

## ***Regular Board Meeting***

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

**Education Centre**

**St. Catharines**

**6:15 - 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'**

The Stevensville Public School Choir will perform 'O Canada' via video

### **D. REFLECTIVE READING**

By Trustee Alex Bradnam

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Pages 6-15

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated January 22, 2019 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  
Pages 16-21

- a) Director’s Recognition
  - i) Hannah Walpole, Student, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School
  - ii) Sherri Pahowski, Secretary, Diamond Trail Public School
- b) Director’s Update to Trustees

**2. Educational Showcases**

- a) Student Voice in the Arts

H McGregor

**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 for the month of December 2018, totaling \$18,868,193.81 be received."

**2. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

L Campbell  
Pages 23-26

**Recommended Motions:**

"That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated January 23, 2019 be received."

"That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated February 20, 2019 be received."

**3. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

D Schaubel  
Pages 27-54

**Recommended Motions:**

"That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated February 5, 2019 be received."

"That the Indigenous Education Mid-Term Report 2018-2019 be received for information."

"That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2019-2020 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education by May 1, 2019."

**4. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

N Beamer / D Newton  
Pages 55-57

**Recommended Motion:**

"That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated February 19, 2019 be received."

**5. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A Bradnam / S Mitchell  
Pages 58-71

**Recommended Motions:**

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated January 17, 2019 be received.”

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated February 14, 2019 be received.”

**K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Trustee Baggott’s Request To Develop a Director’s Performance Appraisal (DPA) Policy**

K Baggott

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Board of Trustees give the Policy Committee the mandate to create a Director’s Performance Appraisal Policy.”

**M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

**1. Staff Reports**

**2. Trustee Information Sessions**

Information Session presentation re: Special Education

**3. Correspondence and Communications**

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

**5. Ontario Public School Boards’ Association Report**

**6. Future Meetings**

The March 2019 calendar is attached.

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**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 February 26, 2019 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  
INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**January 22, 2019**

5:30 – 6:35 p.m. (Educational Showcasing - Atrium)

6:40 – 8:55 p.m. (Public Session)

8:10 – 8:52 p.m. (Private Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Kate Baggott, Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Alex Bradnam, Lora Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Elizabeth Klassen, Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton, Dave Schaubel (Vice Chair)

**Student Trustees:** Amal Qayum and Keylee Smith

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

**Recording Secretary:** Christina Dero

**Technical Support:** Linda Gonschior and 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. Indigenous Opening by Guest Speaker Gary Parker**

Gary Parker, a local representative of the indigenous community, opened the meeting with a brief message in the language of his people, and then translated his words of thanks for those in attendance.

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued****3. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed guests who were in the atrium.

Chair Barnett introduced the elected members of the Board.

Dave Schaubel (Vice Chair)	Fort Erie/Port Colborne
Elizabeth Klassen	Grimsby/Town of Lincoln
Kevin Maves	Niagara Falls
Shannon Mitchell	Niagara Falls
Kate Baggott	St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Alex Bradnam	St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Lora Campbell	St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Jonathan Fast	St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Nancy Beamer	Thorold/Pelham
Sue Barnett (Chair)	Welland
Doug Newton	West Lincoln/Wainfleet

Chair Barnett introduced Student Trustees Amal Qayum and Keylee Smith.

Chair Barnett welcomed MPP, Sam Oosterhoff.

**4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Chair Barnett advised that Trustee Mitchell declared a conflict of interest with respect to item B.6 - Negotiations in the Committee of the Whole agenda.

**B. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Quaker Road Public School choir. The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in honour of a student who recently passed away.

**C. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASES**

Music and dance showcases were present by students, as follows:

1. The Quaker Road Public School Glee Club performed 2 songs.
2. Peace Bridge Public School students, along with family members, performed Indigenous Dances.
3. The Central French Immersion Public School Singrays performed two musical numbers.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASES – continued**

4. A.N. Myer Secondary School presented a portion of “Avenue Q: School Edition.”
5. The Laura Secord Secondary School Drumline performed.

Chair Barnett thanked school staff and parents for supporting the students who performed in the Educational Showcases.

Chair Barnett thanked the students and staff from Beamsville District Secondary School Hospitality and Tourism program for preparing and serving refreshments and food.

**The business of the Board continued in the Board room at 6:43 p.m.**

Chair Barnett welcomed Niagara Regional Chair, Jim Bradley.

**D. INAUGURAL ADDRESS TO THE BOARD****a) Sue Barnett, Chair of the District School Board of Niagara**

The Chair presented an Inaugural address to the Board.

**b) Dave Schaubel, Vice Chair of the District School Board of Niagara**

The Vice Chair presented an Inaugural address to the Board.

**E. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared a reflective reading.

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

Chair Barnett noted that the usual order of business for regular meetings of the Board, as well as the start time, was amended in light of the Educational Showcases in the atrium.

**Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the Agenda be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**



**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continue****2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 4, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

Moved by Kevin Maves  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 4, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**G. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Director’s Report and Recognition****a) Director’s Recognition****i. Director’s Artisan Card Contest Winners**

Kim Yielding, Chief Communications Officer, presented the showcase, which recognized the winners of the Director’s Artisan Card Contest. Students were given an opportunity to create a piece of artwork to commemorate a month of the year and what makes it special.

**ii. Pam Hrstic, Administrative Secretary, Grimsby Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Administrative Secretary, Pam Hrstic for her hard work, professionalism and dedication to students and staff, and her positive impact on the school and its community.

Director Hoshizaki presented Pam Hrstic with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her extraordinary contributions.

**iii. Rotary Club of Welland, Community Partner**

Director Hoshizaki recognized the Rotary Club of Welland for being a community partner and supporter of DSBN schools.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Rotary Club of Welland, Community Partner**

Director Hoshizaki presented representatives from The Rotary Club of Welland with a token of the Board's appreciation for its extraordinary contributions.

**b) Director's Update to Trustees**

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Good News Breakfast for Project Share
- Zones of Regulation Family Night at Fitch Street Public School
- Canadian Dance Educator of the Year (School Board)
- Fun Family Friday's at Diamond Trail Public School
- Simcoe Street Public School Breakfast and Karate Event
- Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review

**H. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

There was no student achievement report.

**I. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**J. BOARD RECESS**

There was no Board recess.

**K. OLD BUSINESS****1. ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Kate Baggott  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

"That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of November 2018, totaling \$21,679,089.40 be received."

**CARRIED**

**2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated December 5, 2018 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Beamer provided a summary of the meeting which included a presentation about the transition to a grade 1-8 French immersion school, information about work of the Education Foundation of Niagara and a review of the positive feedback received about the PIC Conference held in November 2018.

**3. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

**“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated December 12, 2018 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell reported that six cases were reviewed and approved at the meeting.

**4. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

**Moved by Keylee Smith  
Seconded by Amal Qayum**

**“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated December 12, 2018 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Smith and Qayum reported that the Senators received a presentation on the importance of equity and information about some of the programs that are in place to support students at DSBN. They advised that Senators will continue planning student voice initiatives.

**5. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated December 13, 2018 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustees Mitchell and Bradnam provided a brief summary of the meeting which included a student voice presentation, an opportunity to take part in technology stations led by the IT4 Learning Team, and an update regarding Pathstones Mental Health.

**6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustees received a handout prior to the start of the Board meeting.

**Moved by Kevin Maves**

**Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

**“That the report of the Finance Committee dated January 21, 2019 be received and the recommendations adopted.”**

**“That the Financial Report on International Education 2017-18 be received.”**

**“That \$283,662 be allocated to support the Board’s strategic initiatives.”**

**“That the 2018-19 Interim Financial Report, reflecting updated enrolments for October 31, 2018, and the resulting changes in revenues and expenditures, be received.”**

**“That the Specialist High Skills Major Technology Capital Renewal Proposal be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Maves provided a brief summary of the meeting which included a review of the Financial Report on International Education, the 2018-19 Interim Financial Report, and the Specialist High Skills Major Technology Capital Renewal Proposal.

**L. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**N. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS****1. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Trustee information session.

**3. Correspondence and Communication****a) Correspondence re: Waiving Fees for Municipal Elections**

Correspondence regarding waiving fees for Municipal Elections was included in the board agenda package.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- a) Trustee Campbell reported on the Education Foundation of Niagara's new Leadership Giving Program and advised of upcoming EFN fundraisers.
- b) Trustee Bradnam reported that he had the opportunity to represent the DSBN at the Laura Secord visual arts showcase, Face Value.
- c) Chair Barnett reported that she recently served at a community dinner which aims to help alleviate poverty.

Information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at [www.dsbni.org](http://www.dsbni.org) and/or on the schools' websites.

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

Trustee Baggott reported attending the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting held on December 7-8, 2018. Trustee Baggott shared information that was discussed during the meeting, including:

- an address by the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education
- a series of updates from the regional areas of Ontario which included information about a policy on conducting a performance review of the Director of Education.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org).

**6. Future Meetings**

The calendar of February 2019 meetings was provided.

**The Board convened for a short recess at 8:00 p.m.**

**O. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen  
Seconded by Kevin Maves

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Trustee Mitchell returned to the Board room at 8:53 p.m.

**P. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Doug Newton

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

**CARRIED**

**Q. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING**

Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on January 22, 2019 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 Nancy Beamer  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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**SUE BARNETT**, Chair

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**WARREN HOSHIZAKI**, Director of Education  
and Secretary

**February 26, 2019 Board Meeting  
Director's Update to Trustees**

**Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Hannah Walpole, Student, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School**

Hannah Walpole has been a very strong and well-respected voice during her years at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School (GFESS). Since her arrival in grade 9 she has been actively involved with students' council and as a grade 9 and 10 representative, created a welcoming atmosphere for her peers. Hannah also played a very large role in bringing together the Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School communities into Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.

