 and 8 be eliminated and students redirected to Martha Cullimore PS;
- John Marshall PS French Immersion grades 1 to 3 be relocated to Prince Philip PS to create a single track, grades 1 to 8 French Immersion program; and

That the school boundaries be updated accordingly."

And

"That the Board receive the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review Initial Staff Report; and,

That the Board initiate the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review for William E. Brown PS and Winger PS; and,

That an Accommodation Review Committee be created to consider the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review; and,

That the composition of the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review Committee be approved as outlined in this report and in accordance with Policy F-2; and,

That Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott be appointed as the Trustee representative from another jurisdiction; and,

That staff be directed to provide notice of initiation as set out in Policy F-2; and,

That staff be directed to make an application to the Ministry of Education for Joint-Use Seed Funding Program with the Niagara Catholic District School Board."

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

a) Determination and Distribution of Board Trustees 2018 Report S Veld

Pages 125-128

Recommended Motion:

"That the Report on the 2018 Determination and Distribution of District School Board of Niagara Trustees be received."

And

"That the District School Board of Niagara not designate any municipality within the Board's area of jurisdiction as a low population municipality."

And

"That the distribution of District School Board of Niagara Trustees for the October 2018 elections be confirmed, as follows:

Fort Erie / Port Colborne	1
Grimsby / Lincoln	1
Niagara Falls	2
Pelham / Thorold	1
St. Catharines / Niagara-on-the-Lake	4
Welland	1
West Lincoln / Wainfleet	1."

2. Trustee Information Session

No information session scheduled.

3. Correspondence and Communications

	Correspondence from Niagara Catholic District School Board Correspondence from Halton District School Board	Page 129 Page 130
4.	Trustee Communications and School Liaison	
5.	Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report	D Chase
6.	<u>Future Meetings</u> The April 2018 calendar is attached.	Page 131

N. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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



March 27, 2018 Board Meeting Director's Update to Trustees

<u>Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society,</u> <u>Community Partner</u>

The Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society consists of Brock University students who embody leadership, citizenship, and academic excellence. Through volunteer-based fundraisers, awareness campaigns, and outreach initiatives, this passionate and exceptional group are dedicated to improving communities both locally and abroad.

This evening, we are honoured to recognize five members of the Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society: MacKenzie Ceci, Meagan Gloor, Zachery Harrietha, Aynsley Maves and Lauren Saly.

In partnership with the Education Foundation of Niagara, these five students have gone above and beyond with their time and dedication in planning, organizing, and executing a successful fundraiser known as the Denim, Diamonds, and Diplomas event. This year's Denim, Diamonds and Diploma event raised \$23,783 bringing the three-year total to \$66,283.

Funds from this annual event provide bursaries to graduates of DSBN Academy who will be the first in their family to attend college or university in the pursuit of a degree. As you may know, DSBN Academy held its first graduation in June 2017. Thanks to the Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society and their fundraising efforts, twenty students received a \$250 bursary to assist them with the many out of pocket costs of attending a college or university program. At this year's graduation, 40 students will receive this bursary totaling \$10,000.

These ambitious and innovative Brock students have established a named endowment fund which will be pooled with other named funds to support future bursaries.

On behalf of DSBN and DSBN Academy students and families, thank you MacKenzie, Meagan, Zachery, Aynsley and Lauren for your leadership and dedication to improving the lives of our students.

It is my pleasure to present The Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society with the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions award. Congratulations!

<u>Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Joshua Gautier, Student, A.N. Myer</u> <u>Secondary School</u>

Joshua Gautier is a grade 10 student at A.N. Myer Secondary School. Despite being challenged with muscular dystrophy, Joshua maintains an engaging enthusiasm, growth mindset and sense of humour that make him a stand out in Myer's halls. In the year and a half that he has been at the school, Joshua's spirit and perseverance in the face of adversity have made him an invaluable part of the school's culture and a model of resiliency for students and staff alike.

Joshua is determined to excel in his studies and lets no obstacle divert him from this goal. He has maintained an average of 92% in all of his classes to date despite medical related absences. His teachers consistently report that Joshua is an enthusiastic participant, diligent scholar and leader in all classroom activities.

