

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Education Centre

St. Catharines

6:15 - 7:00 pm [Private Session]

7:00 - 10:00 pm [Public Session]

A G E N D A

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

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

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

Central Public School French Choir will perform 'O Canada' via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Alex Bradnam

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Pages 6-20

Recommended Motions:

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated January 28, 2020 be confirmed as submitted.”

Pages 21-24

“That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated February 20, 2020 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 25-28

a) Director’s Recognition:

- Viola Kertesz, Lunchroom Supervisor/Volunteer, James Morden Public School

b) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

a) Student Maci Wood performs “Unsaid”

M. St. John

b) Laura Secord Secondary School presents ‘Mama Mia’

H McGregor

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

1. Ed Smith

I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

S Veld
Page 29

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of January 2020, totalling \$21,191,081.08 be received.”

2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

N Beamer / D Newton
Pages 30-31

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated February 5, 2020 be received.”

3. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

A Bradnam
Pages 32-45

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated February 11, 2020 be received.”

“That Policy A-01: Student Trustees on Boards be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy A-08: Parent Involvement Committee be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy A-18: Environmental Sustainability be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy D-09: Framework for the Provision of Special Education be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-13: Use of Physical Intervention with Students be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-17: Provision of Health Support Services to Students be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-04: Trespass be approved as received and adopted.”

“That Policy G-07: Vandalism be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-01: School Volunteers be approved as received and adopted.”

4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Bradnam / S Mitchell
Pages 46-48

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated February 13, 2020 be received.”

5. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

L Campbell
Pages 49-50

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated February 19, 2020 be received.”

6. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

N Griffin/K Smith/K Tavernese
Pages 51-52

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated February 19, 2020 be received.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. **Trustee Information Session**
3. **Correspondence and Communications**
4. **Trustee Communications and School Liaison**
5. **Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report**
6. **Future Meetings**

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The March 2020 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 February 25, 2020 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

January 28, 2020

6:15 – 6:33 p.m. (Private Session)
7:00 – 9:01 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

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

Student Trustees: Keylee Smith, Karina Tavernese, Ness Griffin

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

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 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests in the gallery.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That Ness Griffin be appointed to the position of Interim Indigenous Student Trustee, which term ends on July 31, 2020.”

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Barnett and Trustee Bradnam declared a conflict of interest in private session with respect to agenda item 7 - Negotiations.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

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

CARRIED

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:33 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Oakridge Public School choir, via video.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in memory of a DSBN student who recently passed away and to honour the victims of a recent plane crash in Iran.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Beamer shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Moved by Shannon Mitchell
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 3, 2019 be confirmed as submitted.”

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 3, 2019 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 Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“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

• Director’s Recognition of Elaine Jenkins, Volunteer, DSBN Academy

Director Hoshizaki recognized Elaine Jenkins for being a caring and generous volunteer who continues to make a difference in the lives of DSBN students.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

Director Hoshizaki presented Elaine Jenkins with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

- **Director's Recognition of Jill Stiefelmeyer, Teacher, Governor Simcoe Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Jill Stiefelmeyer for her exemplary commitment to students and to athletics within DSBN over her 22-year career.

Director Hoshizaki presented Jill Stiefelmeyer with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

- **Director's Recognition of Lisa Fucile, Teacher, A.K. Wigg Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Lisa Fucile for being a dedicated professional in the DSBN for 30 years both in schools; as a homeroom teacher, a special education teacher and learning resource teacher; and at the system level as a special education consultant.

Director Hoshizaki presented Lisa Fucile with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

b) Director's Update to Trustees

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Gift of Music
- Whoville Lunch at Harriet Tubman Public School
- Kindergarten Open Houses

2. Educational Showcases

a) Director's Artisan Card Award Winners

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

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of November and December 2019, totaling \$37,000,263.97 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated December 4, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Beamer provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, information about DSBN's new equity and diversity flag, and discussions around the PIC Conference.

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated December 11, 2019 be received.”

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated January 22, 2020 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell reported that 7 new cases were reviewed and approved during the December 11, 2019 Supervised Alternative Learning Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – continued

Trustee Campbell added that 4 new cases were reviewed and approved during the January 22, 2020 Supervised Alternative Learning Committee meeting.

The committee reviewed the progress of current SAL cases during both meetings.

4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee December 12, 2019 be received.”

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee January 23, 2020 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Mitchell provided a summary of the December 12, 2019 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, which included a student voice presentation, discussions around current job action, a presentation about supporting students with autism, and a presentation of ABA strategies used in the DSBN.

Trustee Bradnam added that the January 23, 2020 meeting included a student voice presentation, a presentation from Student Achievement Leader Nikki Train, and a review of the Special Education Plan.

5. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

**Moved by Ness Griffin
Seconded by Karina Tavernese**

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated December 17, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Newly appointed Student Trustee Ness Griffin had the opportunity to introduce herself.

Student Trustees Smith, Tavernese, and Griffin provided highlights from the Student Trustee Senate meeting.

6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Kate Baggott

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated January 15, 2020 be received.”

“That the DSBN Family Learning Centres report be received, and that \$80,000 from International Education strategic initiatives be allocated to fund the pilot of four centres for the 2020-21 school year.”

“That the Financial Report on International Education 2018-19 be received, and that \$276,332 be allocated to support the 2019-20 recommended initiatives.”