Last year Hannah served as the activities representative on students' council, once again using her skills to make GFESS a place where students felt like they were part of a big family. In Hannah's current, and graduating year of high school, she has been serving in the role of Co-Prime Minister.

Hannah has taken her leadership skills to a higher level by participating in the first Indigenous Student Voice Symposium. She was able to articulate the group's common ideas and feedback as to what types of things the Indigenous youth at DSBN want to see in the curriculum, our schools and at the board level.

Hannah attended and spoke to the secondary Indigenous education additional qualification teachers where, once again, she was able to share the common themes and ideas shared by the Indigenous youth from the symposium. The additional qualification teachers were very impressed with her courage to come and speak to a group of educators. Hannah was very comfortable with discussing opportunities among the teachers as she led them in an engaging discussion. Hannah took these experiences and knowledge to her high school on the recent PA day to speak with the entire GFESS faculty where she was able to express the main ideas on how to embed Indigenous perspectives, history and realities in each educator's learning journeys and within their respective curriculum areas.

In the spring, Hannah will be one of the leaders on the GFESS School Student Voice where she will take these results and share at a subsequent faculty meeting. Hannah has also agreed to be the first student representative on the Indigenous Education Advisory Council. On top of all of Hannah's selfless work on improving the education system for current and future students and faculty, she has maintained a place on the honour roll every semester, which bodes well for her university applications pursuing a career in nursing. Hannah, you are very deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions Award. Congratulations!



## **Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Sherri Pahowski, Secretary, Diamond Trail PS**

Having worked as a DSBN secretary for many years, Sherri Pahowski is an institution in the Welland area. She has worked predominantly at Welland Schools such as Empire and Matthews Public Schools and now at Diamond Trail Public School. For many in Welland, Sherri represents the face of their school experience. Everyone seems to know Miss Sherri!

While there are many ways that Sherri is exemplary in her daily administrative tasks, it is her above and beyond approach to supporting students and staff in having great school days that is to be commended.

Sherri runs everything! She ensures that the students at Diamond Trail have pizza days, sub days, milk programs and is a passionate supporter of student nutrition programs.

Sherri is amazing at planning and predicting what needs to happen and has often put solutions into place before anyone knows there may have been a problem.

Even though she has mastered the art of pretending to be “all business”, her greatest strength is her ability to form strong and caring relationships with everyone she meets.

Many students rely on her nurturing and support to get through each day. One student recently reported she “didn't know what she would do without her.” Sherri can often be seen supporting a struggling student that needs an alternate space in her office or getting extra food for a student or family in need.

Sherri knows all parents and caregivers by name and can even identify their vehicles in the school's parking lot! Many parents who come into the school with a request or concern will only speak to Miss Sherri. In addition to knowing all parents and caregivers, Sherri also knows all business owners and members of the community and connects them to Diamond Trail.

The entire Diamond Trail community is excited to see Miss Sherri recognized with the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions Award. Congratulations!

## **Local Updates**

### **Kindergarten Kickstart at the DSBN**

The first day of Kindergarten is an exciting day for families. We help them prepare for the journey ahead by hosting Kindergarten Kickstart Open Houses.

This year, our DSBN Kindergarten classrooms opened their doors to incoming families on **Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm**. Despite the polar vortex that created sub-zero temperatures across Niagara, the event was extremely well attended.

1,723 in-coming Kindergarten children visited our schools! They met the Kindergarten team, saw their classroom, received a goodie bag, and even took a selfie with Barkley, our Kindergarten mascot.

Parents met the principal, had a chance to ask questions and registered their child using our new online registration system.

This is an important day across the DSNB, and I would like to thank our schools for all their hard work to make families feel welcome.

November Newsletter Insert



Display at a School



Incoming Kindergarten Students Take a Selfie with Barkley



### **Published Author at Port Weller Public School!**

Jonathan Vasilyev a grade 7 student at Port Weller Public School, recently became a published author! Amazon published his first picture book, "Sammy The Not So Scary Snake Finds a Friend." Jonathan is already working on the next books in the series, "Sammy The Not So Scary Snake Saves the Day" and "Sammy The Not So Scary Snake Gets Lost." When asked why he wrote the book, he said, "I decided to share the same joy with other kids in the world."



### **Connaught and Harriet Tubman Public Schools Grade 7 Students Receive Laptops**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, grade 7 students at Harriet Tubman and Connaught Public Schools were happy to receive brand new HP laptops as part of the "Kids, Cops and Computers" program. Merry Go Round Children's Foundation, sponsors of the program, describe their goal as "bridging Canada's digital divide by connecting deserving youth with technology and police mentorship."

Teacher leader Kaitlyn Paddock says, "our students are 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners. A lot of the students that were chosen do not have access to technology at home so this bridges that gap for them. Not only can they access computers at school, but they can also access them at home and get their work done." Students will participate in five Lead and Learn sessions with their teachers and Niagara Regional Police officers aimed to help them use technology effectively and safely to enhance learning. Upon completing the program, the laptops will be theirs to keep!



