

## **Inaugural Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

**Education Centre**

**St. Catharines**

**5:30 pm [Public Session]**

### **A G E N D A**

#### **A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD (Atrium)**

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory
2. Indigenous Opening by guest speaker Gary Parker
3. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

#### **B. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'**

Quaker Road Public School Glee Club will perform 'O Canada'

#### **C. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASES**

1. Quaker Road Public School Glee Club
2. Peace Bridge Public School: Indigenous Dance
3. Central French Immersion Public School: Central Singrays
4. A.N. Myer Secondary School presentation of "Avenue Q: School Edition"
5. Laura Secord Secondary School Drumline

**D. INAUGURAL ADDRESS TO THE BOARD (Board Room)**

Sue Barnett, Chair of the District School Board of Niagara

Dave Schaubel, Vice Chair of the District School Board of Niagara

**E. REFLECTIVE READING**

By Trustee Nancy Beamer

**F. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

**Recommended Motions:**

“That the Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 4, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.” Pages 6-12

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 4, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.” Pages 13-20

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**G. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Director’s Report and Recognition**

W Hoshizaki  
Pages 21-25

a) Director’s Recognition

i) Director’s Artisan Card Contest Winners

ii) Pam Hrstic, Administrative Secretary, Grimsby Secondary School

iii) Rotary Club of Welland, Community Partner

b) Director’s Update to Trustees

**H. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

**I. DELEGATIONS**

**J. BOARD RECESS (Optional)**

**K. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. ACCOUNTS**

S Veld  
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**Recommended Motion:**

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

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

N Beamer / D Newton  
Pages 27-29

**Recommended Motion:**

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

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

L Campbell  
Pages 30-31

**Recommended Motion:**

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

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

K Smith / A Qayum  
Pages 32-35

**Recommended Motion:**

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

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

Alex Bradnam / S Mitchell  
Pages 36-41

**Recommended Motion:**

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

**6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (Handout)**

S. Veld

**Recommended Motion:**

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

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

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

**N. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

**1. Staff Reports**

**2. Trustee Information Sessions**

**3. Correspondence and Communications**

a) Correspondence re: Waiving Fees for Municipal Elections

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**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

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

K Baggott

**6. Future Meetings**

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The February 2019 calendar is attached.

**O. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

**P. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. 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.”

**Q. Ratification of Business Conducted in this Regular Meeting**

**Recommended Motions:**

“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.”

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

**Recommended Motion:**

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

**THE MINUTES OF THE  
ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD**

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**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE  
6:15 p.m.**

**DECEMBER 4, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, who conducted the meeting until the election of the Chairperson.

Director Hoshizaki opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

Director Hoshizaki welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

Director Hoshizaki noted that Trustee Fast would be participating electronically.

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**2. READING APPLICABLE BY-LAW PROCEDURES FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF A NEW BOARD**

DSBN By-Law F-4 states “When a new Board has been elected, the Secretary shall first read the returns of the elections of the members of the Board, as supplied by the clerk of the municipality.”

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, read the official Trustee election returns from the October 22, 2018, Municipal Elections.

**3. DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND OATH/AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE**

In Accordance with DSBN By-Law F-4, the Secretary shall certify that the newly elected members of the Board have filed their Declaration of Office and Oath/Affirmation of Allegiance.

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, requested that all Trustees stand and join together in reading and signing the Declaration of Office and Oath/Affirmation of Allegiance. Director Hoshizaki noted that Trustee Fast has already taken the Declaration of Office and Oath/Affirmation of Allegiance.

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, requested that Trustees sign the School Board Code of Conduct.

Karen Bellamy, Executive Assistant to the Director, collected the signed documents.

**4. READING APPLICABLE BY-LAW PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, read DSBN By-Law F-6 and DSBN By-Law 6.2 Voting.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, read DSBN By-Law F-5 which states “The Secretary shall name two scrutineers appointed for the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At the request of a Trustee, the Board may by majority vote, also approve the appointment of a disinterested party to serve as a third scrutineer for the election of Chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson.”

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-5, Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, named Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business, and Jennifer Feren, Board Lawyer, as scrutineers for the election of a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

**6. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

The process for the election of a Chairperson was carried out in accordance with DSBN By-Laws F-6.1 and F-6.2.

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, reported that Trustees Sue Barnett and Nancy Beamer were nominated for the position of Chairperson.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON – continued**

**Moved by Kate Baggott  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

**“That audience member Emily Beth Spanton be appointed as an impartial third scrutineer and that the vote be recorded.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

In response to a question from a Trustee, Emily Beth Spanton shared the reason she was in attendance and why she qualifies as an impartial third party.

Each nominee was given an opportunity to address the Board.

Karen Bellamy, Executive Assistant to the Director, distributed the ballots for the position of Chairperson.

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, advised that Trustee Fast would vote electronically.

Following the voting, the scrutineers collected the ballots.

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, received the count for Chairperson and announced that Trustee Barnett received a clear majority of the votes cast and was elected to the position of Chairperson for 2018-2019. Trustee Barnett accepted the position of Chairperson.

**7. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

The process for election of a Vice-Chairperson was carried out in accordance with DSBN By-Law F-7.