“That the 2019-20 Interim Financial Report, reflecting updated enrolments for October 31, 2019, and the resulting changes in revenues and expenditures, be received.”

“That the Capital Projects Borrowing Resolution 2020-01 authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$13,598,490 for the short-term financing of Ministry funded capital projects, pursuant to the provisions of section 243(1) of the Education Act, be approved.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting, which included a report on DSBN Family Learning Centres, a presentation of the International Education 2018-2019 Financial Report, and a presentation of the 2019-2020 Interim Financial Report.

Superintendent Veld added that DSBN has received approval to proceed with the Forestview Public School addition.

7. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated January 15, 2020 be received.”

“That the Board of Trustees approve the elementary boundary changes to transfer Zone A, as shown on Appendix C, from E.I. McCulley P.S. to Carleton P.S.; and, That the approved boundary changes take effect on the day after the Board of Trustees approval and apply to all future students in Zone A, except existing E.I. McCulley P.S. JK to Grade 7 students in Zone A, as described in this report, which are grandfathered from the boundary changes and have the option to attend either school; and, That the school boundaries be updated accordingly.”

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

“That the School Screening Association Report be approved.”

“That the Educational Research Committee of September 11, 2019 and October 15, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Vice Chair Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included a report on the Elementary School Boundary Change, a presentation of the School Screening Association report, and a presentation of the Research Committee Report.

In response to a question from a trustee about families transitioning during boundary changes, Superintendent Reimer Friesen explained that each family is unique and DSBN looks each case as they come forward with an alternate school request to decide how to best accommodate.

8. REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Doug Newton**

“That the reports of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated November 19, 2019, and November 26, 2019, be received.”

“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 upon the passing of the recommendations contained therein.”

			Ad Hoc Governance Committee Mandate Topic Reference
R-61		The District School Board of Niagara shall have three (3) Student Trustees, one of which shall be an Indigenous Student Trustee. A Student Trustee is not a member of the Board and is not entitled to exercise a binding vote on any matter before the Board or any of its committees.	(i) Addition of Indigenous Student Trustee

N - 56		In contrast, a task force or fact-finding group or an ad hoc committee (that does not meet the definition in N-1) may be established as a working committee under the supervision and chair of administrative staff. Such groups always meet in private unless they agree to meet in public and are not governed by the <i>Education Act</i> or the Board By-Laws.	(ii) Typo Correction
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.	(iii) Ad Hoc Properties Disposal Committee
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Discipline Committee..... 3 Board Members (legislated minimum) • Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee..... 2 Board Members for each contract • Ad Hoc Properties Disposal Committee..... 23 Board Members (Chair of Program and Planning Committee, and Chair of Finance Committee, and Chair of the Board, or designate) <p>Other Ad Hoc Committees will be established as required.</p>	
O-8	<p>The Chairperson of the Board shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. As such, Where the Chairperson of the Board is sitting on a committee as ex-officio member, the Chairperson of the Board shall not be counted in arriving at quorum or allowed to vote unless acting as a designated alternate. However, where the Chairperson of the Board has been appointed to a committee of the Board, the Chairperson shall be an active member of the committee and shall be counted in arriving at quorum and shall be allowed to vote.</p>	(iv) Clarification of O-8
M-3	<p>The following matters shall not be raised in a regular open meeting of the Board and in committee may be considered in private session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Legal matters or any litigation affecting the Board; b) Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board; c) Purchase, lease or disposal of property; d) Suspensions, expulsions, exclusion of pupils and re-admission of such pupils; e) Indigent pupils; f) Personnel matters involving efficiency, discipline, termination or other retirement of employees, medical reports or examinations, and staff changes; g) Human resources update by the Director; h) The security of the property of the Board; i) The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of a Board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil 	

		<p>or his or her parent or guardian; and j) Other matters agreed upon by the majority of the Board members.</p> <p>a) The security of the property of the board; b) The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian; c) The acquisition or disposal of a school site; d) Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board; or e) Litigation affecting the board; or f) Where the subject-matter under consideration involves an ongoing investigation under the <i>Ombudsman Act</i> respecting the board.</p>	
L-8		<p>The Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) is a separate incorporated charitable organization and not a committee of the Board. Four (4) Trustees will be asked to serve as Directors on the EFN Board of Directors The DSBN will appoint up to three (3) Trustees of the Board to sit as a non-voting member of the EFN Board with the understanding such service is over and above a Trustee's obligation for involvement in Board committee work.</p>	EFN Representation

Vice Chair Schaubel requested a friendly amendment to the motion which included waiving the procedure to permit the amendment without any prior written notice. Vice Chair Schaubel requested that By-Law L-6 be changed to allow proper alignment with By-Law R-61.

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Doug Newton

"That By-Law L-6 be amended to change the number of student trustees from 2 to 3."

CARRIED

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. REPORT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

In compliance with the Education Act, Trustee Baggott was present but did not participate in the deliberations or vote on the resolutions.

Chair Barnett provided a summary of the allegation and outlined the process and timeline of the alleged breach.

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

“That the report of the Code of Conduct Investigation Committee dated January 28, 2020 be received.

“That Trustee Baggott is found in breach of the DSBN Code of Conduct.”