### **A.K. Wigg Public School's Spring Musical**

Students and staff are excited to announce that they have started rehearsals for their spring musical ~ Willy Wonka Jr. 130 students are participating in the play and seven teachers are supporting in a variety of ways including rehearsing lines, making costumes, singing, choreography and set building. Performances will be held at Welland Centennial Secondary School on May 2 and 3, 2019. Thanks to the many staff and students involved.

### **DECA (Developing Excellence Celebrating Achievement)**

Earlier this month, 42 students from six DSBN secondary schools competed at the DECA Ontario Provincial competition held in Toronto. These students competed at the Hamilton Region competition in late November and earned a spot at the Provincial competition.

Grimsby Secondary School had two students and Westlane Secondary School had five students placing first and second, thus qualifying to attend the ICDC competition in Orlando, Florida in late April. Westlane also had students with top test and oral presentation scores, and Eden had a student win top oral presentation.

Within the DSBN, DECA has grown over the past seven years from 30 student members in three schools to 170 members in ten secondary schools. Students who qualify for ICDC, will now be representing DECA Ontario, as well as DSBN and their respective schools.

DECA, with over 215,000 members is the largest student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in secondary schools and colleges around the globe.

### **DSBN Partnership with the City of St. Catharines and Friends of the Carousel**

Last week, the District School Board of Niagara, Friends of the Carousel and the City of St. Catharines celebrated the opening of a new workshop at a ribbon cutting event at Jeanne Sauvé French Immersion Public School.

Bonnie Cameron, Chair of the Friends of the Carousel said, "We're also excited to have our workshop in a school environment. Our hopes are that it will now give us the opportunity to voice the importance of respecting the characters to the students and teachers. By doing so, they will join our dream of 'keeping the dream alive'."

The City's partnership with the DSBN offered the Friends the opportunity to move its workshop to the new location at Jeanne Sauvé that features a larger, more modern facility. The Friends complete yearly restorations, including repairs and repaints, on select animals and the new space has allowed them to increase the number of animals they can work on at a time.

"We truly value this partnership with the City of St. Catharines because it supports our community while creating opportunities for student engagement," said Superintendent Wes Hahn. "It's what we mean in our strategic plan when we tell students they matter as community members."

Lori Mambella, who oversees the operation of the Lakeside Park Carousel, said the City is proud of its partnership with the school board, adding this is another example of how this partnership is helping to enhance quality of life here in St. Catharines.



The City of St. Catharines has also partnered with DSBN to offer recreation programs at Harriet Tubman Public School.



### **2019 Pinnacle Award Winner!**

Earlier this month DSBN's Communication Officer, Brett Sweeney, walked the red carpet and was awarded both the gold and silver award for best writing project at the 2019 Pinnacle Awards Gala. The event celebrates the best work in public relations and communications as well as the recipient's commitment to professional excellence. Congratulations Brett!



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

# SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

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**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 for the month of December 2018, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 8,740,125.58
Transportation	2,319,161.84
Utilities	676,488.50
Other	<u>7,132,417.89</u>
Total	<b><u>\$ 18,868,193.81</u></b>

**Recommended Motion:**

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of December 2018, totaling \$18,868,193.81 be received.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld  
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of February 26, 2019

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

## PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



**Tuesday, February 5, 2019  
6:00 p.m.  
West Lincoln Room – Education Centre**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Dave Schaubel (Chair), Jonathan Fast, Sue Barnett (alternate for Kevin Maves), Nancy Beamer, Alex Bradnam (alternate for Shannon Mitchell)

**Administration:** Warren Hoshizaki, Helen McGregor, JoAnna Roberto, Michael St. John

**Guests:** Jamie Groat, Lorraine Giroux, Erica Zombolas, Paul Taylor

**Regrets:** Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell

**Recording Secretary:** Tamara Lockhart

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent JoAnna Roberto called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 6:01 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

***“That the agenda be approved as presented”.***

Moved by Sue Barnett, seconded by Alex Bradnam

**CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW CHAIR**

Trustee Fast nominated Dave Schaubel. Trustee Schaubel accepted the nomination. Trustee Schaubel acclaimed the position.

**NEW BUSINESS****Indigenous Education Mid-Year Report for 2018-2019**

Superintendents JoAnna Roberto and Helen McGregor presented the Indigenous Education Mid-Year report 2018-2019 together with consultants Jamie Groat, Erica Zombolas and Student Achievement Leaders Lorraine Giroux and Paul Taylor.

DSBN has developed an Indigenous Education Mid-Year Report with sections focusing on student voice and achievement which are in alignment with the DSBN's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) and highlights DSBN's work in engagement, awareness, supporting educators and student achievement. The report was shared with the Indigenous Education Advisory Council in November 2018.

Moved by Sue Barnett, seconded by Jonathan Fast

***"That the Indigenous Education Mid-Term Report 2018-2019 be received for information."***

CARRIED

**School Year Calendar 2019-2020**

Superintendent Michael St. John reviewed the 2019-2020 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars report for the Committee and provided a summary of the process in creating the School Year Calendar.

