

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Public Session: 7:00 pm – Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

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

Motion to Move to Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

Motion to Return to Open Board (Public Session)

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Lora Campbell

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion: "That the Agenda be adopted."

2. Approval of Board Minutes

[Pages 6-15](#)

Recommended Motion:

"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated April 27, 2021 be confirmed as submitted."

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole

Recommended Motion:

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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"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 – Page 16](#)

a) Director's Recognition

- Aliya Aragon, Student, DSBN Academy
- Lauren Fleming, Student, Laura Secord SS

2. Educational Showcase

[W. Hoshizaki](#)

a) Faces of DSBN

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (OPTIONAL)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Program and Planning Committee

[D. Schaubel – Pages 17-25](#)

Recommended Motions:

"That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated May 4, 2021 be received."

"That the Board of Trustees approve the elementary boundary change to transfer the area shown as Zone A on Appendix B from Dewitt Carter PS to Stevensville PS; and,

Transfer the area shown as Zone B on Appendix B from Dewitt Carter PS to John Brandt PS; and,

Transfer the areas shown as Zone A and Zone B from Port Colborne HS to Greater Fort Erie SS;
and,

That the approved boundary changes take effect on the day after the Board of Trustees approval and apply to all future students in Zones A and B. Existing Dewitt Carter PS students in Zone B, as described in this report, are grandfathered from the boundary changes and have the option to attend either elementary, and later secondary, school; and,

That the school boundaries be updated accordingly.”

“That the Try A Trade Report be received.”

“That the Music Monday Report be received.”

2. Report of the Parent Involvement Committee

N. Beamer/D. Newton – Pages 26-27

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated May 5, 2021 be received.”

3. Report of the Policy Committee

A. Bradnam – Pages 28-42

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated May 11, 2021 be received.”

“That Policy F-05: Playspace Equipment and Naturalized Learning and Play Spaces be approved as received and adopted.”

“That Policy G-10: Use of Identification Badges by Non-School Staff and Non-School Board Personnel be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy D-07: Third Party Provision of Student Support Services be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-06: Fireworks, Firecrackers, Pyrotechnical be revoked.”

“That Policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools be deferred to a June policy meeting.”

“That Policy D-14: Assessment and Evaluation and Reporting be approved as received and adopted.”

“That Policy E-20: DSBN Employee Hiring Practices be approved as amended and adopted.”

4. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

A. Bradnam/S. Mitchell – Pages 43-45

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated May 13, 2021 be received.”

5. Report of the Student Trustee Senate

[K. Hollowell/S. Sharma/K. Tavernese – Pages 46-47](#)

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated May 18, 2021 be received.”

6. Report of the Finance Committee

[K. Maves – Pages 48-66](#)

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated May 19, 2021 be received.”

“That the Board provide five (5) paid holy days as part of creed observation and accommodation per calendar year for permanent non-union and union employees and LTO’s where their Collective Agreements or Terms and Conditions of Employment do not currently specify, to further promote consistency and equity.”

“That the Capital Projects Borrowing Resolution 2021-01 authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$13,041,225 for the short-term financing of funded COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) capital funding, pursuant to the provisions of section 243(1) of the Education Act, be approved.”

“That the Multi-Year Capital Plan be received, and staff be authorized to proceed with all identified projects up to and including the 2021-22 year, subject to confirmation of necessary Ministry of Education approvals.”

“That the 2021-22 Preliminary Revenue Budget be received.”

7. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

[L. Campbell – Page 67](#)

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated May 19, 2021 be received.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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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 June 2021 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 May 25, 2021 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."

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

Private Session: 6:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m. (Virtual Meetings)

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Keelee Hollowell, Salony Sharma, Karina Tavernese

OFFICIALS

Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Mary Anne Gage, Helen McGregor, Simon Hancox, Marian Reimer Friesen, Kelly Pisek, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Kim Sweeney, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

RECORDING SECRETARY

Christina Dero

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Wendy Coit, Darlene Duncan, Kara Hiott-Bowles

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.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – CONTINUED

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

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

CARRIED

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:30 p.m.