**CARRIED
BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Trustees were given the opportunity to speak to the proposed motions. Discussions took place and the reasons for passing the resolution included Trustee Baggott's lack of respect or understanding of her role as a trustee by engaging with a parent in operational issues, not referring the operational issue to the Director or senior staff, engaging with a parent from a school outside her own assigned family of schools contrary to the Board's practice, and not referring the parent to the trustee assigned to the school.

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

“That Trustee Baggott be barred from the next two Board meetings.”

Discussions took place around the proposed sanctions and trustees decided that a sanction was necessary because a breach was found, and that the sanction balanced the weight of the penalty and the need for the Board to be able to move forward.

In response to the discussions, Trustee Klassen requested a friendly amendment to the motion.

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

“That Trustee Baggott be barred from the next Board meeting.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – continued

REPORT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Recorded vote:

Chair Barnett – In favor
Trustee Bradnam – In favor
Trustee Beamer – Opposed
Trustee Campbell – Opposed
Trustee Fast – In favor

Trustee Klassen – In favor
Trustee Maves – In favor
Trustee Mitchell – Opposed
Trustee Newton – In favor
Vice Chair Schaubel – In favor

Chair Barnett clarified that the sanction does not exclude Trustee Baggott from the Committee of the Whole meeting or Committee meetings.

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

Superintendent Roberto reported that DSBN is working closely with Niagara Region Public Health to communicate information about the coronavirus. Principals are being asked to distribute a letter from DSBN and a fact sheet that was created by Niagara Region Public Health to parents.

In response to a question from a trustee about concerns raised in a letter received from OUTniagara, Chair Barnett clarified that the Pride Flag will continue to be flown at DSBN during the month of June.

Trustee Maves shared highlights from the recent Pre-Budget Consultation Session with the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. Trustee Maves added that he and Superintendent Dickson advocated for sustainable funding for education and spoke to programs that DSBN has been able to support through the use of internally appropriated accumulated surplus funds.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Beamer reported that Brock University is helping to plan an event for female high school STEM students.
- b) Trustee Klassen reported that DSBN's Strategic Plan meeting has been postponed.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued

- c) Trustee Campbell reported that Brock Leadership Citizenship Society and the Education Foundation of Niagara will host the 5th Annual Denim, Diamonds, and Diplomas event in support of the DSBN Academy bursary fund on February 8, 2020 at Club Roma.
- d) Chair Barnett reported that Welland Centennial Secondary School will host an Elimination Draw fundraiser on February 20, 2020 to raise funds for an electronic scoreboard.

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

Chair Barnett provided highlights from the Public Education Symposium that was held on January 23-25, 2020. Highlights included a union update, discussions on how e-learning will affect class sizes, and committee reports. Chair Barnett added that Grants for Student Needs funds will be received in March.

Chair Barnett provided highlights from the OPSBA Central West Regional Meeting held on January 25, 2020. Topics of discussion included the OPSBA/Nanos polling results, potential strategies to support the strategic priorities, and Grants for Student Needs. The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2020 in Hamilton.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of February 2020 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

**Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on January 28, 2020 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 Doug Newton
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

February 20, 2020

6:00 – 6:52 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Regrets: Doug Newton, Keylee Smith, Karina Tavernese, Ness Griffin

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 6:00 p.m.

Chair Barnett noted the absence of Trustee Newton.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Steele Street Public School choir, via video.

C. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

**Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

In response to a request from a trustee to amend the agenda to allow speakers from the gallery, Chair Barnett explained that delegations were not permitted as this is a Special Meeting of the Board, but if they wish to speak at a Board meeting, they can follow the proper channels and request a delegation.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REVIEW

In compliance with the Education Act, Trustee Baggott was present but did not participate in the deliberations or vote on the resolutions.

The Board of Trustees will confirm or revoke the determination and sanction imposed by the Board on Trustee Baggott at the January 28, 2020 Board Meeting regarding the Code of Conduct complaint.

**Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

“That the Board revokes its January 28, 2020 determination that Trustee Baggott breached the DSBN’s Code of Conduct.”

DEFEATED

Discussions took place around the request to revoke the January 28, 2020 determination that Trustee Baggott breached DSBN’s Code of Conduct.

Chair Barnett reminded trustees that their comments should be limited to the specific sections of the Code of Conduct that Trustee Baggott was found to have breached.

In response to a question, Board Lawyer, Jennifer Feren clarified that trustees must focus on the original Findings of Fact Report, the submissions, and how they specifically relate to the Code of Conduct breaches as determined by the Board in January.

NEW BUSINESS – continued

CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REVIEW

Trustees had the opportunity to speak about whether they believe the determination should be revoked and reasons for defeating the resolution included that, even after having reviewed and considered Trustee Baggott's written submissions, the trustees were confident in the correctness of the January 28, 2020 determination of breach and therefore did not wish to revoke their prior determination.

During deliberations Trustee Beamer challenged Chair Barnett's ruling to allow Trustee Klassen's comments.

Director Hoshizaki, as Secretary of the Board, spoke to the challenge and requested a show of hands asking if trustees were in favour of the appeal to overturn Chair Barnett's ruling. After the count, Director Hoshizaki confirmed that Chair Barnett's ruling would stand.

Chair Barnett noted that seeing no revocation of its prior decision, the January 28, 2020 decision of the Board stands and is hereby confirmed.

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

"That the Board confirm the sanction that bars Trustee Baggott from the February 25, 2020 public board meeting."