Moved by Nancy Beamer, seconded by Alex Bradnam

***"That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2019-2020 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education by May 1, 2019."***

CARRIED

**Secondary Program Overview**

Superintendent Helen McGregor presented information about Secondary School Programming including the DSBN Course Calendar and Make the Move Guide for High School. The presentation included: pathways, types of courses, OSSD, OSSC, certificate of accomplishment, system programs and other programs students can access.

Moved by Sue Barnett, seconded by Jonathan Fast

***"That the Secondary Programming Overview be received"***

CARRIED



### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Lincoln Room at the Education Centre.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Sue Barnett, seconded by Alex Bradnam

***“That the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee adjourn.”***

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Gordon Public School

### MINUTES

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PRESENT:	Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Pauline Dawson, Fran Cerminara, Melissa Lofquist Bigford
REGRETS:	Kelly McNeil, Susan Jovanovic, Chris Seabrook
SUPERINTENDENT:	Wes Hahn
TRUSTEES:	Nancy Beamer, Doug Newton, Shannon Mitchell, Alex Bradnam
ADMINISTRATION:	Tracy Leemet, Karen Simpson
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Jennifer McGugan

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#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Wes Hahn welcomed everyone and asked the committee to introduce themselves. PIC Co-Chair, Lisa Mooney, thanked everyone for coming and thanked Tony D'Alessandro, principal of Gordon Public School, for hosting our PIC meeting. Lisa shared that Gordon Public School is an excellent school. She noted that the staff and Tony are a big part of the supportive community at the school. Superintendent Wes Hahn also noted that he had a positive experience working with Tony and Gordon Public School. Superintendent Hahn welcomed Trustees Doug Newton, Nancy Beamer, Shannon Mitchell and Alex Bradnam.

Tony shared with the committee a summary of Gordon Public School, a dual track French Immersion school with a great sense of community. Tony showed a video to the committee that highlighted the students at Gordon. Superintendent Hahn and Lisa Mooney both noted that the strong leadership at Gordon is a factor in the school's success.

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER**

It was noted that the PIC membership application of Melissa Lofquist Bigford had been sent to the committee prior to our meeting. As there were no objections, Melissa was acclaimed and welcomed to the Parent Involvement Committee.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

"That the February 19, 2019, Parent Involvement Committee Agenda be adopted."

CARRIED

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

CARRIED

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Wes Hahn highlighted the following:

- The importance of keeping our focus on students and student achievement.
- PIC meetings create an opportunity for trustees and staff to hear parent voice.
- Through the committee and the PIC Conference, the DSBN is always looking to bring relevant and helpful information to parents. The DSBN PIC conference is highly respected by parents and the community.

- The DSBN has focused in on transition. Well planned transitions are better for students. Our Kindergarten Open Houses were held at all DSBN schools on January 31st. Kindergarten Open Houses support the transition of young children into school by building relationships with parents and students. Also, our Grade 8 to 9 transitions have focused on supporting students in their move from elementary to secondary school.
- The Policy Committee reviews policies throughout the year at three policy meetings. When policies are up for renewal they are posted on the board website for vetting. Policies coming forward to the next Policy Committee meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> are:

POLICY#	POLICY NAME
Newly Developed	Newly Developed: Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions
A-17	A-17: Advertising Expenditures for Public Information and Awareness
G-33	G-33: School Logo

### **CO-CHAIR'S REPORT**

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- Lisa shared that the Minister of Education made an announcement about consultations in January and it can be found here <https://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2019/01/statement-by-education-minister-on-consultations-with-education-labour-partners.html>
- As a parent representative on the DSBN Calendar Committee, Lisa reviewed the status of the Draft 2019-2020 school year calendar.
- OPHEA publishes weekly blogs titled “Cleaning the air about cannabis education” at <https://www.ophea.net/>
- Kim Yielding, DSBN Chief Communications Officer, is doing a Master’s student survey that is available for schools councils to participate in if they are interested. This is not a DSBN survey, although it has received ethics clearance from both DSBN and McMaster University. Here is the link to the survey <https://surveys.mcmaster.ca/limesurvey/index.php/577173?lang=en&fbclid=IwAR0wWFNMCsq7HpwwY6jWZgA9LQlvnmjJP6bN3G7AyqEYvSQLdly3mP1Tg28>
- The School Climate Survey is open until March 29<sup>th</sup> for Students, Staff and Parents to provide input.
- There is an Autism Niagara Trivia night on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Committee began preparations for the School Council Chair event on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Jeanne Sauve School.

### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared that there were excellent presentations at the Inaugural Board meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Presentations showcased the talent and creativity in our DSBN schools. The Beamsville District secondary students culinary program provided the refreshments. She noted that it was great to see the dedication of students and teachers.

Trustee Beamer attended the OPSBA conference in Toronto. The theme at the conference was working together to achieve the best outcome for the students. She shared that the student trustee senate session was exceptional. The highlight of the conference was the talk by Michael ‘Pinball’ Clemons.

