

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Education Centre

St. Catharines

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. [Information Session]

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

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

A G E N D A

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

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

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

Stevensville Public School choir will perform 'O Canada'

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Sue Barnett

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. **Approval of Board Minutes**

Pages 6-20

Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 25, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.”

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

4. **Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole**

Recommended Motion:

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

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

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

W Hoshizaki
Pages 21-22

a) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. **Educational Showcases**

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

1. **2018-2019 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) Report (Handout)**

W Hoshizaki
Pages

Recommended Motion:

“That the 2018-2019 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) Report be received.”

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

S Veld
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Recommended Motion:

"That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of August and September 2018, totaling \$34,959,702.26 be received."

2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

H Campbell / L Campbell
Pages 24-25

Recommended Motions:

"That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated October 3, 2018 be received."

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

L Campbell
Pages 26-29

Recommended Motion:

"That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated October 10, 2018 be received."

4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

D Robinson / J Ajandi
Pages 30-47

Recommended Motion:

"That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated October 11, 2018 be received."

5. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

D Schaubel
Pages 48-70

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated October 15, 2018 be received.”

And

“That the Board of Trustees receive the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review Final Staff Report dated October 12, 2018.”

And

“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of September 13, 2018 be received.”

And

“The report of the 2018-2021 Mental Health and Addictions Strategy be received.”

6. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

K Smith / A Qayum
Pages 71-73

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated October 16, 2018 be received.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Sessions

Information session topic: *Cannabis in Schools*

3. Correspondence and Communications

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

D Chase

6. Future Meetings

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The November 2018 calendar is attached.

N. Ratification of Business Conducted in this Regular Meeting

Recommended Motions:

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on October 23, 2018 be now ratified by the Board."

"That the Chair and proper officials of the District School Board of Niagara are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the business as decided by the Board of Trustees this day."

O. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

September 25, 2018

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:05 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase, Linda Crouch, Jonathan Fast, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Kevin Maves (Vice Chair), Dale Robinson (Chair), Dave Schaubel

Student Trustees: Amal Qayum and Keylee Smith

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

Regrets: Jennifer Ajandi

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Wendy Coit

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Chair Robinson 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 Robinson called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chair Robinson welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Robinson noted the absence of Trustee Ajandi.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Sue Barnett

Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

CARRIED

Moved by Helga Campbell

Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:57 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the A.K. Wigg Public School choir via video.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in honour of a DSBN student and DSBN staff member who had recently passed away.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

There was no reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Trustee Crouch requested that the agenda be amended to include a motion under Agenda Item L. New Business, to adopt OPSBA’s draft election guidelines

effective immediately and authorize staff to post such guidelines on the DSBN website forthwith.

**Moved by Linda Crouch
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the Agenda be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

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

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 25, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

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

**Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

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

CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director’s Report and Recognition

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective:

a) Recognition of Carrie Soucy, School Council Chair, Kate S. Durdan Public School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Carrie Soucy for being a dedicated volunteer and an important member of the Kate S. Durdan PS community.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

Recognition of Carrie Soucy, School Council Chair, Kate S. Durdan Public School

When Carrie's youngest daughter entered Junior Kindergarten it was evident that Carrie had a LOT to offer the school community. She had been part of School Council in past years and her dedication and support of Kate S. Durdan was reflected at these meetings. Once her youngest daughter started school Carrie was more visible around the school. She volunteered on school trips, offered to help decorate for various school events, and has a natural instinct of what needs to be done. She was soon being asked to assist whenever help was needed and Carrie would happily 'take it on' and see any task through to the end.

Carrie is now the School Council Chair and a lunchroom supervisor. She runs the Niagara Nutrition Program, leads successful fundraising endeavours, and co-plans school events like the school book fair, family movie night and math night. Carrie excels at any volunteer task. When more help is needed you can count on Carrie to rally other volunteers as well. She is a very detail-oriented person and her willingness to take on any project and see it to successful completion has been much appreciated over the years. She is the school's 'go to' person.

While wearing many hats, Carrie also projects a warm, cheerful attitude to school staff, students and parents. She resolves conflicts and handles other difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact. She is always a Kate S. Durdan champion. Carrie loves people, works hard, and always tries to lift the spirits of those around her.

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

b) Recognition of Kim Palmerino, Teacher, Connaught Public School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Kim Palmerino for being a tireless advocate for students with differing needs and for being passionate about autism awareness.

Kim is a beloved classroom teacher. She is calm and patient with her students and because of this gift, other staff often seek out her advice when working with their own students.

Kim organizes the Autism Awareness week at Connaught Public School each year. She invests a tremendous amount of time and effort into planning the assembly, ensuring that all of the students with autism are involved, and organizes a coin drive that this year, raised \$700 for the Niagara Chapter of Autism Ontario.

As part of the school's very team-oriented staff, Kim is the first to volunteer to help out, cover duty or a class for a colleague, try a new program with the instructional coach, and even pitch in with EQAO preparations. Kim

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

Director's Report and Recognition

Recognition of Kim Palmerino, Teacher, Connaught Public School

constantly celebrates her students' successes, often coming eagerly to Principal Diiorio to show off her students' work. The pride in her voice is undeniable. Her positivity and enthusiasm is contagious. Kim is a wonderful, dedicated teacher and person and is an important part of the team at Connaught Public School.

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

b). Director's Update to Trustees

i. Summer H.E.A.T.