**CARRIED
BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Having confirmed the January 28, 2020 determination that Trustee Baggott breached the Code of Conduct, discussions took place regarding the original sanction imposed and whether they agree or disagree with the sanction that bars Trustee Baggott from the February 25, 2020 public board meeting. After considering the original decision and Trustee Baggott's written submission, the trustees were confident in the correctness of the January 28, 2020 sanction barring Trustee Baggott from the February 25, 2020 public board meeting and therefore confirmed the original sanction.

E. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS SPECIAL MEETING

**Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on February 20, 2020 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

F. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary

**February 25, 2020 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Viola Kertesz, Lunchroom Supervisor/Volunteer, James Morden Public School

Viola Kertesz started her career as a lunchroom supervisor at Fallsview school in 1975. When Fallsview school closed in 1981, she joined the James Morden Public School family where she has been a lunchroom supervisor and volunteer for the past 38 years! Viola is lovingly referred to as “Grandma Vi” by students, staff and parents. She arrives at James Morden every morning at 9:00 am to prepare food and supplies for their Breakfast Club and snack programs. She is always busy making muffins, wraps, sandwiches, eggs and much more to ensure that the students at James Morden have healthy food each and every day. Vi is also very well known for making extra special treats such as banana bread for the school staff.

She is a famous James Morden Mustang! It is not uncommon to have a former student, who is now a parent, pop into the office to say that their child had come home and said “Grandma Vi helped me at school today.” Parents wonder “is that the same Grandma Vi that helped me many years ago?” When they find out the answer is yes, it is the same Grandma Vi, they are amazed and inspired by her commitment to the school.

Earlier this year Vi had a fall at home and needed to take some time off. During this time she was missed by all staff and students. It took many of the staff extra hours to fill Vi's shoes in her absence. While she was off, her concern was not her own recovery, but the James Morden students. She was worried that they may not get their snacks in her absence. When Vi was cleared to return to work, she made sure to book all of her appointments towards the end of the day so that she would still be able to come into work. Grandma Vi is an irreplaceable member of the James Morden family and they hope she continues to help and support students and staff for many more years to come. The dedication and compassion Vi shows is an inspiration to us all. Congratulations on receiving the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions award!

Local

Korean Winter Camp

The District School Board of Niagara hosted 26 students from South Korea and one student from China in January and February for a Winter Camp Immersion Program. These students were happily welcomed into DSBN elementary schools where they improved their English, experienced Canadian classes, and learned about Canadian culture. They also shared their experience with our Canadian students and local host families.

The elementary schools that were involved in the program are: Burleigh Hill PS, Connaught PS, Crossroads PS, Ferndale PS, Harriet Tubman PS, Oakridge PS, Prince of Wales PS in St Catharines, Prince Philip PS in St. Catharines, Richmond Street PS, Westdale PS, and William Hamilton Merritt PS. Thank you to these DSBN schools and staff for helping to make this program so successful.



Legislative Page Program

McKay Public School is very proud to share that one of their Grade 7 French Immersion students, Catharine Boitor has been recently accepted to participate in the Legislative Page Program. Knowing that Catharine is passionate about politics and a very dedicated student, her mom suggested that she investigate the opportunity to be involved in this challenging program. After securing a coveted spot, Catharine will now spend the next four weeks being immersed in political processes. She will continue her schooling with an on-site tutor while she performs official duties in legislative assembly with 19 other students who were also accepted into the program. We all wish her the very best as she begins this exciting endeavour and know that she has the academic skills and positive attitude to do an amazing job as she represents her family, school, and the community of Port Colborne at Queen's Park. Congratulations Catherine!

Tanya Talaga Speaker Series

On Tuesday, February 18, 2020 Tanya Talaga presented the third part of her Moccasin Talk Speaker Series at the Scotiabank Convention Centre. Director of Education, Warren Hoshizaki, thanked Tanya for presenting her important message related to the truth about Indigenous culture, governance and rights. On behalf of the District School Board of Niagara, the Director presented Tanya Talaga with a painting from artist Derek Harper, an oji-cree person from Keewaywin in Northwestern Ontario.



DSBN Well-Being Flag

The DSBN's first-ever Well-Being flag has been sent to all schools and it is being very well received. The first official flag raising was held at Grimsby Secondary School last Thursday with flag contest winner Maddy Boychuk present. Soon we will be seeing the Well-Being flag proudly on display at schools across the board, showing their support for inclusive school environments where everyone feels safe and respected.





DSBN iPledge Campaign

In partnership with the Niagara Regional Police and Bell Media, the District School Board of Niagara has been inviting the community to take the “I pledge challenge,” a campaign with a goal to help put an end to bullying. The “I pledge” campaign is asking DSBN students, staff and community members to take a pledge that stands up to bullying, encouraging them to spread the message that bullying is unacceptable, and not tolerated at the DSBN.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

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 month of January 2020, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 9,712,307.26
Transportation	2,039,639.19
Utilities	1,093,289.62
Other	<u>8,354,845.01</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,191,081.08</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of January 2020, totaling \$21,191,081.08 be received.”