In addition to his academic excellence, Joshua is an accomplished boccia player. He is currently ranked fourth in the nation by Boccia Canada and regularly competes with - and defeats - Olympians. Joshua is not content to compete as an individual. At the end of his grade 9 year, he approached Principal Johanna Provost with the desire to start a boccia club so that others in the Myer family could experience the fun, competitiveness and social benefits of the sport he loves. Principal Provost supported Joshua in this endeavour and the A.N. Myer Boccia Club, comprised of students and staff, now meets, competes and has fun on a weekly basis.

Joshua's joy, optimism and love for life are contagious. As he moves through his day, he leaves everyone he meets with a renewed appreciation for their blessings and an invigorated approach to life. Joshua is truly deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions. Congratulations!

DSBN Welcomes Passage of Rowan's Law

The District School Board of Niagara welcomes the passage of Rowan's Law as an important step forward in student safety.

On March 6, the Ontario Legislature passed the concussion safety legislation, which was developed to protect students and other amateur athletes in the province. The legislation is named Rowan's Law in memory of Ottawa student Rowan Stringer who passed away after receiving multiple concussions playing high school rugby.

The law standardizes important practices related to the prevention and management of concussions and provides schools with more tools to support students. The law also mandates increased concussion education for students, teachers, and coaches. With additional education, students will be more aware of their safety when playing, and more likely to report an injury when it occurs.

The intent with Rowan's Law is to ensure that what happened to Rowan Stringer never happens to another young person in Ontario.

Drama Festival

This year's National Theatre School Drama Festival (formerly Sears Drama Festival) welcomed 140 drama students from six DSBN secondary schools. Seven productions were showcased over four nights and this year was particularly special, in that the awards banquet was hosted by Greater Fort Erie Secondary School. The students were thrilled to be in such a beautiful school and to be celebrating the culmination of four days of problem solving, learning and sharing through drama. This year, three of the productions entered into the Drama Festival were entirely student-led.



Congratulations to the productions from Governor Simcoe Secondary School and from Grimsby Secondary School for being selected to represent the District School Board of Niagara at the NTS Regional Drama Festival in Hamilton this April.

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards ceremony was held last week at Club Italia.

117 Niagara residents were honoured at the event. The awards recognize people who have put in from five to 65 years of continuous service with an organization. Many DSBN volunteers have been recognized over the years.

This year, Judy Ingram at Harriet Tubman PS was recognized for her 15 years of volunteer service in both Alexandra and Harriet Tubman's breakfast programs!

Thank you to Judy, and to all those who volunteer in our schools, for your dedication and support of student success.



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 2068 to 2084, for the month of February 2018, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 12,178,274.12
Transportation	1,803,858.09
Utilities	983,224.31
Other	6,667,282.78
Total	<u>\$ 21,632,639.30</u>

Recommended Motion:

"That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 2068 to 2084, for the month of February 2018, totaling \$21,632,639.30 be received."

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of March 27, 2018

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

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

DETERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BOARD TRUSTEES – 2018

Background:

The election to and representation on a District School Board as a Trustee, including the method for determining and distributing the number of school board Trustees, is governed by the Education Act and Ontario Regulation 412/00 *"Elections to and Representation on District School Boards"*. The process utilizes the number of English Language Public District School Board electors, as provided in mid-February of the election year by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), as well as a number of other factors. A School Board may ask the Minister to increase or to reduce the number of Trustees elected for its Board based on such things as a demographic change or a change in the size of the geographical area of jurisdiction.

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 412/00, the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) must pass resolutions for the Determination and Distribution of Trustees by March 31, 2018, in preparation for the October 22, 2018, municipal and school board elections. By April 3, 2018, the Determination & Distribution (D&D) Report must also be submitted to the Ministry of Education, the Election Clerks of all municipalities within the DSBN jurisdiction, and the Secretary of each school board that is wholly or partially within the DSBN's jurisdiction.

The key results associated with the determination and distribution process are noted on Schedule 1 "*Report on the 2018 Determination and Distribution of District School Board of Niagara Trustees*". Additional details on the number of English Language Public District School Board electors and the resultant electoral quotients, as well as a comparison with the data used in the 2014 determination and distribution of Board Trustees, are provided on Schedule 2.