Students involved in DSBN's Summer HEAT program had a summer full of learning. This program assists students in maintaining and further enhancing their literacy and math skills during the summer months. The Summer HEAT (Helping Everyone Achieve Together) program employs an early intervention strategy to help better prepare students for the new learnings that will follow in the subsequent grade in the Fall.

Students engaged in planting, science experiments, coding, Outdoor Education and they participated in Indigenous presentations and fine arts activities in partnership with various community members.

Physical education and healthy living was part of the daily events and incorporated into outdoor play and classroom lessons. Healthy breakfast and snacks were provided to the students daily.

ii. Out of School Excursions Involving Water

During the summer of 2017, the tragic drowning of a TDSB student during a school canoe trip prompted a review of all school board policies surrounding outdoor education and excursions by the Ontario Ministry of Education. The District School Board of Niagara suspended all out of school excursions that involved water activities and conducted a comprehensive review of related policies and administrative procedures.

Both the Ministry of Education and DSBN have completed their reviews. As a result, we are confident DSBN's administrative procedure has all the measures in place for these field trips to protect the safety of our students. Schools may now consider out of school excursions that involve water activities.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

Director's Update to Trustees

iii. Meridian is Taking Centre Stage at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School (GFESS)

Meridian recently announced it is contributing \$500,000 towards the cost of the theatre at GFESS. This new partnership between the DSBN and Meridian will see the school's theatre renamed as the Meridian Centre for the Arts.

Building the Centre for the Arts alongside GFESS was an ambitious project. It was not something DSBN could have done alone. However, we had a tremendous partner in the Town of Fort Erie, and now, Meridian and we are thrilled to have their support.

The fundraising committee has done an incredible job making the case for this showcase facility for students and the community.

iv. Rowan's Law Day

The first annual Rowan's Law Day is September 26, 2018. All schools across the DSBN will be engaging in promoting concussion awareness and injury prevention.

DSBN's Rowan's Law Day committee has met regularly over the past several months with the goal of helping to familiarize school communities with Rowan's story and beginning to develop an awareness of these serious injuries in DSBN schools. The committee compiled resources to help schools get started. Resource kits delivered to each school included lesson plans, posters, social media content, a story book for elementary, and concussion goggles for secondary schools.

The DSBN will participate in Rowan's Law Day each year and continue to engage in initiatives that help to prevent these serious injuries.

Director Hoshizaki added that he has been invited to the Provincial Legislature on September 26, 2018 as a Concussion Awareness Ambassador by the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, in order to commemorate Rowan's Law Day across the province.

v. Valley Way Public School's New Playground

A new school year always brings excitement and hope but this year, the excitement-level was at an all-time high at Valley Way Public School. When students returned from their summer break, they were greeted by our smiling staff and a brand-new playground structure. The students at

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

Director's Update to Trustees

Valley Way Public School's New Playground

Valley Way have been without a playground since approximately 2002, when many of the current parents were students at Valley Way. The playground was initiated and supported by our Board of Trustees and senior leadership team and funded by DSBN.

Since the beginning of the school year, students can be seen climbing and sliding during fitness breaks and throughout the day. Students are thrilled by the new addition, In fact, Daniel, a grade 6 student, stated that the playground "was the best upgrade for the school ever!" Liam, also in grade 6, said that it "made the playground great again."

The students are thrilled with the amount of climbing opportunities as they are able to challenge themselves to 'make it further' each time and feel so proud when they make it across the monkey bars. In fact, one teacher overheard a student exclaim that "Monkey bars are my life!" Many students have expressed that the playground has given them something to do during breaks. Teachers are noticing cooperative play as students wait patiently for their turn on the climbers or slide hand-in-hand on the double slide, otherwise known as the 'friend slide'.

The students at Valley Way Public School we would like to say 'Thank You' to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Keddy Scott entered the Board room at 7:25 p.m.

2. Educational Showcases

a) E.L. Crossley Secondary School Link Crew

Superintendent Smith introduced the showcase, which highlighted the program that was implemented at E.L. Crossley Secondary to ease the transition from grade 8 to secondary school.

Principal Janice Sargeant explained that a team of 5 staff members and 50 students form the Link Crew and that all incoming grade 9 students receive a personal invitation to meet their Link Crew leaders.

Teacher Michelle Gibson explained that students are thriving because of this program that built on the belief that students can help students. Senior students develop leadership skills and the relationships that are built create a positive energy a sense of community.

Link Crew leaders presented program highlights, which include high school orientation, academic follow-ups, social follow-ups, and regular leader-

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

Educational Showcases

E.L. Crossley Secondary School Link Crew

initiated contacts so the grade 9 students know their leaders are always there for them.

Trustees commended the students and staff for this outstanding program.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

1. 2017-2018 EQAO and OSSLT RESULTS REPORT

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded Helga Campbell

“That the 2017-2018 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report dated September 25, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Roberto presented the EQAO results for the 2017-2018 school year and highlighted increases seen in reading, writing, and mathematics. Superintendent Roberto added that the positive results can be attributed the targeted focus and the strategies that are being used in schools.

Superintendent McGregor shared the results of the OSSLT Secondary School Literacy Test and secondary EQAO results. Superintendent McGregor shared strategies that are being used to ensure continued progress and success.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell

OLD BUSINESS – continued

ACCOUNTS

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of June and July 2018, totaling \$38,589,634.48 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Linda Crouch

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated September 10, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

3. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated September 12, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Lora Campbell and Trustee Helga Campbell provided highlights from the September 12, 2018 meeting. Trustee Helga Campbell added that the committee looked at member representation, as well as ways to attract members from areas that are not being represented.