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of February 25, 2020

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



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Education Centre
Chair: Lisa Mooney
MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Susan Jovanovic, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Lofquist, Pauline Dawson, Stacia Heaton
REGRETS: Tracy Leemet, Jim Burnison, Doug Newton
SUPERINTENDENT: Michael St. John
TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer
ADMINISTRATION: Fred Louws
RECORDING SECRETARY: Elisha von Wuthenau

WELCOME

Meeting was called to order. Chair Lisa Mooney welcomed everyone.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen
Seconded by Kelly McNeil

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent St. John welcomed all the members and thanked them for their commitment to being part of the DSBN Parent Involvement Committee.

He shared the following:

- Discussion regarding the present job action. The Boards continued objective is to provide a great education and safety for all the students.
- Addressed questions regarding report cards not being sent home. He explained that all of the public elementary school boards across Ontario made the decision to postpone sending report cards home during job action. At this time they will not be sent home, but teachers are still available for conversations to discuss achievement.
- Coronavirus - the DSBN is taking its’ lead from Public Health. Parents are encouraged to keep children home if they appear to be unwell.
- Kindergarten Open House was successful. Almost 1000 Junior Kindergarten students are registered online already.
- Forestview Elementary school in Niagara Falls has been granted government funds to increase the gym size to accommodate the school growth. Their population has more than doubled over the past few years.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- DSBN and Niagara Regional Police and a few radio stations have partnered to bring awareness re bullying. They have started a social media challenge "I pledge to end bullying", where participants are asked to submit a video showing how they "pledge to end bullying".
- Canadian Learning to Code currently has a survey asking for parent input

PRO GRANT DISCUSSION

There are funds remaining from the Pro Grant, after the PIC Conference, to be use before the end of school year. Discussion was had addressing a variety of options.

The PIC committee decided to use the funds accordingly:

- To bring a presenter to the School Council Chair event in April, rather than discussion groups as has been done in the past.
- Council event is scheduled for April 15th and will be made open to all council members, not just the Chairs.
- Resources will be provided to schools in need. Discuss will be had between Superintendents to determine where there is the most need.

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Joy Janzen

CARRIED

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared the following:

- In October the Student Trustee Senate approved the addition of an Indigenous Student Trustee. At the Open Board meeting last week, Ness Griffin a DSBN grade 12 student was introduced and officially welcomed.
- This year there were over 700 submissions to the Directors annual artisan art contest. This year students were challenged to create cards that celebrate what is special about different months of the year. Cards, with illustrations from the winners were presented at the meeting.
- Brock is hosting Young Enterprising Women – A Night Out with STEMpreneurs, February 19th, 6:30-8 at Brock. This is an opportunity for young women in high school that have interest or are involved in STEM.
- Trustees attended the Public Education Symposium on Jan 23, 2020.
- Mentioned that the Board agenda is always public. Questions are best directed to Trustee's or Sue Barnett.

NEW BUSINESS

- none

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Next meeting – April 15th, 2020
Location – Education Centre, St. Catharines Room



POLICY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Elizabeth Klassen, Doug Newton, Shannon Mitchell, Alex Bradnam, Kate Baggott,

ADMINISTRATION: Kelly Pisek, Lora Courtois

GUESTS: Leanne Smith, Mike St. John, JoAnna Roberto, Wes Hahn, Jennifer Feren, Student Trustee Keylee Smith, and Student Trustee Amal Qayum

SECRETARY: Jennifer Reid

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Alex Bradnam called the meeting of the Policy Committee to order at 5:31pm. He welcomed the trustees, administrative team and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Bradnam asked the Committee for approval of the agenda.

Moved by Doug Newton, Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the minutes of November 19, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

A-01: Student Trustees on Boards

Superintendent Leanne Smith presented this policy. No feedback was received through the DSBN website. Changes were made to this policy to be more inclusive and inviting to potential candidates. Additional changes include, the maximum number of non-voting student trustees from two to three, under eligibility, the minimum average for students to achieve across all subjects was removed. In consultation with IEAC, an Indigenous Student Trustee has been added to this policy along with the appointment process.

Moved by Kate Baggot, seconded by Doug Newton

"That Policy A-01: Student Trustees on Boards be approved as amended and adopted."

attached

CARRIED

A-08: Parent Involvement Committee

Superintendent Mike St. John presented this policy. This policy allows for meaningful parent engagement. There were no changes to the role or composition of the committee. Grammatical and formatting changes were made to this policy.

Moved by Doug Newton, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy A-08: Parent Involvement Committee be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

A-18: Environmental Sustainability

Superintendent JoAnna Roberto presented this policy. Changes to this policy include two additional objectives, Develop and promote ecologically sound purchasing and disposal practices and facilitate sound waste management procedures with a strong emphasis on reduction strategies (reduce, reuse, recycle).

Moved by Kate Baggot, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy A-18: Environmental Sustainability be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

D-09: Framework for the Provision of Special Education

Superintendent Wes Hahn presented this policy. This policy provides a framework for meeting the needs of each individual student. Changes were made to reflect current practise in the opening paragraph as well as School Support Services was changed to Special Education Support Services. It was suggested that the ministry memorandum or regulation be referenced. Ontario Regulation 181/98 was added.

Moved by Doug Newton, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy D-09: Framework for the Provision of Special Education be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

G-13: Use of Physical Intervention with Students

Superintendent Wes Hahn presented this policy. The opening paragraph was added to this policy as it reflects current practise and how DSBN is committed to maintaining a safe environment for students, staff and community. It was suggested and approved that the program, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention be referenced in the policy.