Chair Barnett reported that Trustees Kate Baggott, Nancy Beamer, and Dave Schaubel were nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Trustee Baggottt requested that her name be removed from the ballot.

Trustee Beamer and Trustee Schaubel were given the opportunity to address the Board.

Karen Bellamy, Executive Assistant to the Director, distributed the ballots for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Following the voting, the scrutineers collected the ballots.

Chair Barnett received the count and announced that Trustee Schaubel received a clear majority of the votes cast and was elected to the position of Vice-Chairperson for 2018 - 2019. Trustee Schaubel accepted the position of Vice-Chairperson.

**8. DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS**

**Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**



**DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS – continued**

**“That the ballots be destroyed.”**

**CARRIED**

Chair Barnett requested that Jennifer Feren destroy the ballots.

**9. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (December 1, 2018, to August 31, 2020)**

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, read DSBN By-Law L-4, Standing and Statutory Committees.

“Board members will indicate their preference for committees to the Nominating Committee. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, one Board member selected at large by the Chairperson. The mandate of the Nominating Committee is to receive each Board member’s preference for committees, preferably electronically, and subsequently allocate committee assignments to each Board member.”

These committee allocations will remain in effect from December 1, 2018 until August 31, 2020, save and except the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and the Code of Conduct Investigation Committee (COCI) which are both four (4) year commitments.

Chair Barnett advised that the Nominating Committee will meet directly following the Regular Meeting of the Board to review each Board member’s preference for committees and to allocate committee assignments.

Char Barnett requested Trustee Klassen stand on the committee along with herself and Vice Chair Schaubel. Trustee Klassen accepted.

Chair Barnett noted that because the Parent Involvement Committee is scheduled to meet on December 5, 2018, Superintendent Hahn will be in contact with Trustees assigned to the committee to confirm attendance and provide the agenda.

**10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Committee Chairs will be elected at the first meeting of each Committee, save and except the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

**11. SIGNING AUTHORITY**

**Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

**“That the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson of the Board, and the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board”;**

**AND**

**“That for the payment of the accounts, automatic cheque signing equipment be**

**SIGNING AUTHORITY – continued**

**used bearing the signature of the Chairperson and Treasurer of the Board.”**

**CARRIED**

**12. BORROWING AUTHORITY**

A resolution authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the District School Board of Niagara (“the Board”).

- A. In accordance with Subsection 243(1) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990) (the Act), the Board considers it necessary to borrow the amount of up to 45 million dollars (\$45,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is received, the current expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019 (“the Period”).
- B. Pursuant to Subsection 243(3) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution, together with the total of any similar borrowings and any accrued interest on those borrowings, is not to exceed the unreceived balance of the estimated revenues of the Board for the Period.
- C. The total amount previously borrowed by the Board pursuant to Section 243 that has not been repaid is \$0.
- D. The amount borrowed for current expenditures is within the Board’s Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education from time to time.

**Moved by Kate Baggott**

**Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

- 1. **“That the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary/Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow in accordance with section 243 of the Education Act from time to time by way of promissory note, or overdraft, or bankers acceptance from the Bankers of the Board or from any other approved lender a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate 45 million dollars (\$45,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the Period and to give to the Bankers of the Board or to any other approved lender promissory notes or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by any two of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary or Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Bankers of the Board or any other approved lender; and**

**BORROWING AUTHORITY – continued**

2. The interest charged on all sums borrowed pursuant to this Resolution, plus any related charges, is not to exceed the interest that would be payable at the prime lending rate of the chartered banks listed in Schedule 1 of the Bank Act (Canada) on the date of borrowing; and
3. The Secretary or Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed, plus interest, all of the moneys collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Fast left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

13. **ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS’ ASSOCIATION (OPSBA) VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE**

Moved by Nancy Beamer  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That Trustee Kate Baggottt be appointed to serve as OPSBA Director and to hold the position of Voting Delegate for the Annual General Meeting and Regional Council meetings for the remainder of the 2018-2019 term.”

“That Trustee Shannon Mitchell be appointed to serve as OPSBA Alternate Director and to hold the position of Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual General Meeting and Regional Council meetings for the remainder of the 2018-2019 term.”

**CARRIED**

14. **DATE AND LOCATION OF INAUGURAL MEETING**

The Inaugural Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Chair Barnett noted that Educational Showcasing will begin at 5:30 p.m. on January 22, 2018 and will highlight some of the outstanding work and activities that are happening in DSN schools.

15. **RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS ORGANIZATION MEETING**

Moved by Kevin Maves  
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its Organization Meeting held on December 4, 2018 be now ratified by the Board.”

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**“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**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

**“That the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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**SUE BARNETT, Chair**

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



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**December 4, 2018**

6:15 – 6:53 p.m. (Organization Meeting)  
6:58 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)  
7:05 – 7:41 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Kate Baggott, Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Alex Bradnam, Lora Campbell, 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

**Regrets:** Jonathan Fast

**Recording Secretary:** Christina Dero

**Technical Support:** Wendy Coit

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

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

**2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

Chair Barnett noted the absence of Trustee Fast.