4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved by Linda Crouch
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

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

CARRIED

Superintendent Dickson reported that the Special Education Advisory Committee heard a student voice presentation by a grade 10 student as well as an update on the budget.

5. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

Moved by Amal Qayum

Seconded by Keylee Smith

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated September 18, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Smith reported that the Student Trustee Senate Retreat took place at Walker Living Campus, where Senators were able to bond as a group while planning initiatives for the school year. This year’s focus will be on student empowerment.

Trustee Qayum added the Student Trustee Senate will hold a fundraiser in support of the Education Foundation of Niagara, with the goal of raising more funds than last year. The Student Trustee Senate will also compile a research report that will be presented to Trustees.

6. REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Lora Campbell

Seconded by Diane Chase

“That the reports of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated May 17, 2018, May 29, 2018, and June 11, 2018 respectively, be received.”

And

“That the draft District School Board of Niagara of Niagara Code of Conduct (2018- 2022) be approved.”

And

“That the District School Board of Niagara Code of Conduct (2018-2022) form part of the Trustee Handbook.”

And

“That the District School Board of Niagara Code of Conduct (2018-2022) be implemented and take effect upon passing by the Board.”

And

“That the following amendments to the By-Laws and Rules of Order of the District School Board of Niagara be approved, with such amendments to take effect at the completion of the mandate of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee (as confirmed by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held April 24, 2018), which is anticipated to be at the end of October 2018, as follows:

REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – continued

- L-1** Trustees are elected to a four (4) year term of office on the Board. At the start of the term and approximately two (2) years into the term of office there will be opportunities to change Trustee membership on Standing and Statutory Committees, save and except for the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and the Code of Conduct Investigation Committee, which both requires a four (4) year term commitment.
- a)** At the Organization Meeting in an election year the Trustees will submit their committee preferences to the Director's Office and, thereafter, the Director, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board will meet to consider the preferences submitted and then to assign Trustees to serve on Standing and Statutory Committees. The selection of Committee Chairs will occur in accordance with By-Laws O - 23 and O - 24.
- b)** Nineteen (19) months after the newly elected Trustees take office, the Trustees shall again submit their committee preferences to the Director's Office by the first Board meeting in June and, thereafter, the Director, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board will meet to consider the preferences submitted and then to assign the Trustees to serve on Standing and Statutory Committees effective September 1st of that same year. The selection of Committee Chairs will occur in accordance with By-Laws O-23 and O - 24.
- L-6** There shall be the following committees of the Board with each Board member required to sit on two (2) Standing or Statutory Committees.
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| • Audit Committee..... | 3 Board Members |
| • Policy Advisory Committee..... | 5 Board Members |
| • Program and Planning Committee..... | 5 Board Members |
| • Finance Committee..... | 4 Board Members |
| • Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)..... | 2 Board Members plus 2 appointed Board Member Alternates (this is a legislated four (4) year term) |
| • Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL)..... | 1 Board Member |
| • Parent Involvement Committee..... | 2 Board Members |
| • Student Trustee Senate..... | 2 Board Members plus 2 Student Trustees |
| • Code of Conduct Investigation Committee..... | 4 Board Members (Chair, Vice-Chair plus 2 appointed Board Member Alternates (this is a four (4) year term) |
| • Student Discipline Committee..... | 3 Board Members (legislated |

REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – continued

• Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee.....	minimum) 2 Board Members for each contract
• Ad Hoc Properties Disposal Committee.....	2 Board Members (Chair of Program and Planning Committee, and Chair of Finance Committee, or designate)

Other Ad Hoc Committees will be established as required.

- L-7 The committee responsibilities of the incoming Chairperson shall be assumed by the outgoing Chairperson, save and except if the incoming Chairperson was the Board member assigned to serve on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) or the Code of Conduct Investigation (COCI) Committee, then the incoming Chairperson will remain on the SEAC or COCI Committees for the balance of the Board's four (4) year term.
- O-3 All committee recommendations must be presented to the Board for ratification or rejection. Committee recommendations will be recorded in the Committee minutes and provided to the Board no later than at the meeting where the Committee recommendations are being considered.

CARRIED

Trustee Keddy Scott provided a summary of the Governance Committee meetings and the recommended amendments to the DSBN By-Laws and Rules of order.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Linda Crouch
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That DSBN adopt OPSBA’s draft election guidelines effective immediately and authorize staff to post such guidelines on the DSBN website forthwith.”

CARRIED

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

a) DSBN Staffing 2018-2019

**Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

“That the DSBN Staffing 2018-2019 report dated September 25, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Courtois reported that the DSBN has increased their complement of teaching and support staff to meet student enrolment for the 2018-19 school year. This includes specialized services and programming that addresses the needs of all learners.

The projected elementary enrolment for the 2018-19 school year is 25,119. The overall teacher hiring for this school year is 80 full-time and 38 part-time, for a total of 118 newly hired teachers.

This year's projected secondary enrolment is 11,455. Sixty-eight secondary teachers were hired in June 2018 to support secondary enrolment, 21 full-time and 47 part-time.

The overall complement of Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECEs) for the 2018-19 school year has increased by nine over the last school year. Staff hiring for this year also includes an addition of seven Social Workers, three Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Facilitators and one Psychologist to support Mental Health and Well-being.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Director Hoshizaki explained that the Ministry of Education requires a 10 year projection of increased enrollment before considering additions to schools, however there are some circumstances when a special request may be considered.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent Veld indicated that that once secondary schools have completed registrations, information will be shared with Trustees regarding grade 8 student retention.