Trustee Beamer shared that her and Trustee Newton have been out visiting their schools and have enjoyed all the innovative things happening in schools. She also shared that the Board has received a \$1 million investment into

the SHSM (Specialist High Skilled Majors) programs. These are red seal programs in various trades offered in our secondary schools. Trustee Beamer is enjoying the challenge of learning her new role.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting – School Council Chair Meeting, Jeanne Sauve French Immersion School, on March 6th, 2019



## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Thursday January 17, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

### MINUTES

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Shannon MacDonald (Vice Chair)  
Amy Dunn  
Danielle Reynolds  
Paul Molnar  
Mary Maida  
Nick Smith  
Julia Vasilyev  
Brent Beaudoin  
Shannon Mitchell  
Alex Bradnam

CNIB  
Autism Ontario, Niagara Chapter  
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – ONE  
Down Syndrome Caring Parents Niagara  
Down Syndrome Caring Parents Niagara  
Niagara Support Services  
ABC of Ontario, Niagara Chapter  
VOICE  
Trustee, District School Board of Niagara  
Trustee, District School Board of Niagara

#### **Administration/Resource:**

John Dickson  
Leanne Smith  
Jen Currie  
Karen Ferguson  
Paulette Alcox  
Kelly Irvine-Minor  
Keylee Smith

Superintendent of Special Education  
Superintendent of Secondary Schools  
OPC Representative: Elementary  
OPC Representative: Secondary  
Assistant Student Achievement Leader: Special Education  
Special Education Consultant  
DSBN Student Trustee

#### **Regrets:**

Linda Morrice (Chair)  
Samantha Sendzik  
Nikki Train

Pathstone Mental Health  
Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region  
Student Achievement Leader: Special Education

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Sue Sentence

#### **QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER**

Quorum was established and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Vice-Chair MacDonald opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

**WELCOME – STUDENT VOICE** Assistant Student Achievement Leader, Paulette Alcox introduced Special Education Resource Teacher, Michelle Osborne, Special Education Consultant, Kari Stefanidis and a grade 12 student from Stamford Collegiate. The student explained how her pathway through secondary school, including involvement in various clubs and cooperative education classes, have provided her with the skills necessary to attend college and pursue her passion in baking and hopefully one day own a bakery.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice-Chair MacDonald requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the January 17, 2019 SEAC meeting.

*Moved by Nick Smith, Seconded by Shannon Mitchell*

***“That the Agenda dated January 17, 2019, be approved as presented.”***

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of the December 13, 2018 SEAC meeting.

**EQAO ASSESSMENTS AND ACCOMMODATIONS**

**John Dickson / Leanne Smith**

Superintendents Dickson and Smith gave a brief overview of the categories and types of accommodations permitted for students completing EQAO assessments in grades 3, 6, 9 and 10.

**SECONDARY PATHWAYS AND SHSM**

**Leanne Smith/Karen Ferguson**

Secondary School Principal Ferguson explained the different pathways that are available to students and the supports that are available to them before entering, and as they progress through, secondary school. Many transitional supports are in place to assist students and their families as they prepare to enter secondary and post-secondary life.

Superintendent Smith explained what the SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) Program is, and how it helps students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests by completing a specific bundle of courses related to the student's selected field or sector.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT**

**Paulette Alcox**

Assistant Student Achievement Leader, Paulette Alcox, received the group's feedback on Section 5 (Special Education Staff) of the Report. For next month's meeting, the group was asked to review Section 8 (page 28) under Special Education Programs and Services, and Sections 5 and 8 (pages 53 and 78,79) under the Other Related Information section.

**SEAC AGENCY COMMUNITY MEMBER UPDATE**

**Amy Dunn**

Amy provided the group with an update on Autism Ontario, Niagara Chapter, the Community Agency she represents at SEAC. The Niagara Chapter is one of the largest chapters across Ontario. The Chapter is locally managed with primarily all fundraisers and awareness events happening within the region, which helps to ensure that all monies raised stay in the community and are put towards programs and services for the individuals they support.

**ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION**

**TRUSTEE, DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

**Alex Bradnam**

Trustee Bradnam has begun visiting elementary schools and will be visiting secondary schools in second semester. He is looking forward to supporting his schools.

**TRUSTEE, DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA****Shannon Mitchell**

Trustee Mitchell is looking forward to the Inaugural Board meeting on January 22, 2019 and encouraged the committee members to join the meeting which begins at 5:30pm with a variety of educational showcases in the atrium. Trustee Mitchell is also looking forward to supporting her schools.

**VOICE (for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kids)****Brent Beaudoin**

VOICE will be hosting a social event on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Kidsopolis in Oakville, from 6 to 8pm.

**ABC of Ontario****Julia Vasilyev**

No report.

**Autism Ontario, Niagara Chapter****Amy Dunn**

The Chapter's 4<sup>th</sup> annual trivia night is being held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Armenian Centre, which will also serve as the launch day for their newest fundraiser which offers its winner 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the world that WestJet flies. Raise the Flag Day is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Educational resources and classroom toolkits to support the Raise the Flag event can be found on the Autism Ontario website.

