

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Education Centre

St. Catharines

6:15 – 6:45 pm [Organization Meeting]

6:45 - 7:00 pm [Private Session]

7:00 - 10:00 pm [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’

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Kate Baggott

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Pages 5-15

Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 27, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.”

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
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a) Director’s Recognition

- i) Kylee Smith, Student, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School
- ii) Sarah Cook, Teacher, BRIDGE Program

b) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

- a) “I am from...”: A Teacher Led Learning Project on Inclusiveness

H McGregor

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)

J. OLD BUSINESS

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Sessions

3. Correspondence and Communications

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

6. Future Meetings

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The December 2018 and January 2019 calendars are attached.

N. Ratification of Business Conducted in this Regular Meeting

Recommended Motions:

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on December 4, 2018 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."

O. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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



THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

November 27, 2018

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase, Linda Crouch, Jonathan Fast, Kevin Maves (Vice Chair)

Student Trustees: Amal Qayum and Keylee Smith

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Helen McGregor, Marian Reimer Friesen, Kelly Pisek, JoAnna Roberto, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

Regrets: Jennifer Ajandi, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel, Cheryl Keddy Scott

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Wendy Coit

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

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

2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Vice Chair Maves called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Maves welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued**Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Vice Chair Maves noted the absence of Chair Robinson, as well as Trustees Ajandi, Keddy Scott, and Schaubel.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole.”

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Board do now return to open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:50 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Oakridge Public School choir. The Oakridge Public School choir shared an additional song with the Board.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Student Trustee Keylee Smith shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Superintendent St. John requested that the agenda be amended to include a Report from the Educational Research committee under item M.1. Information and Proposals – Staff Report.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated October 23, 2018 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 Linda Crouch
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“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 Update to Trustees

i. Live Your Passion! 2018!

Earlier this month, the 6th annual DSBN Young Women’s Conference took place with an evening full of information, networking and fun. The conference provides DSBN students with the opportunity to network with industry mentors and post-secondary education representatives from many different sectors including construction, hospitality and tourism, manufacturing and green industries.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Live Your Passion! 2018!**

The conference which was titled “Live Your Passion!” was attended and enjoyed by over 250 female students and parents. Thanks to everyone involved for sharing their passion and making it such a successful event.

ii. Beamsville District Secondary School Students in the Spotlight!

Emma McDonald and Keerthana Srikanth, grade 10 students at Beamsville District Secondary School, are currently in the spotlight at Brock University. After volunteering at the Town of Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre and showing a keen interest for history, the museum’s curator, Lisa Marie Mercier presented them with the opportunity to curate their own exhibit. After reviewing a rich abundance of resources from Brock’s Archives and Special Collections they chose the topic; historical theatres in Niagara.

Following four months of preparation and research their display, entitled, “Now Playing: Evolution of Entertainment” includes photographs, maps and programs from the Beam Theatre, the Prudhommes Garden Theatre and the Shaw Festival.

Emma and Keerthana are excited to have their hard work on display and can now be viewed at the Archives and Special Collections display cases on the 10th floor of the James A. Gibson Library until the end of March 2019.

iii. Remembrance Day

Director Hoshizaki shared a video that highlighted Prince of Wales (Thorold) Public School students celebrating kindness on Remembrance Day.

Director Hoshizaki acknowledged the service of the Board of Trustees and thanked them for the important work conducted during their term and for focusing on the best interest of students.

2. Educational Showcases

There were no educational showcases.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There was no student achievement report.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS**1. ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Diane Chase

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of October 2018, totaling \$16,536,087.15 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated November 8, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Dickson provided a summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, which included a student voice presentation and a presentation outlining how special education data gets reported to the Ministry of Education.

In response to questions from Trustees, Superintendent Dickson clarified the how the Ministry of Education provides funding for Special Education.

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated November 15, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Lora Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed and approved 8 cases during the November 15, 2018 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – continued

4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Diane Chase**

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated November 19, 2018 be received.”

“That the Schedule of Accumulated Surplus for the year ended August 31, 2018, be approved.”

“That the Award of Contracts Summary Report for the period ended October 31, 2018, be received.”

“That the Annual Report on Board Investments, as at August 31, 2018, be received.”

“That Policy A-06 Trustee Honorarium be approved as presented and adopted.”

“That Policy A-07 Expense Allowance for Members of Board Standing or Statutory Committees be approved as presented and adopted.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Veld provided an overview of the Finance Committee meeting which included a presentation of the Schedule of Accumulated Surplus, a summary of the report of contracts, a presentation of the Annual Report on Board Investments, and a review of two Board policies

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent Veld clarified why some policies are reviewed by the Finance Committee and others are reviewed by the Policy Committee.

5. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated November 19, 2018 be received.”

“That the 2017-18 Annual Report of the Audit Committee to the Ministry of Education be approved.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Superintendent Veld reported that during the Audit Committee meeting, Regional Internal Audit Team Manager Jenny Baker reported on the RIAT'S work undertaken since September 10, 2018. The committee also reviewed Annual Report of the Audit Committee.

6. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Linda Crouch

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated November 20, 2018 be received.”

“That Policy i-I: Policy - General be approved as received and adopted.”

“That Policy E-01: Smoke Free Learning and Workplace Environments be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy E-03: Health and Safety be approved as received and adopted.”

“That policy E-15: Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention be approved as received and adopted.”

“That Policy G-12: Alcohol, Drug and Substance Use and Abuse be approved as amended and adopted.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Hahn provided a summary of the policies that were reviewed by the committee.

7. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

Moved by Keylee Smith
Seconded by Amal Qayum

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated November 20, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Smith provided a summary of the Student Trustee Senate meeting, which included a presentation from Erica Zombolas and Paul Taylor about the Indigenous education and the supports that DSBN provides Indigenous students.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

Student Trustee Qayum thanked the Board of Trustees for their support and focus on student voice. Student Trustee Qayum thanked Trustee Barnett and Chase for their work with the Student Trustee Senate over the past two years.

8. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

**Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the verbal report of the Parent Involvement Committee be received.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Hahn provided a summary of the DSBN Parent Involvement Conference that was held on November 7, 2018. Over 400 parents registered for the conference that was made possible with the help of over 100 volunteers. Superintendent Hahn thanked Eden High School for hosting the event.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**1. Staff Reports****a) Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review**

**Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Helga Campbell**

“That the Board of Trustees approve the recommended accommodation option contained in the Final Staff Report for the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review, attached as Appendix A; specifically,

That, pending NCDSB Trustee and Ministry of Education approval, a new 550 pupil place joint DSBN – NCDSB elementary school be

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review**

constructed within the Wainfleet Village Hamlet on a site yet to be determined to serve Elementary Planning Area 15; and,

That student transportation eligibility will be determined in accordance with the District School Board of Niagara's Transportation Eligibility and Service Policy J- 01, as amended from time to time; and,

That students from William E. Brown PS and Winger PS attend their respective schools during the construction of the new joint elementary school; and,

That William E. Brown PS and Winger PS be closed for instructional purposes as of June 30, 2021; and,

That the boundary for the new joint elementary school be established, as shown on the map attached as Appendix B, and be effective as of July 1, 2021."

CARRIED

Superintendent McGregor provided a summary of the process taken during the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review.

a) Educational Research Committee Report

Trustees received a handout.

Superintendent St. John provided a summary of two proposals that were reviewed by the Educational Research Committee.

**Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Diane Chase**

"The report of the Educational Research Committee dated November 27, 2018 be received."

CARRIED

2. Trustee Information Session

There was no Trustee information session.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**3. Correspondence and Communication**

Superintendent Veld reported Municipal elections were held at nine DSBN elementary schools on October 22, 2018. When rentals occur at schools that do not have staff on site, caretaking staff is put in place to ensure the safety and security of the building, and the cost is typically charged to the rental permit. Superintendent Veld added that DSBN received a request from the City of St. Catharines on behalf of the municipalities requesting that the fees incurred be withdrawn. In consideration of DSBNs relationship with its community partners, this fee will be waived.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

Trustees who will not be returning for an additional term shared some final words and reflections about their time as a DSBN Trustee.

Vice Chair Maves thanked Trustees for their contributions to public education and for their commitment and passion for education.

Information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at www.dsbn.org and/or on the schools' websites.

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

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at www.opsba.org.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of December 2018 meetings was provided.

Remove – Program & Planning Committee meeting on December 11, 2018

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Diane Chase

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on November 27, 2018 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

Moved by Linda Crouch

Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary

**December 4, 2018 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Kylee Smith, Student, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School

Kylee Smith is a grade 11 academic student at Stamford Collegiate. She is an active member of the school community who maintains a 90 percent average in her university level courses while maintaining two after school jobs as well as her co-prime minister position on student council. She has been part of Stamford's Student Link crew for the past two years and has helped shape the culture of the school.

Kylee has taken a leadership role in applying for grants to support and recognize the Indigenous youth at Stamford. Last year she applied for a Speak Up grant to support the "So They Can Go Home" national campaign that raises awareness about child apprehension impacting Indigenous children in Canada. Through Kylee's efforts, Stamford purchased 50 moccasin kits and has given 100 students the opportunity to learn and participate in this national initiative. She also facilitated the conversation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students about systemic racism that students face.

This year Kylee applied for the Rising Youth grant to raise awareness about many of the social issues facing the Indigenous population. Coinciding with Orange Shirt Day, Kylee formed a committee to help raise awareness about particular issues pertaining to Indigenous people. The first day was devoted to Missing and Murdered Indigenous women. Kylee and her committee made and posted red dresses (symbols of the women that have gone missing or that have been found murdered in Canada) and 'Missing' posters of Indigenous women that disappeared under mysterious circumstances. A second day was devoted to survivors of the Sixties Scoop. Kylee and her committee asked that 20 minutes of silent reading be devoted to the podcast 'Missing and Murdered: Finding Cleo.' The students also devoted part of the literacy initiative to answering an opinion piece on the podcast. Other activities during this time included a fry bread fundraiser for the Mohawk institute, an Orange Shirt drive to recognize Residential School survivors, a lunch time movie showcasing reuniting a Sixties Scoop family, and a talk by Dawn Bell to 100 of Stamford's students about being a Residential School survivor.