In response to a question from a Student Trustee, Superintendent Courtois clarified that DSBN follows Ministry of Education guidelines when it comes to the ratio of guidance counsellors to students, however DSBN also has social workers, youth counsellors, and other supports in place to make sure students have the support they need.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued

Staff Reports

DSBN Staffing 2018-2019

In response to a question from a Trustee about how changes in projection calculations will affect the accommodation review process, Superintendent Veld explained that a four-year average is used, but as DSBN moves ahead, a more weighted average will be used.

b) Niagara Compliance Audit Committee

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Linda Crouch

“That the report regarding notification of appointment to the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee dated September 25, 2018 be received for information only.”

CARRIED

c) Trustee Information Session

Trustees attended a Question and Answer session with Director Hoshizaki prior to the Board meeting.

d) Correspondence and Communication

There was no correspondence or communication.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Keddy Scott reported on Open House events at Twenty Valley, Central, and Lakeview Public Schools.
- b) Trustee Helga Campbell shared an anecdote about an inquisitive student.
- c) Trustee Barnett reported attending 8 open houses, and added that the parents that she has spoken to are very happy.

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

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued

Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Trustee Chase reported that Trustee Ajandi will be attending the OPSBA Board of Director's meeting on September 28-29, 2018.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of October 2018 meetings was provided.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sue Barnett

Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary

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

Local Updates

Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters 2018

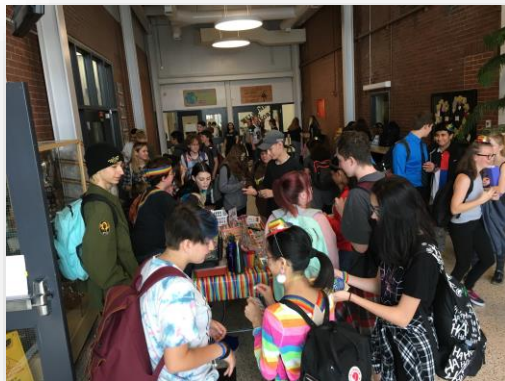
On Monday October 1st students and staff recognized Orange Shirt Day and the harm done to generations of children who attended Indian Residential Schools, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that Every Child Matters as we continue on our reconciliation journey.

Mohawk Residential School Survivors sisters Roberta Hill and Dawn Hill spoke to students at 4 secondary schools sharing their stories and experiences. Many schools participated in "Project of Heart" and watched "Canada's Darkest Secret – Mohawk Residential School" documentary to learn about Residential Schools and then decorated a small wood tile to display for Project Heart. 10 schools supported the Orange Shirt Day Button Fundraiser for Woodland Cultural Centre - Save the Evidence with over 600 buttons sold.

National Coming Out Day 2018

On Thursday, October 11, 2018 Stamford SS students, with the leadership of the LGBTQ+ council, showed their true colours by wearing bright rainbow colours. National Coming Out Day celebrates all who came out or are coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) or as an ally and telling the world that "You are free to be who you are and love who you love."

Stamford Nation sported rainbow colours in support of all those people but most importantly their own peers! The LGBTQ+ council gave out free rainbow coloured heart stickers, rainbow coloured pencils and lollipops among the other items that they were selling as a fundraiser in hopes of attending an LGBTQ+ conference in Ottawa that takes place in May. This is one of many events that the LGBTQ+ council is hosting this year to raise awareness of diversity and equality.



Ontario Dress Purple Day

Every October Children's Aid Societies across the province raise awareness about the rights of children and youth to safety and well-being, and the responsibility of adults and community services to help children, youth, and families who need support.

This year Ontario Dress Purple Day will take place on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.



Cross Country

Since early September, cross country teams at schools across the DSBN have spent countless hours practicing in preparation for DSBN cross country events. Staff have also worked hard in coaching and preparing the courses.

Over 700 athletes participated in cross country events this year, along with large crowds of supporters cheering them on!



SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Background and Rationale:

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

Summary of Accounts:

A summary of accounts paid for the months of August and September 2018, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 14,130,280.86
Transportation	1,337,329.02
Utilities	1,441,587.75
Other	<u>18,050,504.63</u>
Total	<u>\$ 34,959,702.26</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of August and September 2018, totaling \$34,959,702.26 be received.”

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of October 23, 2018

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



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 3, 2018
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Eden High School

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Pauline Dawson, James Burnison, Stacia Heaton, Fran Cerminara, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Rypstra, Ainsley Maves, Lauren Saly
REGRETS:	Helga Campbell, Susan Jovanovic, Alex Bradnam, Chris Seabrook
SUPERINTENDENT:	Wes Hahn
TRUSTEES:	Lora Campbell
ADMINISTRATION:	Tracy Leemet, Karen Simpson
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Jennifer McGugan

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Wes Hahn welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Stacia Heaton

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the October 3, 2018, Parent Involvement Committee Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Wes Hahn shared the following:

- The LINK crew at E.L. Crossley is an initiative that partners grade 9 students with older secondary students to help them adjust to secondary school. This initiative was highlighted at the most recent Board Meeting.
- EQAO results for the DSBN were highlighted at the Board Meeting. DSBN’s math plan has been very focused and specific. The positive results observed can partially be attributed to the DSBN trustee supported, AQ Math and grade specific math professional development for teachers.
- Also, supported by the DSBN trustees are our Instructional Coaches that work in our schools to provide our teachers and students with research based educational strategies. DSBN has provided exceptional professional development around instruction for our teachers and administrators.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- October 5th is World Teacher Day.
- There are updated guidelines for water safety related to out of school programs at the DSBN.
- There has been no notification received for the PRO grants

- The American Academy of Pediatrics released an interesting article about the importance of play titled “The Power of Play: A Pediatric Role in Enhancing Development in Young Children”.
<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/142/3/e20182058>
- There is an accommodation review happening in Wainfleet. The final staff report for the accommodation review will be posted with the Program and Planning Committee agenda on October 12.
- The province of Ontario has launched its consultation process at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Lora Campbell reported that DSBN 2018-19 enrollments for elementary have increased. She highlighted some of the DSBN EQAO results from 2018, for both Elementary and Secondary. Grade 3 results show increases in reading and math. Grade 6 results show increases of 15% or more in reading, writing and math. Assessment results for our board and individual schools can be found at www.eqao.com

CONFERENCE PLANNING

Conference registration is live and there are over 140 registrants as of today. The winner of the early bird draw will be announced at the conference in November. The presenters have been booked and 25 vendors are registered. The committee will prepare the giveaway bags on Monday, October 29th, 2018 at 5:30pm, at Eden High School. QSP has been contacted to request a donation of parent magazines as giveaways. Childcare for the conference will be organized by Jennifer Wittig and Danielle Mikolic. The committee requested that Eden students be asked to provide music during dinner. Presenters will be emailed to request they bring their own laptop and provide detail around any technical needs they might have for the evening of the conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Melissa Rypstra

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting – PIC Conference - November 7th, 2018
Eden High School



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

Wednesday October 10, 2018
Grimsby Lincoln Room–Education Centre

MINUTES

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
Ruth Hernder, Principal, Laura Secord Secondary School
Norbert Kuebeck, VP, Eastdale Secondary School
Karen McNeil, SAL Secretary
Linda Oliverio, VP, Port Colborne Secondary School
Kelly Parlatore, VP, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School
Laryssa Smith, John Howard Society of Niagara
Kyle Visser, VP, St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School

Apologies:

Caroline Graham, John Howard Society of Niagara
Angela McClary, VP, St. Catharines Collegiate
Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Education, Secondary

Student Achievement Leader, Ann Harrison called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

189-001

AP Female D.O.B. Mar 16/02 14yrs 6mths at time of meeting

AP struggles with attending school but is eager to earn her diploma. AP will attend school for two periods per day (MFM 1P, ENG 1P), four days per week with ABA, SERT and Social Worker support. As well, additional community supports are in place. Continuous e-learning courses will also be considered.

I 89-002

DF Male D.O.B. Mar 09/02

16yrs 6mths at time of meeting

DF receives weekly community supports. His plan is to attend school daily for one period plus MSIP. Support of a social worker is recommended.

I 89-003

JS Male D.O.B. Sep 01/01

17yrs 1mths at time of meeting

JS wants to reengage with schooling. JS will attend the Pathways program each morning to complete ENG 1P and GWL 30. He has community supports and will also be referred to a Social Worker. The Youth Job Connect program may be a consideration for the future.

I 89-004

MS Female D.O.B. Apr 27/01

17yrs 2mths at time of meeting

MS participated in SAL last year but was unable to complete the program. MS is reengaging this year and has additional supports in place. She is working on credit recovery toward an OSSC and plans to engage in adult learning opportunities. Support of social worker as well as community and family support are in place.

I 89-005

KP Female D.O.B. Jun 19/01

17yrs 3mths at time of meeting

KP is being supported by a social worker and plans to reengage with community supports. KP is working to recover ENG 2L, complete MEL 3E and then ENG 3E. Recipe for Success may be considered. KP has expressed a desire to graduate.

I 89-006

ML Female D.O.B. Oct 01/01

17yrs 0mths at time of meeting

ML struggles to attend school but likes working. She is encouraged to seek the support of the social worker while she attends school three days per week where she is working on ENG 3C and MEL 3E. ML is linked to community supports and is interested in a co-op placement. She also wants to investigate Niagara Link for Semester 2.

The following students were reviewed for SAL on Monday, October 15th, 2018 at an alternate location to support parental attendance.

In Attendance were: Member: Ann Harrison, Student Achievement Leader
Resource: Gerda Klassen, Principal, Crossroads Public School

189-007

AF Female D.O.B. July 21/02 16yrs 2mths at time of meeting

AF participates in an alternate program to allow for cultural consideration. Her program supports her educational needs and is working on two credits. AF is supported by her family and church.

189-008

HF Female D.O.B. May 17/01 17yrs 5mths at time of meeting

AF participates in an alternate program. Consideration has been taken to support her learning needs through weekly attendance. She is working to earn two credits. HF has family and faith supports in place.

189-009

HF Male D.O.B. Dec.12/03 14yrs 10mths at time of meeting

HR participates in an alternate program that supports both his education and need for employment. He is working to earn credits in MFM 1P and ELS 20. HF is supported by his faith group and family.

189-010

LR Female D.O.B. May 19/04 14yrs 4mths at time of meeting

An alternate program in in place for LR which allows for cultural consideration. She attends weekly and is working to earn a Math and an English credit. Supports for life and learning are in place.