Moved by Kate Baggot, seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That Policy G-13: Use of Physical Intervention with Students be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

G-17: Provision of Health Support Services to Students

Superintendent Wes Hahn presented this policy. This policy is closely tied to policy G-40: Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Health Conditions and PPM 81. Changes were made to reflect current practise. The terminology, “oral medication *administration*” was changed to “oral medication *provision*” to align with PPM 81.

Moved by Kate Baggot, seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That Policy G-17: Provision of Health Support Services to Students be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

G-04: Trespass

Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren presented this policy. No changes were made to this policy as it continues to align with legislation.

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen, seconded by Doug Newton

"That Policy G-04: Trespass be approved as received and adopted."

attached

CARRIED

G-07: Vandalism

Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren presented this policy. No changes were made to this policy as it complies to legislation. It was suggested that under Consequences of Damage to School Board Property point 2. that the term "normally" be changed to "may". The committee agreed and accepted this amendment.

Moved by Shannon Mitchell, seconded Elizabeth Klassen

"That Policy G-07: Vandalism be approved as amended and adopted."

attached

CARRIED

G-01: School Volunteers

Superintendent Lora Courtois presented this policy. No changes were made to this policy. Superintendent Courtois shared that although there were no changes to the policy that some of the operational procedures have been revised.

Moved by Kate Baggot, seconded by Doug Newton

"That Policy G-01: School Volunteers be approved as received and adopted."

attached

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Policies will be open for vetting from February 28 – April 24, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kate Baggot, Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

"That the Policy Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Thursday, February 13, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Linda Morrice (Chair)
Shannon MacDonald (Vice Chair)
Kelly Cimek
Amy Dunn
Danielle Reynolds
Samantha Sendzik
Nick Smith
Alex Bradnam
Shannon Mitchell

Pathstone Mental Health
CNIB Foundation
Community Living Welland Pelham
Autism Ontario - Niagara
Niagara FASD Coalition
Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region
Niagara Support Services
Trustee, District School Board of Niagara
Trustee, District School Board of Niagara

Administration/Resource:

Wes Hahn
Leanne Smith
Jodie Kerr
Karen Ferguson
Paulette Alcox

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

Regrets:

Mary Maida
Brent Beaudoin
Nikki Train

Down Syndrome Niagara
VOICE for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
Student Achievement Leader, Special Education

Recording Secretary:

Jennifer McGugan

QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. The meeting began with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

STUDENT VOICE

Special Education Assistant Student Achievement Leader, Paulette Alcox shared a You Tube biography video about an autistic student, George, with the committee. The student highlighted his strengths and challenges and invited the audience to understand a day in the life of George.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the February 13, 2020 SEAC meeting.

Moved by Amy Dunn, Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the Agenda dated February 13, 2020 be approved as presented."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of December 12, 2019 and January 23, 2020 SEAC meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Wes Hahn

Superintendent Hahn updated the committee on job action, noting that the DSBN will continue to support staff and students. On Friday, February 21 there will be a full withdrawal of services for ETFO and OSSTF. The Mental Health and Well-Being (MHWB), and Special Education teams have been preparing and providing a variety of professional development sessions for support staff during service withdrawal days. Feedback received for the “Teaching Students with Communication Needs” AQ course has been very positive. Superintendent Hahn shared that Paulette Alcox has been working with schools and our community partners to prepare for pre-school transitions. The number of students choosing DSBN is growing every year. Superintendent Hahn noted that the DSBN Special Olympics is June 10 at Welland Centennial Secondary School. The Communications Department along with the MHWB team have been working with Trustees to support the creation of a flag to represent all groups of people. The ideals of diversity, leadership and growth are central to the DSBN’s first-ever Well-Being Flag, designed by competition winner, a Grade 10 student at Grimsby Secondary. The flag is part of the DSBN’s Well-Being Plan. The DSBN has partnered with the Niagara Regional Police and Bell Media to invite the community to take the #iPledgeChallenge and help put an end to bullying. Superintendent Hahn provided the committee with a Corona virus update. Niagara Region Public Health’s messaging has been shared with schools. Superintendent Hahn noted the importance of working with our community partners. Superintendent Hahn has met with Community Living and has an upcoming meeting scheduled with Pathstone. Superintendent Hahn has received meeting requests from Autism Ontario-Niagara and Niagara Support Services.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Paulette Alcox

Paulette Alcox reviewed our iSocial program with the committee. The iSocial program is provided after school for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), ages 5-9. The framework for this program was chosen based on the research that supports the importance of working on social skills with this age group. The DSBN program has been viewed as such a success that it has been shared with all school boards in Ontario. New partnerships have provided innovative ideas and the opportunity to reach up to 150 children in Niagara. Paulette noted that Applied Behaviour Analysis strategies are embedded in teacher and educational assistant professional development to create more opportunity for ASD students across the system.