Kylee's hard work has changed the conversation at Stamford about Indigenous culture. She is a shining example of a student who is making an extraordinary and positive impact on her school. Congratulations Kylee on receiving the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions!

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Sarah Cook, Teacher, BRIDGE Program

The BRIDGE program is a unique program within the District School Board of Niagara that offers select grade 7 and 8 students an opportunity to re-engage in school as they transition to secondary school. Sarah Cook is currently in her seventh year as the BRIDGE teacher in Welland.

During that time, she has demonstrated an outstanding ability to work with students who need a great amount of support in order to prepare them for grade 9. Sarah has an uncanny ability to connect with each of her students by building on their strengths and interests and offering a challenging and differentiated program which almost always results in a significant improvement in their self-esteem, attendance, and achievement.

When students enter the program, Sarah sees it as her mission to eliminate any challenges they may have had previously. This results in students immediately feeling comfortable in their new environment and allows them to take risks and believe in themselves.

When one particular student entered Sarah's Bridge program in grade 7 a few years ago, a fresh start was definitely needed. Over the next two years in the program, he slowly became a leader in her room and began to achieve academically like never before. When it came time for secondary school, Sarah encouraged the student to select applied courses for grade 9 and before his first year was over, he had finished the year on the Honour Roll. Throughout his years at secondary school, the student regularly connected with Sarah in her classroom - and she was always there to offer advice and encouragement when needed.

The student is now excelling in his first year at Niagara College taking Police Foundations and he attributes many of his successes to Sarah Cook being able to reach him during those two years at the BRIDGE program. This is just one example of how Sarah's impact has helped to change the lives of her students.

There is no question that Sarah is an educator who has truly embraced the values of the DSBN and is a very worthy recipient of this recognition. For your professionalism, your commitment to students' learning and to their well-being, you are very deserving of the Director's Recognition Award for Extraordinary Contributions. Congratulations!

Local Updates

Grimsby Secondary School Student Wins a 'Joey'

Tyler Robinson, a grade 10 student at Grimsby Secondary School received an unexpected honour when he was celebrated as one of Canada's top youth working in the performing arts. Early in November, he received a "Joey" award for his leading role in the locally produced, short film entitled "Jade". At the Joey Awards Gala, Tyler was recognized for "best leading actor in a student or youth made short film, in the 15-19 years" category.

Tyler is also part of Grimsby Secondary Productions, a performing arts team who earlier this year brought home plenty of awards following their performances at the Niagara District Drama Festival.

With hopes and dreams of a future in acting, Tyler looks forward to auditioning for upcoming roles and envisions attending a drama school after completing his high school education.

DSBN Frames Film Festival

This year almost 96 secondary DSBN students from 14 secondary schools gathered for the annual DSBN Frames Film Festival at the Shaw Festival. The DSBN Frames Film Festival brings together secondary writers, actors, cinematographers, editors and technicians from the District School Board of Niagara, with the goal of creating an original short film... in only 10 hours! A public showing of each short film is held at the end of the night.

This year, students met with a professional filmmaker, Nick Mirka, along with DSBN teachers and support staff before the event, in an effort to plan and prepare for the big day.

Frames then culminated with a student-led critical thinking session two days after the event, where students designed the criteria that they would use to choose the Student Choice Award for 2018. There is also a Critic's Choice award that is selected by the professional filmmaker.

Congratulations this year goes out to the team from Eden High School for being awarded with both the Student Choice Award and the Critic Choice Award for their film titled "Love Undone."

This year's Eden Frames Team Members are: Sarah Simionescu, Ben Janzen, Christian Roethling, Julia Schultz, Madeline Deboer.

The film may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yv4xC3OJD7M>



Application Day at DSBN Academy - Class of 2019

The Class of 2019 is one step closer to achieving their goal of being college or university graduates. The annual 'Application Day' held on November 27th is a key event that is a culmination of the ongoing support of teachers, advisors, and in-school team. The grade 12 students began the day with breakfast and members of Niagara College and Brock University were present to assist them with their applications to college and university. We are excited to announce that 100% of potential graduates have applied to postsecondary school!



December

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Organization Mtg 6:15 pm COW Mtg 6:45 pm Regular Mtg 7 pm	5 PIC Meeting 5:30 pm	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 SAL Committee 1 pm Student Trustee Senate 6pm	13 SEAC 6 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29
30	31 Winter Break					

January

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break	4 Winter Break	5
6	7	8	9	10 SEAC 6pm	11	12
13	14	15	16 Finance 6 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22 Inaugural Meeting Educational Showcasing 5:30 pm, COW Mtg 6:15 pm Regular Mtg 7 pm	23 SAL 1 pm	24 OPSBA PES	25 OPSBA PES	26 OPSBA PES
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