189-011

CW Female D.O.B. Oct. 01/03 15yrs 0mths at time of meeting

CW is attending an alternate program each week and is studying to earn credits, in English and Math. She is supported by her family and faith group.

I89-012

SF Female D.O.B. Sept.25/01

17yrs 0mths at time of meeting

SF participates in an alternate program to allow for cultural consideration. This program supports both her education and desire to work. She is earning credits in Math and English. SF is supported by nuclear and extended family.

I89-013

PS Male D.O.B. Mar. 21/03

15yrs 6mths at time of meeting

PS attends in an alternate program where he is both learning and earning English and Math credits. The program is meeting his educational needs which are also supported by his family and church.

I89-014

JM Male D.O.B. Aug.29/03

15yrs 1mths at time of meeting

JM participates weekly in an alternate program. The program supports his educational needs and his commitment to working. JM is supported by his family and church.

I89-015

JW Male D.O.B. Jan.18/04

14yrs 8mths at time of meeting

JW is attending an alternate program each week to earn two credits, MFM IP and ELS 20. JW is supported by his faith group and family.

I89-016

PL Male D.O.B. Sep.19/03

15yrs 0mths at time of meeting

PL participates in an alternate program that allows him to maintain his commitment to working while also earning credits. He is working on two credits (MFMIP and ELS20) and attends on a weekly basis. PL has personal supports in place.

I89-017

DB Male D.O.B. Feb.1/04

14yrs 7mths at time of meeting

DB is attending an alternate program and is taking English and Math credits. Cultural considerations have been made. Family and faith supports are in place.



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Thursday, October 11, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Linda Morrice (Chair)	Pathstone Mental Health
Shannon MacDonald (Vice-Chair)	CNIB
Amy Dunn	Autism Ontario, Niagara Chapter
Brent Beaudoin	VOICE
Nick Smith	Niagara Support Services
Samantha Sendzik	Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region
Kerry Thomas	Community Living Welland Pelham
Dale Robinson	Trustee, District School Board of Niagara

Administration/Resource:

Wes Hahn	Superintendent of Education, Area 3 Elementary Schools
Leanne Smith	Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Jennifer Currie	OPC Representative: Elementary
Karen Ferguson	OPC Representative: Secondary
Kelly Irvine-Minor	Special Education Consultant

Regrets:

Danielle Reynolds, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – ONE
Paul Molnar, Down Syndrome Caring Parents Niagara
John Dickson, Superintendent of Special Education
Nikki Train, Student Achievement Leader: Special Education
Paulette Alcox, Assistant 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 6:02 p.m.

WELCOME – STUDENT VOICE Special Education Consultant, Kelly Irvine-Minor introduced Central Special Education Team members Kara Hiott-Bowles and Katie Seminerio, as well as a Grade 9 student from Governor Simcoe Secondary School and her mother. The student explained how she uses technology in the classroom to help her achieve her academic goals and how, through the assistance of staff at her elementary and secondary

schools, she was able to confidently transition to grade nine.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the October 11, 2018 SEAC meeting.

Moved by Shannon MacDonald, Seconded by Dale Robinson

“That the Agenda dated October 11, 2018, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Moved by Dale Robinson, Seconded by Kerry Thomas

“That Linda Morrice be acclaimed as SEAC Chair for the 2018-19 school year.”

CARRIED

Moved by Amy Dunn, Seconded by Nick Smith

“That Shannon MacDonald be acclaimed as SEAC Vice Chair for the 2018-19 school year.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of the June 14, 2018 or the September 11, 2018 SEAC meetings.

SEAC ORIENTATION

Leanne Smith

Superintendent Smith presented a brief Orientation Session for SEAC members outlining the purpose of SEAC, guidelines by which the committee functions as well as good practices for successful SEAC meetings.

Introductions were made around the table as the group welcomed Director of Education, Warren Hoshizaki.

EQAO REPORT

Wes Hahn & Leanne Smith

Superintendent Wes Hahn shared the DSBN's 2017-18 EQAO results for grade 3 and 6 students, noting that the DSBN results have continued to trend upwards for the past five years. He explained how the data collected from the test is used to help support student learning throughout the year and to inform our teaching.

Superintendent Smith provided details about the Grade 9 Math and Grade 10 OSSLT scores that show similar trends. When asked about the DSBN's increases in Math scores, Director Hoshizaki credited some of the student's success to the board's ongoing decision to build the teachers' capacity by offering Math AQ Courses.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Kelly Irvine-Minor

Special Education Consultant, Kelly Irvine-Minor, asked for the group's feedback on Section 4, Special Education Programs and Services – Individual Education Plans, pages 13-21. IEP's are currently being created at schools, using the new IEP format that was implemented last Spring. The group was asked to review the IPRC section, which begins on page 2 of the Special Education Report, for next month's meeting.

SEAC AGENCY COMMUNITY MEMBER PRESENTATION

Kerry Thomas

Kerry delivered a brief report about the goals and vision of Community Living, Welland Pelham, the association that he represents on SEAC. Kerry explained the types of services provided that support children, youth, and adults in the community.

ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION

CNIB

Shannon MacDonald

No report

VOICE (for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kids)

Brent Beaudoin

Upcoming events for the group include a pumpkin picking day at Andrews' Scenic Acres on Saturday, October 20th, a Social Night on Friday, October 26th at Kidsopolis in Oakville, and their annual Christmas Party, on December 1st at Tansley Woods Community Centre in Burlington.