It should be noted that the resulting electoral quotients have not changed materially since 2014. Also of note is the fact that 6 of our 12 municipalities (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Port Colborne, Pelham, Thorold, Wainfleet and West Lincoln) all continue to comprise 5% or less of the total English Language Public District School Board electors for Niagara. These areas have been combined either with other neighbouring municipalities or with each other to produce the distribution of Trustees. This allocation has remained unchanged for each election since the 1998 amalgamation of school boards.

Appended Data

Schedule 1:	Report on the 2018 Determination and Distribution of District School Board of Niagara Trustees
Schedule 2:	Trustee Distribution 2018

Recommendations:

"That the Report on the 2018 Determination and Distribution of District School Board of Niagara Trustees be received."

And

"That the District School Board of Niagara not designate any municipality within the Board's area of jurisdiction as a low population municipality."

And

"That the distribution of District School Board of Niagara Trustees for the October 2018 elections be confirmed, as follows:

Fort Erie / Port Colborne	1
Grimsby / Lincoln	1
Niagara Falls	2
Pelham / Thorold	1
St. Catharines / Niagara-on-the-Lake	4
Welland	1
West Lincoln / Wainfleet	1."

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Veld Superintendent of Business Services

March 27, 2018

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



REPORT ON THE 2018 DETERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA TRUSTEES

1. English Language Public District School Board Electors:

Ontario Regulation 412/00 determines the allocation of Trustees based on the total population of the electoral group. As of February 13, 2018, the electoral group for the DSBN is 288,250. For electoral groups of 250,000 to 399,999, Part III, Table 2, of the Regulation allocates 11 Trustees. The electoral quotients for each municipality are calculated below.

	Electoral Group	Electoral Quotient
St. Catharines	84,730	3.23
Niagara Falls	52,616	2.01
Welland	30,160	1.16
Fort Erie	21,810	0.83
Grimsby	18,235	0.70
Lincoln	16,560	0.63
Niagara-on-the-Lake	13,111	0.50
Port Colborne	12,382	0.47
Pelham	12,128	0.46
Thorold	10,950	0.42
West Lincoln	10,847	0.41
Wainfleet	4,721	0.18
TOTAL	288,250	11.00

2. Calculation of the Number of Board Members:

If a Board's Density calculation results are less than 4.00, up to 7 additional Trustees may be allocated (per Part III, Tables 1 and 3 of the Regulation). DSBN Board Density is 153.

- i) Number of Members based on electoral group population (Table 2) = 11 Board Members
- ii) Number of Additional Members based on board density

Number of additional members based on Board Density (Table 3) = 0

iii) District School Board of Niagara is a High Density Board.

Therefore, total number of Board Members is 11

3. Designation of Low Population Areas:

No municipality within the Board's area of jurisdiction is designated as a low population municipality.

4. Distribution of Trustees:

Based on the electoral quotients, the 11 Trustees are distributed as follows:

Trustee Allocation	Electoral Quotient
	3.73
4	3.75
2	2.01
1	1.30
1	1.33
1	0.88
1	0.59
1	1.16
11	11.00
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MUNICIPALITY	2014 Elector Popula	•	2018 Electo Popul	Electoral Change		
	#	# % of Total		% of Total	#	
St. Catharines	89,501	31.02%	84,730	29.39%	(4,771)	
Niagara Falls	49,760	17.25%	52,616	18.25%	2,856	
Welland	29,224	10.13%	30,160	10.46%	936	
Fort Erie	21,603	7.49%	21,810	7.57%	207	
Grimsby	17,785	6.16%	18,235	6.33%	450	
Lincoln	17,473	6.06%	16,560	5.75%	(913)	
Niagara-on-the- Lake	12,211	4.23%	13,111	4.55%	900	
Port Colborne	12,730	4.41%	12,382	4.30%	(348)	
Pelham	12,268	4.25%	12,128	4.21%	(140)	
Thorold	10,800	3.74%	10,950	3.80%	150	
West Lincoln	10,150	3.52%	10,847	3.76%	697	
Wainfleet	5,013	1.74%	4,721	1.64%	(292)	
TOTAL NIAGARA	288,518	100%	288,250	100%	(268)	