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued**

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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

Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Kate Baggott

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

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

**D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Kate Baggott shared a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Kevin Maves  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Doug Newton

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

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued****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 Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

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

**CARRIED**

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Director’s Report and Recognition****a) Director’s Recognition****i. Kylee Smith, Student, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Stamford Collegiate Secondary School student Kylee Smith for her leadership and for making an impact on her school and community through her efforts to raise awareness about child apprehension impacting Indigenous children in Canada.

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

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Director's Recognition****Kylee Smith, Student, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School**

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'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.

Director Hoshizaki presented Kylee Smith with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions.

**ii. Sarah Cook, Teacher, BRIDGE Program**

Director Hoshizaki recognized BRIDGE Program teacher Sarah Cook for embracing the values of the DSNB and for her outstanding ability to work with students who need a great amount of support.

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



**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Director's Recognition****Sarah Cook, Teacher, BRIDGE Program**

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.

Director Hoshizaki presented Sarah Cook with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions.

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

**ii. DSBN Frames Film Festival**

This year 96 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.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****DSBN Frames Film Festival**

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>

**iii. 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 27, 2018 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.

**2. Educational Showcases****a) "I am from..." A Teacher Lead Learning Project on Inclusiveness**

Superintendent McGregor introduced the showcase, which highlighted the team project "I am from..." that was lead by DSBN teachers Jennifer Allen and Tara Terrick.

Jennifer Allen shared the process that was taken by teachers and students, which included a TLLP that looked at the linguistic needs of newcomer students. The group decided to put the cultural identities of the students at the core and a variety of teachers explored the cultural diversities of DSBN students. One of the end products was a quilt made with squares that were created by students.

Tara Terrick explained that English language learners are one of the largest growing portions of DSBNs student body. The goal was to empower these students by providing leadership opportunities and giving them a voice. Tara Terrick described the collaboration between the teachers, textile artists, and DSBNs Educational Media Resource Centre staff, who taught the students to conceptualize, design, and create the quilt squares, as well as capture interviews of the students telling their stories.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Educational Showcases****“I am from...” A Teacher Lead Learning Project on Inclusiveness**

A DSBN student shared her story of coming to Canada and the Board had the opportunity to watch a video of a student interview describing what her quilt piece represents.

**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**

There was no old business.

**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**

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Trustee information session.

**3. Correspondence and Communication**

There was no correspondence or communication.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

Information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at [www.dsbn.org](http://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](http://www.opsba.org).

**6. Future Meetings**

The calendar of December 2018 and January 2019 meetings were provided.

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

Moved by Kate Baggott  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

**“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.”**

**CARRIED**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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**SUE BARNETT**, Chair

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

**January 22, 2019 Board Meeting  
Director's Update to Trustees**

**Director's Artisan Card Contest**

Students were given an opportunity to show off their skills and creativity by designing Artisan Cards. To enter this contest students were asked to create a piece of artwork to commemorate a month of the year and what makes it special. Students whose artwork has been chosen to become Artisan Cards will be recognized at the January 22, 2019 Board Meeting.

**Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Pam Hrstic, Administrative Secretary, Grimsby Secondary School**

Pam Hrstic has been the administrative secretary at Grimsby Secondary School for more than 17 years. Her hard work, professionalism and dedication to students and staff has had a huge positive impact on the school and its community.

Pam has consistently gone above and beyond the expectations of her school role. She coordinates, supports and organizes important events such as grade 9 meet the teacher nights, parent-teacher interview nights, charity fundraisers and entry in the Grimsby Santa Clause parade. A Grimsby resident herself, she is a notable face of the school and works closely with community organizations such as the Grimsby Benevolent Fund to enhance their work and ensure Grimsby Secondary School students have access to their supports.

Pam makes a significant impact with students and families every day. Her caring and professional problem-solving approach brings supports to families that allow student access to trips, events and opportunities they wouldn't have otherwise considered. Her work with staff also makes a difference. The way in which she handles the daily business of a school, from organization, communication and showing compassion, shows teachers how much their work is valued and how the purpose of the office is to support teaching and learning in the classroom.

Pam's work is exemplary and is appreciated by students, families, teachers and other school staff every day. Congratulations Pam, you are most deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions!

**Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Rotary Club of Welland, Community Partner**

The Rotary Club of Welland has served both local and global causes over the years and prides itself in addressing some of the hardest and most persistent challenges in the communities they serve, at times as a single organization or collectively with other Niagara-area clubs. Rotary has been a community partner

and supporter of DSBN schools for decades.

Addressing literacy, numeracy, and managing personal economic planning are but three key issues. Rotary has worked to provide poverty relief to youth and their families, opportunities such as leadership development programs and events to fund scholarships. The Rotary Club of Welland has made significant contributions to breakfast programs in both DSBN elementary and secondary schools in Welland. They have also provided additional technology to enhance the learning environment for students who may not have access at home.

This year, the Rotary Club of Welland is developing a free food fridge partnership at Diamond Trail Public School's Library. They continue to support students from local schools who participate in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, the annual High School Gold Medallion Bursary Awards, and further the great relationships that exists via the International Youth Exchanges.