**Niagara Support Services****Nick Smith**

NSS is looking for volunteers to help run their Youth Activity Program on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. NSS continues to offer Jobpath sessions, which are free employment readiness training that provide program participants the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with qualified job coaches who help to facilitate their transition to the workplace.

**Down Syndrome Caring Parents Niagara****Paul Molnar & Mary Maida**

DSCPN is holding their Annual General Meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2019. "G-Mc's Homies with Extra Chromies" crossfit program continues to grow and supports over 40 participants.

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - ONE****Danielle Reynolds**

No report

**OPC Representative: Elementary****Jen Currie**

Elementary Schools are pulling together their assessment data as they prepare 1<sup>st</sup> term report cards. February's PD day will include school-based activities that analyze student mid-year data and the strategies that can be implemented to help students achieve success throughout the year.

**OPC Representative: Secondary****Karen Ferguson**

Grade 9 secondary school students who are taking math during 1<sup>st</sup> semester will be participating in EQAO testing next week. Staff are preparing students and their families for the transition to 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Second semester courses are scheduled to begin on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Superintendent of Secondary Schools****Leanne Smith**

Secondary School Alternate School Placement requests are currently being considered for September 2019 enrolment. Grade 9, 10 and 11 students are making course selections for next year as well.

**Student Trustee****Keylee Smith**

No report.

**Assistant Student Achievement Leader****Paulette Alcox**

EAs will be participating in a variety of professional development opportunities on January 18<sup>th</sup>, including Non-Violent Crisis Intervention training.

**Special Education Consultant****Kelly Irvine-Minor**

January professional learning for LRTs focused on supporting IEP building and report card writing. SERTs will participate in January professional development after first semester exams.

**Superintendent of Special Education****John Dickson**

Superintendent Dickson provided the group with a progress update on the Special Needs Strategy and the integrated delivery of rehabilitation services in Niagara.

**Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara****Samantha Sendzik**

Samantha was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report for inclusion in the minutes. LDANR is offering their SLAM summer camp again with funding from the Branscombe Family Foundation and will expand programming to target two age groups (6-8 and 9-11). LDANR's trivia night will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Armenian Centre in St. Catharines. Spring/Summer program applications will open on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no additional correspondence.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

There were no questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Moved by Alex Bradnam, Seconded by Amy Dunn***

<b><i>"That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting adjourn."</i></b>
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**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. – Grimsby-Lincoln Room**





## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Thursday February 14, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

### MINUTES

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Linda Morrice (Chair)  
Shannon MacDonald (Vice Chair)  
Amy Dunn  
Samantha Sendzik  
Nick Smith  
Julia Vasilyev  
Brent Beaudoin  
Shannon Mitchell  
Alex Bradnam

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Trustee, District School Board of Niagara

#### **Administration/Resource:**

John Dickson  
Leanne Smith  
Jen Currie  
Karen Ferguson  
Nikki Train  
Paulette Alcox  
Kelly Irvine-Minor

Superintendent of Special Education  
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Special Education Consultant

#### **Regrets:**

Danielle Reynolds  
Paul Molnar  
Keylee Smith

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – ONE  
Down Syndrome Caring Parents Niagara  
DSBN Student Trustee

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Sue Sentence

#### **QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER**

Quorum was established and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting was called to order at 6:04p.m. Chair Morrice opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

**WELCOME – STUDENT VOICE** Due to inclement weather cancellations earlier in the week, the Student Voice was not able to attend the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve an Amended Agenda for the February 14, 2019 SEAC meeting, which consisted of including the Correspondence section of the agenda as part of the Special Education Update, and to defer the Speech Language Pathologist presentation to the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

***Moved by Linda Morrice, Seconded by Shannon MacDonald***

***“That the Agenda dated February 14, 2019, be approved as amended above.”***

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

A request was made during the January 17, 2019 meeting to facilitate a presentation by Niagara Children’s Centre. Superintendent Dickson reached out to Niagara Children’s Centre and they have agreed to present at a future SEAC meeting.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

**John Dickson**

Superintendent Dickson shared copies of the correspondence that SEAC received from the Peel District School Board (PDSB), Durham District School Board (DDSB) and the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB).

The first two letters expressed concerns over the changes in special education funding that have taken effect as a result of the changes in provincial government earlier this year and requested that the government re-visit their Special Education funding formula. Superintendent Dickson reviewed how these changes impacted the DSBN budget. After discussion, the committee determined to receive the letters and to defer any potential action until a future date.

***Moved by Linda Morrice, Seconded by Julia Vasilyev***

***“That the Special Education Advisory Committee receive the letters from the PDSB and DDSB.”***

**CARRIED**

The third letter, from the TVDSB, addressed concerns regarding the wait lists and inadequate funding for therapy services for students with special needs. Where the group does recognize that there are students on waitlists for services, and that there is a need for enhanced services, the plans being rolled out to address these concerns within Niagara are still in the early stages of implementation and therefore it would be premature to make any judgements at this time.