Paulette Alcox asked the group to **review pg. 25-26 (Section 6 – Specialized Equipment), pg. 47-54 (Section 4 – Specialized Health Support Services in the School Setting), pg. 55 (Section 5 – Staff Development Review)** of the DSBN Special Education Plan 2019-20. Danielle Reynolds provided a written copy of her recommended edits. The committee also noted that the reference to the LHIN needs to be updated to Niagara Children’s Centre throughout the document. Trustee Mitchell noted that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care needs to be updated to Ministry of Health. A copy of the Special Education Plan can be found on the board’s website.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Alex Bradnam

Trustee Alex Bradnam shared that the Indigenous Student Trustee was officially appointed at the January 28, 2020 Board meeting. Trustee Bradnam reported that Director Hoshizaki handed out awards to the Director’s Artisan Card Winners. These student artists received a copy of printed cards, to be used across our communities, and a special plaque. Trustee Bradnam noted the work that Trustees do to support staff and students. Trustees participated in a Trustee Retreat Workshop with DSBN senior staff where there was opportunity for questions and discussion. Trustee Shannon Mitchell reminded the committee that Tanya Talega’s Moccasin Talk Speaker Series sessions are upcoming.

ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION

Autism Ontario – Niagara

Amy Dunn

Many parents are receiving their one-time interim funding amounts. Our Service Navigator Kim McAlpine is assisting families with navigating the childhood budget system. Niagara Children’s Centre is offering a workshop discussing OT/PT/SL on February 20. There will be a karate class offered by Autism Ontario – Niagara on March 7 at Experience Physical Activity in Welland. Also, a cooking class will be offered at the St. Catharines Superstore on

February 27. The annual trivia night will be February 29 at Beechwood Golf and Social House in Niagara Falls. The January 2020 Stand Up for Autism fundraiser was a success. Raise the Flag 2020 is coming on April 2. Register at raisetheflagforautism.com or contact Amy Dunn.

CNIB

Shannon McDonald

March Break camp registration correction that is not free but costs \$25. Financial relief is available.

Community Living Welland Pelham

Kelly Cimek

Dr. Sheila Bennett is coming to Niagara Catholic SEAC on May 6 at Denis Morris High School. She has been active in the Special Education field for many years and is the co-author of 'if inclusion means everyone, why not me?'. Community Living is preparing for summer camp partnership with the city of Welland. Youth Experiencing Summer is being offered for secondary students interested in recreation, volunteer or work experience during the summer. The winners of the Community Living Ontario's Together We're Better Contest can be found at communitylivingontario.ca/en/initiatives/together-were-better-contest/.

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region

Samantha Sendzik

The LDANR is applying for funds to offer transition programming and support for students with diagnosed or suspected learning disabilities during critical transition periods. S.L.A.M. Summer Camp applications open February 24. This is a full-day literacy camp offered in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland for students 6-11 years. Spring applications open March 23. The OHRC Right to Read is ongoing and a report with recommendations to school boards will be released by the end of 2020.

Niagara FASD Coalition

Danielle Reynolds

No report.

Niagara Support Services

Nick Smith

No report.

Pathstone Mental Health

Linda Morrice

No report.

OPC Representative: Elementary

Jodie Kerr

EAs and DECEs have been attending a variety of PD sessions. Schools are having Valentines Day celebrations, science fairs, and speech competitions. Staff are working together to share teaching strategies and update IEPs. Elementary schools are working on transferring students to secondary school.

OPC Representative: Secondary

Karen Ferguson

Secondary schools are working on programming for success and course selections for next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee received a letter from Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Chair of SEAC and Chair of Board to Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, urging the government to reconsider increased class size and mandatory online courses. The committee decided to hold on writing a letter of support at this time and to allow for the negotiation process to move forward.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There were no questions received.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Danielle Reynolds, Seconded by Amy Dunn.

"That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – Grimsby-Lincoln Room



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

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Grimsby Lincoln Room–Education Centre

MINUTES

- Members:** Lora Campbell, Trustee
Caroline Graham, John Howard Society of Niagara
Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Education, Secondary
- Resources:** Melinda Dackiw, SAL Secretary
Nadia LaSelva, Attendance Counsellor
Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Ann Gilmore, Principal, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Barb Lane, Vice-Principal, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School
Jennifer Reid-George, Vice-Principal, Welland Centennial Secondary School
Kyle Visser, Vice-Principal, St. Catharines Collegiate
- Regrets:** Tracy Sacco, Student Achievement Leader – Alternative Education
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Student Achievement Leader Andrea Jagoe-Lynett called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

192-032

BW D.O.B. 07/01/2004 16 yrs. 1 mth.

Anxiety triggers the student's attendance issues and she has fallen behind in credits. She is connecting to community programs to support her well-being. The Committee recommends summer co-op to support BW's interest in finding a retail job. She is participating in the Youth Job Connection program.

BW is approved for SAL.

192-033

LC D.O.B. 01/02/2004 16 yrs. 7 mths.

LC is reluctant to attend school because of her anxiety in crowded environments. This affects her attendance. She has mental health support through outside agencies. Her plan is to connect to school daily during the lunch period, allowing her to socialize with peers and meet with the school social worker. The student is interested in the Youth Job Connection program and co-op.

LC is approved for SAL.

192-034

HA D.O.B. 31/03/2003 16 yrs. 10 mths.

The student is interested in a career in the sciences and plans to attend university. The Committee recommends that she work on SNC2D online. She will participate in the Youth Job Connection program with the support of the co-op teacher. HA has mental health and well-being supports in the community and will be connected to the school social worker.

HA is approved for SAL.

192-035

ZS D.O.B. 12/08/2002 17 yrs. 6 mths.

The student's sporadic attendance has affected his credits. The Committee recommends that he connect with the school social worker. He will work on MEL3E. He has enrolled in the Youth Job Connection program and wants to find a paid co-op for the summer.