We would like to share the following to illustrate Rotary's impact at one of our DSBN elementary schools:

*Glendale Public School is very appreciative of all the support the Rotary Club of Welland has provided our school so that we can equip our classrooms with technology such as Chromebooks and interactive whiteboards. This has directly benefitted student learning and engagement. Daily, we see students accessing and analyzing information using this equipment to better understand concepts or current topics and events around the world. It is impressive to watch students use the technology purchased to create presentations of their investigations which are then shared with classmates using the interactive whiteboards. The support of the Rotary Club of Welland has truly allowed our students to develop research and presentation skills which will support them in the years to come! Thank you to the Rotary Club of Welland on behalf of our school.*

Rotary recognizes that the world around us continues to provide challenges and learning opportunities. The relationship between schools and local service clubs can provide insight, relief, and innovation in supporting the development of our youth. Again, we would like to share the following quote from Welland Centennial Secondary School:

*Welland Centennial values our ongoing partnership with Rotary. They enrich the lives of our students, most notably through their International Exchange Program, which has fostered learning and the development of friendships around the world.*

We wish to thank the Rotary Club of Welland for its outstanding support of DSBN students and families. You are a valued community partner and most deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions Award!

## **Local Updates**

### **Good News Breakfast for Project Share**

Thank you to Colleen Fast, Site Supervisor, Outdoor Education for representing the District School Board of Niagara at the annual Good News Breakfast for Project Share. This is a HUGE event that includes over 500 participants across the Niagara Community.

Colleen gave a great presentation about the benefits of outdoor education to DSBN students and was interviewed by YourTV. You can see the short video and Colleen's interview on YourTV

<https://yourtv.tv/node/146306?c=niagara> at 1:19:22.

In addition, James Morden Public School participated in the event and came in first place with the largest school donation of over 3500 pounds and a \$900 cash donation.

Congratulations to Colleen Fast and the staff and students at James Morden Public School!



### **Zones of Regulation Family Night at Fitch Street Public School**

Fitch Street Public School had a tremendous turn-out for their Zones of Regulation Family Night. It was a fun night where parents, guardians and grandparents learned about the benefits of the Zones of Regulation Program. Social worker Rachel Webster and youth counselor Tracy Hofland shared how the Zones of Regulation Program provides students with the terminology and problem-solving skills to develop positive self-regulation skills at school and home while their primary staff did yoga, mindful colouring and other fun activities with the students. The evening ended with students and families talking about the different 'colour zones' and creating their own tool kit for home to help them recognize their feelings and get back to the 'green zone.' A fun and informative night was had by all.

### **Canadian Dance Educator of the Year (School Board)**

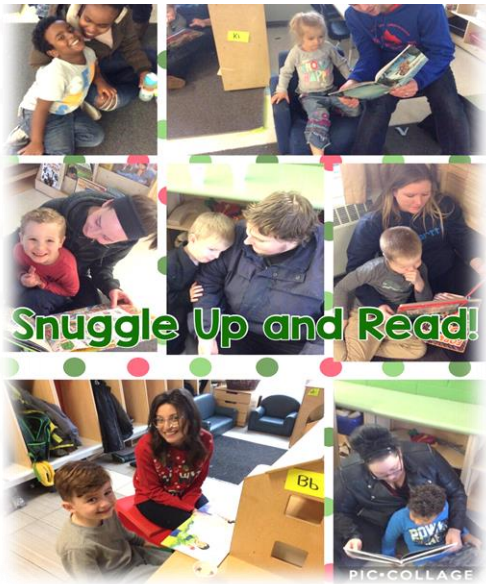
Congratulations to Kim Wylde, teacher at Welland Centennial Secondary School, who has been acknowledged by Canada's National Academy of Dance Education as Canadian Dance Educator of the Year for 2018! This award recognizes an educator who demonstrates a commitment to lifelong learning and professional development in dance education and who encourages and fosters an environment of lifelong learning for those they teach and work with in their communities. Congratulations Kim!

### **Fun Family Friday's at Diamond Trail Public School**

Once a month, Diamond Trail Public School kindergarten classes welcome families to the classroom for Fun Family Fridays. Classroom educators plan curriculum-based centres for children to enjoy with their families alternating between math, literacy, technology and STEM activities.

Fun Family Fridays at Diamond Trail PS have had tremendous turn-outs and have been a huge success!





### Simcoe Street Public School Breakfast and Karate Event

Last month, parents and guardians of kindergarten, primary and junior students joined their children at Simcoe Street Public School for a morning of making and eating a delicious, healthy breakfast which included a nutritious granola parfait. In addition, they all learned some martial arts skills from karate instructor Ron Mattie. Thanks to everyone involved for making this a wonderful event!





**Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review**

On November 27, 2018, DSBN Trustees voted to build a new elementary school for students in Wainfleet, subject to funding from the Ministry of Education and a partnership with the Niagara Catholic District School Board to share space. The new school would bring together the populations of William E. Brown Public School, Winger Public School, and St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School.

On January 15, 2019 the Committee of the Whole of the Niagara Catholic District School Board gave approval to recommend to the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of a new joint-use elementary school in Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara, pending approval of a Joint-Use Agreement and subject to funding from the Ministry of Education.

Trustees of the Niagara Catholic District School Board will consider the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole at their board meeting on January 29, 2019. The District School Board of Niagara welcomes the opportunity to work with Niagara Catholic District School Board to establish a partnership for the new joint-use school and I will keep trustees informed of their decision.