***Moved by Linda Morrice, Seconded by Shannon MacDonald***

***“That the Special Education Advisory Committee defer it’s support for this request until we have more information about the various strategies being rolled out to address the waitlist concerns and funding issues.”***

**CARRIED**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT****John Dickson**

Superintendent Dickson shared a presentation that described the various types of professional learning that takes place throughout the year for DSBN staff. Using a combination of job-embedded learning, workshops, training, resources and access to community offerings, the DSBN supports all staff and schools by building their capacity to support all learners.

**PRE-SCHOOL TRANSITIONS****Paulette Alcox**

Assistant Student Achievement Leader, Paulette Alcox, explained to the group the process that the DSBN undergoes each year as it prepares to welcome new kindergarten students. The DSBN has a pre-school transition process in place that is student/family centered to ensure that families feel supported in their transition to school. Student specific meetings, staffing considerations, equipment needs and plant considerations are planned for as the schools prepare to give every student the best possible start to their education.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT****Nikki Train**

Student Achievement Leader, Nikki Train, received the group's feedback on Section 8 (page 28) under Special Education Programs and Services, and Sections 5 and 8 (pages 53 and 78,79) under the Other Related Information section. The committee has been asked to review Section 2 (pages 41-42) under the Other Related Information Section.

**SEAC COMMUNITY AGENCY MEMBER REPORT**

No report, LDANR will present in March.

**ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION****CNIB****Shannon MacDonald**

No report

**TRUSTEE, DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA****Alex Bradnam**

No report

**TRUSTEE, DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA****Shannon Mitchell**

Trustee Mitchell is organizing a table of Trustees to support the Autism Ontario Niagara Chapter trivia night being held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**VOICE (for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kids)****Brent Beaudoin**

VOICE will be hosting a Family Day Skate and Bake Sale Fundraiser in Mississauga.

**Niagara Support Services****Nick Smith**

No report

**Autism Ontario, Niagara Chapter****Amy Dunn**

Summer Camp registration opens Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be 2 weeks of camp held in Welland, 2 in Niagara Falls and 3 in St. Catharines, one of which will be dedicated to teens specifically. The Chapter's 4<sup>th</sup> annual trivia night is being held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Armenian Centre, which will also serve as the draw day for their newest fundraiser which offers its winner 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the world that WestJet flies.

**Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara****Samantha Sendzik**

LDANR's SLAM summer camp will be expanded to offer 20 spots per site, split between two age groups (6-8 and 9-11). Spring and Summer Applications open March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00am. Upcoming LDANR fundraisers are trivia night which will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Armenian Centre in St. Catharines, and a golf tournament to be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ABC of Ontario****Julia Vasilyev**

Niagara ABC Ontario president Tiffany Hunter resigned. Kathleen Dussome will be the new president as of February 2, 2019.

**OPC Representative: Secondary****Karen Ferguson**

Semester 1 report cards are going home this week. Staff and students have been reviewing semester one results and making adjustments to timetables for semester 2. Grade 10 students are preparing for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. The focus on staff professional development in semester 2 is shifting to literacy in secondary schools. The DSBN is funding an Additional Qualification course for secondary teachers to support reading. Parents can access School Climate Surveys thru their school website until March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**OPC Representative: Elementary****Jen Currie**

First term report cards went home this week for elementary students. Staff are working on updating IEP's for second term and will be sending the documents home shortly. The February 16<sup>th</sup> PD Day will provide staff with an opportunity to review report card, BAS and mid year data to plan for student needs as they move into second term.

**Student Achievement Leader****Nikki Train**

No report

**Assistant Student Achievement Leader****Paulette Alcox**

No report

**Special Education Consultant****Kelly Irvine-Minor**

No report

**Superintendent of Secondary Schools****Leanne Smith**

With the recent inclement weather and bus cancellations, Semester 1 was extended to permit for the completion of Final Exams for our secondary students. Semester 2 courses began February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Superintendent of Special Education****John Dickson**

No report

**Pathstone Mental Health****Linda Morrice**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope Award Gala will take place on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fallsview Casino in Niagara Falls. Mackenzie Phillips is the guest speaker for the evening.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was discussed as the first item in the Special Education Update earlier in the meeting.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Trustee Mitchell requested an update on the effects of the recently announced changes to the Ontario Autism Program on Special Education at the DSBN. Superintendent Dickson indicated that as information is received and reviewed by the DSBN, a report will be prepared and shared with the Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Amy Dunn, Seconded by Samantha Sendzik*

<i><b>"That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting adjourn."</b></i>
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**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Correspondence received from PDSB, DDSB, and TVDSB

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. – Grimsby-Lincoln Room

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Program and Planning Cmt 6:00 pm	6 PIC – 5:30 pm	7 Policy Cmt – 5:30 pm	8	9
10 March Break	11 March Break	12 March Break	13 March Break	14 March Break	15 March Break	16
17	18	19	20 SAL – 1:00 pm Finance Cmt – 6:00 pm	21 SEAC – 6:00 pm	22	23
24	25	26 Board Meeting 6:15 pm	27	28	29	30
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