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara

Samantha Sendzik

LDANR is offering the SMART Math Program for children in grades 4 to 6, which is being funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The program will run in the Winter and Spring of 2019. Registration for all winter programs will open on Monday, November 26th at 6am. October is LD Awareness Month and the association is running a social media contest on their Facebook page to raise awareness.

Autism Niagara Chapter

Amy Dunn

Upcoming events for the group include an Ice Dogs Game/fundraiser on October 24th and their Annual Gala which is being held on December 1st at Club Italia. The theme for the Gala is a masquerade ball. Tickets are \$65.00. Other items the association is working on include hiring a new chapter manager, participating in many community outreach events, and creating a recreational survey, which they hope to distribute throughout Niagara to help determine the recreational needs of all persons with disabilities.

Niagara Support Services

Nick Smith

No report

Community Living Welland, Pelham

Kerry Thomas

No report

OPC Representative: Secondary

Karen Ferguson

Secondary School Student Progress Reports were sent home this week, and parents will have the opportunity discuss them with their child's teachers next week. Students have completed their practice OSSLT tests and thanks to the support of the Central Literacy Team, the schools will be gathering data from the test to help determine the supports that students may need in school and to complete the test in the Spring.

OPC Representative: Elementary

Jennifer Currie

Elementary school staff have been meeting with parents to discuss plans of care for students with prevalent medical conditions and to gather feedback for the students' IEPs. Progress reports for elementary students go home on November 8th. During last week's PA Day, staff analyzed school data and assessment results to help focus their school goals and develop a School Improvement Plan for the year.

TRUSTEE, DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

Dale Robinson

It is a busy time of year for the Trustees as most are running for re-election. Trustee Robinson encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Special Education Consultant

Kelly Irvine-Minor

The Special Education Team has been supporting the development of IEPs in schools, through workshops and after-school PD sessions for LRT's and classroom teachers.

Director of Education

Warren Hoshizaki

The Director has been spending time at schools, meeting and getting to know many new students and teachers.

Superintendent of Elementary Schools**Wes Hahn**

Superintendent Hahn has been visiting his Area 3 schools and is impressed with all the great things that are taking place.

Superintendent of Secondary Schools**Leanne Smith**

Secondary school staff and their special education teams have been spending time analyzing data as they prepare their literacy and numeracy plans for the year. Secondary School Open Houses will take place during the last week of November.

Pathstone Mental Health**Linda Morrice**

Pathstone is piloting an Infant Mental Health Program with a goal to provide hands on learning and counselling for parents to participate in with their infants.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no additional correspondence.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Shannon MacDonald, Seconded by Nick Smith

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. – Grimsby-Lincoln Room

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



**Monday, October 15, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre**

MINUTES

Present: Dave Schaubel (Chair), Diane Chase, Lora Campbell (alternate for Kevin Maves)

Administration: Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Warren Hoshizaki, Helen McGregor, JoAnna Roberto, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld

Guests: Brenda Chatterton, Sue Mabee, Susie Palumbo, Dr. Amanda Sherman, Isaac Virag

Recording Secretary: Terri Cook

Regrets: Helga Campbell, Linda Crouch, Kevin Maves

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

“That the agenda be approved as presented”.

Moved by Diane Chase, Seconded by Lora Campbell

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Schaubel asked if there was business arising from the minutes, and there was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review Final Staff Report

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendent Helen McGregor to review the report with the Committee. Superintendent McGregor stated that the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) staff have undertaken a thorough public consultation process and prepared a Final Staff Report that builds on the Initial Staff Report received by Trustees, which includes a recommended option and a proposed implementation plan that was provided to Trustees and made available to the public on the DSBN's website on October 12th. The consultation process will continue at the November 6th special board meeting if there are any public delegations. After the public delegations, an addendum that summarizes additional input received, will be prepared for the Board Meeting on November 27th.

The recommended option is to consolidate William E. Brown PS and Winger PS into a joint-use DSBN-NCDSB school to open for the 2021-22 school year on a site within the Wainfleet Village Hamlet.

After further discussion, it was agreed that historical enrolment numbers from William E. Brown and Winger Public Schools and St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School will be provided as additional information to support the Final Staff Report.

Moved by Diane Chase, Seconded by Lora Campbell

"That the Board of Trustees receive the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review Final Staff Report dated October 12, 2018."

CARRIED

Educational Research Committee

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendent Michael St. John to review the report with the Committee. The proposal entitled ***The 2019 Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS)*** will provide a cross-sectional, anonymous survey to students in Grades 7-12, which will describe the extent of, and trends in the prevalence of tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use and related harms, as well as to identify the use of emerging drugs and new forms of use. All results are confidential and the data is used to support students while working alongside the Mental Health and Well-Being Strategic Plan.

Moved by Diane Chase, Seconded by Lora Campbell

"That the report of the Educational Research Committee of September 13, 2018 be received".

CARRIED

2018-2021 Mental Health and Addictions Strategy

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendent Lora Courtois to review the report with the Committee. Superintendent Courtois introduced Susie Palumbo, Student Achievement Leader - Mental Health and Well-Being, Equity and Diversity, Isaac Virag - Mental Health Lead and Dr. Amanda Sherman, Board Psychologist.

Superintendent Courtois, Susie, Issac and Dr. Sherman each summarized the short and long term goals of the 2018-2021 Mental Health and Addictions Strategy citing that all DSBN staff will be trained on the newly created Strategy which focuses on: student voice; implementing proactive and evidenced-based strategies through Social and Emotional Learning programs; and using high-quality research including the measuring and monitoring of data.