ZS is approved for SAL.

192-036

JW D.O.B. 06/1002/2004 15 yrs. 4 mths.

JW is a bright student who has tried different plans to reengage with school, but high anxiety has been a barrier to success. He receives mental health supports in the community. The student has connected with the construction teacher and wants to gain experience by designing sets for the school play. The Committee recommends that he works on TIJ1O and MFM1P. They suggest he consider a summer paid co-op placement.

JW is approved for SAL.

CASE REVIEW:

The Committee reviewed the progress of current SAL cases. There are thirty-nine (39) cases currently active and compliant with their SAL plans. Six (6) cases have been terminated this year as the students have returned to school.



STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE COMMITTEE

February 19, 2020
Walker Living Campus, 1 Taylor Road, Niagara on the Lake

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members Present:

Student Trustees: Keylee Smith, Welland Centennial Secondary School
Karina Tavernese, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Ness Griffin, Laura Secord Secondary School

Trustees: Nancy Beamer

School Representatives:

Parsa Razeghi, A.N. Myer	Emma Hric, Port Colborne
Jessica Zheng, A. N. Myer	Matteo Panunte, Port Colborne
Devon Fiander, DSBN Academy	Nadia Jassem, St. Catharines Collegiate
Camryn Furlong, E.L. Crossley	Brooke MacIntosh, St. Catharines Collegiate
Priya Shourie, E.L. Crossley	Marshall Barker, Sir Winston Churchill
Aidyn Kasper, Eden	Sacha Schimmelpenninck Van Der Oye, Sir Winston Churchill
Anastasia Vakoulich, Eden	Jacob O'Connor, Stamford
Piper Jackman, Eastdale	Olivia Sargeson, Stamford
Krish Patel, Eastdale	Sydney Alexander, Thorold
Mackenzie Ziegler, Governor Simcoe	Donghwui Kim, Welland Centennial
Owen Theriault, Governor Simcoe	Evvi Libby, Welland Centennial
Ella Kucman, Greater Fort Erie	Reyana Jayawardena, Westlane
Grace-Anna Pielt, Greater Fort Erie	Salony Sharma, Westlane
Nikola Minor, Grimsby	
Skye Reid, Laura Secord	
Sara Turvani, Laura Secord	

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

Administrative Advisors: Ms. Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Ms. Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Ms. Susan Santesso, Consultant, Student Success

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Regrets: Duaa Abasi (Thorold); Samantha Adams (Beamsville); Samantha Pierce (Beamsville); Justice Wells (DSBN Academy); Emma Tracey (Grimsby); Ms. Carla Piovesana, VP, Eden High School; Trustee Dave Schaubel

Welcome:
The meeting opened with the reading of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

Approval of the Agenda:

ELC motioned for the agenda to be approved. TSS seconded the motion.

Motion carried

The Senators were welcomed to the meeting and invited to join Student Trustee Ness Griffin in a white sage smudging ceremony.

DSBN Green Initiative:

Karina Tavernese introduced guest speaker Stephanie Fraser, a student from St. Catharines Collegiate. She presented the topic “Going Eco” to inform them about the DSBN Education Centre Café’s green initiative. The café is using fully biodegradable paper goods for all catering on site. After her presentation, Stephanie invited the Senators to share the information with their respective schools, particularly schools with culinary programs.

School Based Student Voice Forum:

Keylee reviewed the goals and six main questions with the Senators.

Policy A-01:

The Senators were informed about the updated *Policy A-01: Student Trustees on Boards*. The changes made to the policy make it more inclusive and inviting to candidates. The Indigenous Student Trustee position has been added.

Student Trustee Election:

Application information will be sent out to Principals on March 23rd. The deadline for interested students to apply is April 6th. The new Student Trustee to replace Keylee Smith will be elected at the April 14th Student Trustee Senate meeting for a two-year term.

Keylee spoke about the role of Student Trustee and the commitments it requires, which include sitting on one of several DSBN Committees. She directed the Senators to look on the DSBN website to find out more about the Committees. Senators who are aware of students at their school interested in the position should encourage them to apply.

EFN Locker Raffle Update:

The Senators were provided with Keylee, Karina and Ness’ cell phone numbers and asked to text them the raffle and ticket sales dates for the Locker Raffle.

Redbox:

Guest speaker Hannah Legault was unable to attend; however, Ms. Jagoe-Lynett and Superintendent Smith presented the Redbox initiative, a campaign to make menstrual products available to students in schools free of charge. The DSBN will pilot six schools this spring to explore easier access to the products.

Student Trustee Senate Video:

Spencer Coombs, DSBN’s videographer, worked with Senators to make an informative video about the Student Trustee Senate. This will be distributed to secondary schools in March to coincide with the Student Trustee election.

Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting ended at 1:30pm.

Stamford motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Eden seconded the motion.

Motion carried

Next Meeting:

Student Trustee Senate Retreat

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Location: DSBN Education Centre, Boardroom

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:00 pm Program and Planning Committee	4 8:30 am Strategic Planning Committee	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 5:30 pm SEAC	13	14
15	16 March Break	17 March Break	18 March Break	19 March Break	20 March Break	21 March Break
22	23	24 6:15 pm COW Meeting 7:00 pm Regular Board Meeting	25 1:00 pm SAL	26	27	28
29	30	31				