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 November 2018, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 9,038,047.55
Transportation	1,493,566.33
Utilities	764,198.60
Other	<u>10,383,276.92</u>
Total	<b><u>\$ 21,679,089.40</u></b>

## **Recommended Motion:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld  
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of January 22, 2019

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



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 5, 2018  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Prince Philip Public School

### MINUTES

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PRESENT:	Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, James Burnison, Stacia Heaton, Pauline Dawson, Fran Cerminara, Stacia Heaton, Melissa Lofquist, Rachel Stempski, Susan Jovanovic
REGRETS:	Doug Newton, Karen Simpson, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Rypstra, Chris Seabrook
SUPERINTENDENT:	Wes Hahn
TRUSTEES:	Nancy Beamer, Alex Bradnam
ADMINISTRATION:	Tracy Leemet
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Jennifer McGugan

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#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Superintendent Hahn introduced and welcomed Trustees, Nancy Beamer and Doug Newton. Trustee Newton was unable to attend. Superintendent Hahn reviewed the trustees that were recently elected or re-elected and the areas they represent.

Ms. Tisi gave our committee a summary of the transitions involving Prince Philip over the past couple of years. She reported that there are 468 students that attend from gr 1-8. This year is the first that the school is only French Immersion. Lynn and Warren showed a video to the committee that highlighted the positive things that the students at Prince Philip French Immersion Public School felt about the transition.

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Wes Hahn welcomed everyone. The committee members and guests introduced themselves. He thanked Lynn Tisi, Principal, and Warren Dixon, Vice Principal, Prince Philip French Immersion Public School, for hosting the meeting.

Lisa Mooney, Co-Chair, welcomed Melissa Lofquist who inquired about the PIC Committee at the PIC Conference in November 2018. Lisa reviewed the process for a community member to apply to participate in the Parent Involvement Committee.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

"That the December 5, 2018, 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 Hahn shared with the committee the goal and purpose of the Education Foundation of Niagara. Funds raised by Education Foundation of Niagara go directly back into DSNB schools. They have a new director,

Laura Byers, that has been working hard to raise awareness for Education Foundation of Niagara. She is reaching out to high profile community partners to help raise funds for DSBN students. These funds help support student needs, Prom Project, post-secondary bursaries and application fees, eye glasses and medical work. Teachers and principals identify needs in their schools and reach out to Education Foundation of Niagara for support. Superintendent Hahn requested that the committee bring forward any suggestions they might have for community partners interested in supporting Education Foundation of Niagara.

Superintendent Hahn shared that Policy Committee is part of his portfolio. The first Policy Committee meeting was in November and the following policies went to board and were approved:

POLICY#	POLICY NAME	DATE OF REVISED/NEW POLICY
i-l	Policy -General	November 2018
E-01	Smoke-Free Learning and Workplace Environments	November 2018
E-03	Health and Safety	November 2018
E-15	Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention	November 2018
G-12	Alcohol, Drug and Substance Use and Abuse	November 2018
G-28	Student Discipline	November 2018

Some were annual policies and the others were updated to reflect the changes in the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and the new Cannabis Legislation. The Education Act updates have been included in the G-28 Student Discipline policy. Superintendent Hahn noted that the policies are available on the board website for viewing.

Currently, the policies up for vetting on the board website are:

- [A-17 Advertising Expenditures for Public Information and Awareness](#)
- [G-33 School Logos](#)
- [Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions](#)

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

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- The Ministry of Education had town halls and the feedback option is still open on their website. They asked for Education Partners to share thoughts on funding. Lisa encouraged parents to share feedback.
- \$500 parent involvement funds have been transferred to schools.
- The Committee debriefed the 2018 Parent Involvement Committee Conference.
- Lisa recommended that there be a registration confirmation for next year based on the feedback received.
- A feedback survey from the PIC Conference sessions is used to guide workshops for the next conference.
- Survey results include the following:
  - 67 attendees from the participants who gave their email address responded to the survey, approximately a 55% response rate.
  - 87% of respondents gave the conference a 4 or 5-star rating.

- 100% of respondents gave the childcare portion a 4 or 5-star rating.
- 97.01% of respondents gave the ease of registration a 4 or 5-star rating.

### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

The new Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees were elected. Trustees are provided with a Handbook and an Orientation session. Trustees received their school and committee assignments Trustees are working together as a Board of Trustees and it is always based on what is best for DSBN students.

Trustee Alex Bradnam will be resigning as a community representative due to his recent position as a Board Trustee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Susan Jovanovic

Seconded by Fran Cerminara

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting – February 6th, 2019



## SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING (S.A.L.) COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 12, 2018  
Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

### MINUTES

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#### Members:

Lora Campbell, Trustee  
Ann Harrison, Student Achievement Leader  
Tracy Sacco, Student Achievement Leader – Alternative Education

#### Resources:

Lynn Coles, Attendance Counsellor  
Jennifer Dearborn, SAL Secretary  
Debra Dinga, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
Beau Daniels, Vice Principal, DSBN Academy  
Eric Stewart, Vice Principal, Governor Simcoe Secondary School  
Karen Ferguson, Vice Principal, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School  
Kelly Parlatore, Vice Principal, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School  
Robin Lakeit, Vice Principal, Beamsville District Secondary School  
Caroline Graham, John Howard Society of Niagara

#### Apologies:

Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Education, Secondary

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Student Achievement Leader, Ann Harrison called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

#### **189-026**

TH	Female	D.O.B. May 13/05	16yrs 6mths at time of meeting
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TH has had difficulty attending and engaging in school this year. She is interested in pursuing employment opportunities and attending school one day per week to recover a history credit. School and community supports are in place.