TRUSTEE DISTRIBUTION 2018

MUNICIPALITY	2014 Elector Popula		Combined	Electoral	# of Trustees	
	#	% of Total	Areas	Quotient		
St. Catharines	89,501	31.02%				
Niagara-on-the-Lake	12,211	4.23%	35.25%	3.87	4	
Niagara Falls	49,760	17.25%	17.25%	1.90	2	
Welland	29,224	10.13%	10.13%	1.11	1	
Fort Erie	21,603	7.49%				
Port Colborne	12,730	4.41%	11.90%	1.31	1	
Grimsby	17,785	6.16%				
Lincoln	17,473	6.06%	12.22%	1.35	1	
Pelham	12,268	4.25%				
Thorold	10,800	3.74%	7.99% 0.		1	
est Lincoln 10,150 3.529						
Wainfleet	5,013 1.74%		5.26%	0.58	1	
TOTAL NIAGARA	288,518	100%	100%	11.00	11	

	2018 Elector	ral Group				
MUNICIPALITY	Popula	tion	Combined	Electoral	# of	
	# % of Total		Areas	Quotient	Trustees	
St. Catharines	84,730	29.39%				
Niagara-on-the-Lake	13,111	4.55%	33.94%	3.73	4	
Niagara Falls	52,616	18.25%	18.25%	2.01	2	
Welland	30,160	10.46%	10.46%	1.16	1	
Fort Erie	21,810	7.57%				
Port Colborne	12,382	4.30%	11.86%	1.30	1	
Grimsby	18,235	6.33%				
Lincoln	16,560	5.75%	12.07%	1.33	1	
Pelham	12,128	4.21%				
Thorold	10,950	3.80%	8.01%	0.88	1	
West Lincoln	10,847 3.76					
Wainfleet	4,721 1.64%		5.40%	0.59	1	
TOTAL NIAGARA	288,250	100%	100%	11.00	11	



March 1, 2018

Warren Hoshizaki Director of Education District School Board of Niagara 191 Carlton Street St. Catharines ON L2R 7P4

Dear Mr. Hoshizaki:

Further to the letter dated December 20th, 2017, from Father Paul MacNeil, Chair of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has since received an initial staff report and recommendation on a proposed joint-use school in Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara.

At the February 27th, 2018 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board approved the following motion:

"THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board make an application to the Ministry of Education Joint-Use Seed Funding Program with the District School Board of Niagara, and if successful, steps will be taken to further develop the joint-use school project and report back to the Board for further approvals as required."

This motion should assist the District School Board of Niagara in its accommodation planning for students who reside in the Township of Wainfleet as requested in the November 29th, 2017 letter from Chair Robinson of the District School Board of Niagara,

Should a similar motion be approved by the Trustees of the District School Board of Niagara, a joint application will be coordinated and prepared with input from each school board.

Sincerely,

John Crocco Director of Education

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March 5, 2018

The Honorable Indira Naidoo-Harris Minister of Education

Bill 191 (The Education Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder), 2017) is currently awaiting second reading in Provincial Parliament. This Bill ensures the provision of support for students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and collaboration with parents and FASD Support Groups.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website describes Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder as "a group of conditions that can occur in a person whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy. These effects can include physical problems and problems with behaviour and learning. Often, a person with an FASD has a mix of these problems."

According to the CDC, the rate of FASD incidence is estimated to be between 2% and 5% of the population. Some of the symptoms a person with an FASD might have include "poor coordination, hyperactive behaviour, difficulty with attention, poor memory, difficulty in school (especially with math), learning disabilities, speech and language delays, intellectual disability, poor reasoning and judgement skills, vision or hearing problems, and problems with the heart, kidneys, or bones".

At the February 21, 2018 Board Meeting, Halton District School Board's Board of Trustees approved the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education in support of Bill 191, The Education Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder), 2017 copying all Ontario MPPs and school boards.

Please accept this letter as support for Bill 191, The Education Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder), 2017.

Bill 191 places additional responsibilities on Boards. We would request that the Ministry provide resources to Boards so that they may enhance expertise in support of students with FASD.

Sincerely,

Andréa Grebenc Chair, Halton District School Board

April 2018

Trustee Calendar

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Apr 1	2 All Day Event Easter Monday	3 6:00 PM Program and Planning Committee	4 5:30 PM Parent Involvement Committee	5	6	7
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