Moved by Lora Campbell, Seconded by Diane Chase

"The report of the 2018-2021 Mental Health and Addictions Strategy be received."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked if there was any other business and there was none.

NEXT MEETING

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Grimsby Lincoln Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lora Campbell, Seconded by Diane Chase

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Trustees: Sue Barnett
Diane Chase

***School Representatives:**

Zaara Alam	A. N. Myer	Anandi Dajka	Port Colborne
Carter Yacyshyn	A. N. Myer	Payton Dickie	Port Colborne
Rachel MacNinch	Beamsville	Brooke MacIntosh	St. Catharines Collegiate
Elise Wilts	Beamsville	Greg Mahmoudpour	Sir Winston Churchill
Devon Fiander	DSBN Academy	Bronte Detenbeck	Sir Winston Churchill
Madelynne Davis	E L Crossley	Kyrach Nicholls	Stamford
Jeff Sung	E L Crossley	Jessica Hagar	Thorold
Krish Patel	Eastdale	Alyssa Bendlis	Welland Centennial
Anastasia Vakoulich	Eden	Evvi Libby	Welland Centennial
Isabella Daneyko	Greater Fort Erie	Daniel Krowchuk	Westlane
Rachel Dobbie	Greater Fort Erie	Riya Patel	Westlane
Isabelle Newkirk	Governor Simcoe		
Mackenzie Ziegler	Governor Simcoe		
Nick Pasaluko	Grimsby		
Jayden Bartlett	Grimsby		
Grania McParland	Laura Secord		
Melanie Riley	Laura Secord		

**Based on students who "signed-in"*

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Welcome and Introductions

Amal and Keylee welcomed the student representatives and introduced them to the Student Trustee Senate (STS) Committee, as well as the teacher advisors who support the running of the STS. Amal invited the assembled students to introduce themselves.

Approval of the Agenda

Governor Simcoe Secondary motioned the agenda be approved. Westlane Secondary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Education Foundation of Niagara

Amal introduced Leona Moore, Vice President of the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN), who made a presentation to the group about the supports EFN provides DSBN students. Trustee Barnett spoke about the impressive fundraising by the Student Trustee Senate in the previous year and invited Thorold Secondary to share the types of fundraising activities the school undertook, which included a cookie sale, a buyout day, a coffee house and a Wake-a-thon. Amal pointed out that there are opportunities to volunteer for EFN. Leona mentioned that DSBN Academy made a video last year for Prom Project Niagara. The senator for Greater Fort Erie asked if there is a specific person at EFN that can visit the school to present to the students. Nicole Smith, Event & Communications Officer at EFN, is the person to contact and senators can reach to Amal for Nicole's contact info.

Report from Student Trustees

The senate was encouraged to communicate with Keylee and Amal by signing up for Remind.

The senate members were presented with Senate t-shirt options. A tally was taken of the style and colour that interested the members. The majority indicated that long sleeves and the baseball tee style in royal or navy blue colours are favoured.

Amal and Keylee shared EQAO results with the students and were pleased to note that overall the results show increasing improvement. They directed the students to find more information on the DSBN website.

The Student Trustees are attending the next professional development opportunity at OSTA-AECO, the provincial advocacy association for students across Ontario. They will report on the PD at the next Student Trustee Senate.

Keylee and Amal advised the Senators of the opportunity to participate in a provincial public consultation for education reform and stressed the importance of adding a strong student voice. They will send a link via Remind to the senators to share information. In response to questions, they explained that the submission can be sent online either on behalf of a school or as an individual student. Information on curriculum can be found on the Ministry website. Trustee Barnett pointed out that students frustrated with changes in the sex education curriculum can add their voice by contacting their MPP and sharing their concerns.

Amal and Keylee announced that there will be a perfect attendance gift card draw for student senators who attend all the meetings.

Report from Trustees

Trustee Barnett and Trustee Chase were introduced to the senate members. Trustee Barnett outlined the role of a DSBN Trustee, explaining that they make important decisions at the Board level to support DSBN students. Amal reminded the students that municipal elections are October 22nd.

Learning Session

Ms. Harrison was invited to address the senators. She spoke of the upcoming Student Voice Forum and explained that each DSBN secondary school will send approximately twenty students to attend. To help prepare the senators to support a wider student voice at their schools an Identity Web activity was introduced to the group, which is a useful tool to help leaders identify biases in their own points of view.

In groups of three the students participated in the UNLEARN gallery walk and were encouraged to consider what the artist's message might be.

Afterwards, the group shared their thoughts on which image was the most powerful for them. They were asked to consider how the images challenged their perspective and how this will affect their role as leaders to reach all voices in the school community.

Take-away

Amal and Keylee offered a challenge to the senate members to seek out a school club to initiate conversations about student voice.

Keylee and Amal reported that they, along with a small group of senators, were working with DSBN Communications to generate ideas to promote the Student Trustee Senate and align processes at the school level. They distributed a questionnaire from the Communications department for the senators to complete prior to leaving the meeting.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**
 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Education Centre – Board Room

November 2018

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11	12 Memories & Milestones Celebration 5:30 pm	13	14	15 SAL Committee 1 pm	16	17
18	19 Finance Committee 5 pm Audit Committee 5:45 pm	20 Policy Committee 5:30 pm Student Trustee Senate 6:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 COW Board Meeting 6:15 pm Regular Board Meeting 7 pm	28	29	30	