#### **189-027**

TD	Male	D.O.B. Oct.22/01	17yrs 1mth at time of meeting
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TD has difficulty attending school but would like to complete the requirements for a graduation certificate. Co-op and employment opportunities are possible with community and social worker supports in place. He will attend at an alternate location to recover an OLC 40 credit.

**189-028**

NT                      Male    D.O.B. Apr.07/01                      17yrs 8mths at time of meeting

NT has struggled with regular school attendance. He has school and community supports in place. Employment opportunities are being explored while he attends school twice per week to earn MEL 3E in semester 2.

**189-029**

JW                      Male    D.O.B. Aug.24/01                      17yrs 3mths at time of meeting

JW has been struggling with school engagement for several years. He is interested in employment opportunities and plans to recover a credit in ENG 2L by attending school once per week. He will be applying to the Dig-It program for semester 2. School supports are in place.

**189-030**

BF                      Male    D.O.B. Feb.10/02                      16yrs 9mths at time of meeting

BF has challenges in attending school on a regular basis. He is attending alternative education three times per week for ENG 3C, CGC 3O and GWL 3O and has been earning community hours. He is also interested in work through community supports and independent learning is a consideration for earning credits required for a diploma. School supports are in place.

**189-031**

KF                      Female D.O.B. Aug.11/01                      17yrs 0mths at time of meeting

KF is a capable student who struggles with school attendance. Community and schools supports are being put in place to support her. KF is working on one credit HHS 4U, afternoons, 2-3 times per week with possible Instructional Outreach implementation. Referrals for additional community supports are being put in place.

**Student Trustee Senate Meeting  
Education Centre, Board Room  
Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

**Members Present**

Student Trustees: Amal Qayum, Westlane Secondary School  
Keylee Smith, Welland Centennial Secondary School

**Trustees:** Dave Schaubel & Nancy Beamer

**\*School Representatives:**

Zaara Alam	A. N. Myer	Isabelle Newkirk	Governor Simcoe
Cater Yacyshy	A. N. Myer	Mackenzie Ziegler	Governor Simcoe
Rachel MacNinch	Beamsville	Melanie Riley	Laura Secord
Elise Wilts	Beamsville	Brooke MacIntosh	St. Catharines Collegiate
Mark Papp	DSBN Academy	Marianne Vongboutdy	St. Catharines Collegiate
Devon Fiander	DSBN Academy	Bronte Detenbeck	Sir Winston Churchill
Anastasia Vakoulich	Eden	Greg Mahmoudpour	Sir Winston Churchill
Aidyn Kasper	Eden	Olivia Sargeson	Stamford
Krish Patel	Eastdale	Kyrah Nicholls	Stamford
Isabella Daneyko	Greater Fort Erie	Evvi Libby	Welland Centennial
Rachel Dobbie	Greater Fort Erie	Zainab Sarwari	Welland Centennial
Nick Pasaluko	Grimsby	Daniel Krowchuk	Westlane
		Riya Patel	Westlane
<i>*Based on students who "signed-in"</i>			

**Administrative Advisors:**

Ms. Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Secondary Schools  
Ms. Ann Harrison, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success  
Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success  
Ms. Linda Oliverio, Vice Principal, Port Colborne High School

**Recording Secretary:**

Mrs. Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

**Regrets:** Anandi Dajka, Madelynne Davis, Payton Dickie, Jenna Giroux, Jessica Hagar, Jeff Sung

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Amal and Keylee introduced themselves and welcomed DSN Trustees Dave Schaubel and Nancy Beamer to the Student Trustee Senate Committee.

The Indigenous Land Acknowledgment was read by Keylee Smith.



**Approval of the Agenda**

Westlane motioned the agenda be approved. Grimsby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Presentation**

Ms. Harrison and Ms. Santesso were invited to discuss the topic of equity with the Senators. Ms. Harrison directed the Senators to an activity that furthered the work done in the November STS meeting and asked them to reflect on how they can reach all students at the In-school Student Voice Forums planned for later in the school year. The Senators discussed the categories that identified areas where students may be unintentionally excluded. They were reminded that when planning the In-school Student Voice Forum to be mindful of timing (checking calendars for religious and cultural holidays) and inclusion (using all means including technology to encourage student input). Ms. Santesso then explained how to facilitate a Student Voice Forum and handed out a template for completion prior to the February Student Trustee Senate Retreat. The questions for the Student Voice Forum will be finalized at the Retreat.

Amal and Keylee thanked the presenters, and then presented Ms. Harrison with a floral arrangement from Westlane's Dig-It program. She explained to the Senators that Ms. Harrison is retiring in the new year. On behalf of the Student Trustees and the Senate, Amal thanked Ms. Harrison for her support and dedication to the Student Trustee Senate Committee.

**Report from Trustees**

DSBN Trustees Dave Schaubel and Nancy Beamer were introduced. They addressed the Senators giving them some background on themselves.

Trustee Schaubel shared with the Senators his belief that they are today's leaders and advised them to lead today for a better tomorrow, as they do have a voice.

Trustee Beamer encouraged the Senators to embrace opportunities and not be afraid to take them as one doesn't always stay with one career. She pointed out that the Senators are all leaders and to stay the course as they seek more leadership roles.

<b>Networking Break: 6:50 - 7:05 p.m.</b>
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**Report from Student Trustees****Perfect Attendance Draw**

Three students received a prize for perfect attendance: Carter Yacyshyn, Daniel Krowchuk, and Zaara Alaam.

**Provincial Consultation**

Keylee reminded Senators that the submission deadline is December 15, 2018.

**T-Shirts**

The Senators voted for a royal blue shirt with a one colour imprint logo on the front. The t-shirts will be ordered for the upcoming Student Trustee Senate retreat in February.

**Student Trustee Applications**

Applications will go out in March. Interested students should connect with the school Guidance counsellor or Student Trustee Senate Advisor.

**Around the Table:**

**Question: What is an event at your school which engaged a large demographic of students? How did you engage them?**

ANM: pep rallies every semester with a variety of activities for all grades; competitions and “dance off”; engagement through announcements and word of mouth.

BDSS: school runs a pep rally that includes lip synch wars; Kahoot battles; sports teams recognized; food trucks; rugby buy-out (popular); social media and announcements; word of mouth.

DAC: monthly spirit assemblies are held for all grades from 6 to 12; activities are held to involve/accommodate everyone – physical, technical, etc.

EAS: Halloween dance (Graveyard Smash). Haunted house was a great success.

Eden: Grade Wars whereby points are won in competition; mini stick tournament.

GFESS: colour days for engagement – each grade is in its own colour; sense of comradery amongst grades to win challenges. Free and during school hours.

Governor Simcoe: buyouts for sports to build school spirit including a spirit day; mascot, cheerleading.

Grimsby: Fun day such as bouncy castle, cotton candy, dunk tank – advertising is key to the success of the carnival including word of mouth by students.

Laura Secord: Coffee houses; lip-synch battles held at lunchtime judged by teachers. Visiting MSIP classrooms to advertise events is very successful.

St. Catharines Collegiate: dodgeball modeled like a grade war; sports buyouts, police buyouts vs. teachers. During buyouts Pie in the Face is held where tickets are sold; school held Stride for Pride walk/run carnival.

Sir Winston Churchill: hybrid of events Spring Fling, a carnival with food truck, bouncy castle, grade wars held on playing fields. Engagement is high.

Stamford: Jingle to Mingle – arts council holds this event with performances by students; positive and respectful support of the acts performing. Wednesday MSIP class using slide shows / announcements to show upcoming school events.

Welland Centennial: Cougar Fest – an event / carnival that is free; students wear spirit wear; a variety of activities which, engage different groups such as the athletes, arts students, etc.

Westlane: Winter and Summer semi-formals are organized with different themes; word of mouth, social media effective advertising.

**Action Items for Next Meeting**

Student Voice Forum template to be completed prior to the February 12, 2019 retreat.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Stamford Secondary School motioned the meeting be adjourned at 8:00pm. Gov Simcoe Secondary School seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
9am to 2:30pm – location to be determined.

**Recommended Motion:**

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



## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Thursday December 13, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

### MINUTES

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

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

Pathstone Mental Health  
CNIB  
Autism Ontario, Niagara Chapter  
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – ONE  
Down Syndrome Caring Parents Niagara  
Niagara Support Services  
Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region  
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  
Nikki Train  
Paulette Alcox  
Kelly Irvine-Minor

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

#### **Regrets:**

Keylee Smith  
Kerry Thomas

DSBN Student Trustee  
Community Living, Welland Pelham

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Sue Sentence

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

Quorum was established and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting began with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory. Introductions were made around the table as the group welcomed new DSBN Trustees, Shannon Mitchell and Alex Bradnam.

**WELCOME – STUDENT VOICE** Special Achievement Leader, Nikki Train introduced LRT Kelly Giancaterino and a grade 7 student and his family, from Kate S. Durdan. The student's PowerPoint helped to illustrate the his involvement in the school community and was a reflection of the student's greatest qualities of kindness and teamwork.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the December 13, 2018 SEAC meeting.

*Moved by Danielle Reynolds, Seconded by Samantha Sendzik*

***"That the Agenda dated December 13, 2018, be approved as presented."***

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of the November 8, 2018 SEAC meeting.

**TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION and SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

**John Dickson / Leanne Smith**

Members of the Special Education and IT Departments demonstrated to the committee how different types of technology is being used in classrooms throughout the board. Examples include Ozobots and Beebots, Clicker6 software, Google Read and Write, as well as numerous apps that are accessed through the use of Chromebooks and iPads within the classrooms.

**REVIEW OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF AND ROLES**

**Nikki Train**

Student Achievement Leader, Nikki Train explained how students are supported by various members of the Special Education Team, who all have distinct roles in a student's success and programming. The Special Education Team works together to support the school to provide the best environment, instruction and supports to help each student reach their full potential.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT**

**Paulette Alcox**

Assistant Student Achievement Leader, Paulette Alcox, received the group's feedback on Section 6 (Specialized Equipment) and 7 (Transportation for Students with Special Education Needs) of the Report. The group was asked to review Section 5 (Special Education Staff), for next month's meeting.

**SEAC AGENCY COMMUNITY MEMBER UPDATE**

**Linda Morrice**

Linda provided the group with an update on Pathstone Mental Health, the Community Agency she represents at SEAC. Pathstone has become the lead agency in Niagara and will be working with core service providers throughout the Region. In 2018, the agency has also been able to increase the number of psycho-educational workshops and clinics it offers to caregivers and has taken on an additional Care Treatment Custody and Correctional classroom that was formerly located at the St. Catharines Hospital.

**ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION**

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

**Brent Beaudoin**

The annual Christmas party was a great success.

**OPC Representative: Secondary**

**Karen Ferguson**

Secondary school students have begun course selections for next year, while grade 8's transitioning to high school participated in Secondary School Open Houses at the end of November. January brings the end of the first semester as students begin working on culminating activities as they prepare for final exams that take place at the end of January.

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

No report

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

The Chapter's Annual Gala was a huge success as they received numerous donations that will help fund summer camps and adult supports in the community. Winter program registrations are open. The chapter is preparing for a couple other fundraisers, their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trivia Night to be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Raise the Flag Day to be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

No report.

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

Registration for winter programs took place in November. The agency is preparing for their Trivia Night which is being held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Event flyer is attached.

**Down Syndrome Caring Parents Niagara****Mary Maida**

The agency hosted their annual Christmas Party at Heartland Forest.

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

No report

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

Schools are busy supporting transition planning for Grade 8 students moving to grade 9 and are assisting students with their course selections for September.

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

No report.

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

The Special Education team continues to prepare for pre-school transitions for students who will be attending kindergarten in September 2019. Kindergarten Open Houses will take place on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

No report.

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

Trustee Mitchell is looking forward to working with the Committee for the next four years.

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

Trustee Bradnam is happy to be back on the SEAC Committee.

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

Secondary School staff attended various professional development sessions on the November 16<sup>th</sup> P.D. Day that included many special education options for staff.

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

In November, elementary school LRT's participated in sessions focusing on positive behaviour support plans and the implementation of plans in schools. EA's professional development focused on their own well-being in November. LRT's and SW's received professional development in November that included information on PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections).

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

No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Dickson shared two pieces of correspondence with the Committee.

In addition, a letter was shared that was prepared on behalf of the SEAC Committee supporting the Upper Grand District School Board's request to the Minister of Education to amend the Education Act so that boards shall promote awareness and understanding of permanent brain injury resulting for prenatal alcohol exposure to support pupils who may have FASD. Furthermore, that this lifelong brain injury be recognized as a neurodevelopmental disorder, diagnosed under Fetal Alcohol Disorder (FASD).

The letter will be forwarded to the Minister of Education as attached.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

There were no questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Brent Beaudoin, Seconded by Shannon MacDonald*

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. – Grimsby-Lincoln Room**



December 11, 2018

Rebecca Alfieri  
Elections Coordinator  
City of St. Catharines

Dear Ms. Alfieri,

In consideration of our relationship with the municipalities as our community partners, we have agreed to waive the fees associated with the cost of ensuring night time caretaking staff during the recent election.

The fees charged related only to our direct costs. The elementary schools used do not have night caretaking staff scheduled, which resulted in additional cost to the DSNB of approximately \$2,050. If fees have already been collected, our Community Use of Schools Department will ensure that reimbursements are provided.

Under the Education Act, Regulation 304 establishes the conditions governing the development of school year calendars. School boards must designate professional activity days and ensure they are aligned with provincial educational priorities. The scheduled timing of these days is quite significant in relation to the learning agenda. It is crucial that we designate a PD day early in the month of October.

While we will comply with requests to use schools as polling stations as required by the Municipal Elections Act, we continue to believe schools are no longer appropriate locations for this purpose. Student safety is of paramount importance. We continue to ensure our elementary school doors are locked and all visitors are identified prior to gaining access to the school building. This is a security feature the public appreciates and expects of our schools. We feel it is not appropriate to suspend this procedure on election day, when any number of people visit the school with minimal oversight. While we appreciate the efforts to limit the use of schools, we continue to urge all municipalities to consider all other locations, such as libraries, community centres, or arenas, as polling stations.



I look forward to working with you all to enhance safety in our schools during the next election period.

Sincerely,



Warren Hoshizaki  
Director of Education

cc. Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk, City of St. Catharines  
Leah LaPlante, Clerks Service Leader, City of St. Catharines  
Kristen Sullivan, City of St. Catharines  
Peter Todd, Town Clerk, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Bill Matson, Acting City Clerk, City of Niagara Falls  
Heather Ruzyllo, City of Niagara Falls  
Trish Deboer, Township of West Lincoln  
Carmela Radice, City of Welland  
Nancy Bozzato, Clerk, Town of Pelham

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