C. SINGING OF ‘O CANADA’

The Board stood as ‘*O Canada*’ was performed by the Oakridge Public School choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Beamer shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – CONTINUED

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated March 23, 2021 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 Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“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) Sophie Della Manna, Student, Grimsby Secondary School

Via video, Director Hoshizaki recognized Sophie Della Manna for being so passionate about mathematics and physics. Sophie explained how non-traditional math and learning about growth mindset have inspired her to learn and has taught her that making mistakes helps you learn.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – CONTINUED

2. Educational Showcases

a) Governor Simcoe Secondary School Fashion Class

Superintendent McGregor introduced the showcase and shared the benefits of creating this new Fashion Program that launched at Governor Simcoe Secondary School this year.

Superintendent McGregor shared a video that showed samples of student work, including embroidering projects and sewing projects like tote bags and hats. Teacher, Rassika Risko shared that she hopes students gain an appreciation for the skills that they learned, and she looks forward to students creating some of these items for donation to local shelters and the hospital.

b) DSBN Academy: Newly Accepted Students

Superintendent Reimer Friesen introduced the showcase and reminded trustees that DSBN Academy was designed to ensure that students are the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.

Superintendent Reimer Friesen explained that, because of the pandemic, families were provided with opportunities to connect with the Academy through video presentations, phone calls with staff, and a Virtual Open House in February.

Superintendent Reimer Friesen shared a video of DSBN Academy Principal, Derek Harley and his staff travelling to schools to make a personal connection with 67 newly accepted students who will start their DSBN Academy journey in fall.

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. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated March 24, 2021 be received."

"That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated April 21, 2021 be received."

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed and approved 2 cases during the March 24, 2021 meeting and 1 case during the April 21, 2021 meeting. Following the case presentations, the committee reviewed the progress of current students participating in the SAL program.

2. Report of the Program and Planning Committee

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

"That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated April 6, 2021 be received."

"That the Mental Health and Wellness Report be received."

"That the Elementary Virtual Partnership with Brock University Report be received."

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included presentations about DSBN's Mental Health Supports and Services, and the partnership between DSBN and Brock University through tutoring intervention.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

3. Report of the Parent Involvement Committee

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated April 7, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Newton provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Student Resource Officer Program and a presentation of suggestions for upcoming PIC events. A selection of pre-recorded videos of DSBN staff addressing a variety of topics related to education will be available to parents to download during Education Week. The PIC Speaker Series will come to a close in May with Dr. Ungar presenting *The Risk-Taker’s Advantage: How to Make Our Kids More Resilient*.

4. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated April 8, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Mitchell spoke to the student voice presentation at the April 8, 2021 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, and Vice Chair Bradnam shared that the committee received an overview of the DSBN de-streaming process for incoming grade 9 students in September.

5. Report of the Student Trustee Senate

Moved by Salony Sharma

Seconded by Keelee Hollowell

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated March 22, 2021 be received.”

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated April 20, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Report of the Student Trustee Senate

Student Trustee Hollowell reported that Senators decided that holding a raffle this year is not feasible. Senators are in the process of designing content for a new fundraiser that they hope to launch it in May. They recognize the importance and impact of fundraising and will be directing funds to the Education Foundation of Niagara.

Student Trustee Tavernese provided a summary of the March 22, 2021 meeting, where Student Senate logo submissions were presented and voted on. Senators were also presented information about the Faces of DSBN campaign.

Student Trustee Sharma provided a summary of the April 20, 2021 meeting where senators heard the campaign speeches of nine candidates interested in the Student Trustee position for the 2021-2023 term. Tiya Patel, who attends Stamford Collegiate Secondary School, was the successful candidate.

6. Report of the Finance Committee

Moved by Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated April 21, 2021 be received.”

“That the Award of Contracts Summary Report for the period ended March 31, 2021, be received.”

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of January, February, and March 2021, totaling \$72,132,020.96 be received.”

“That the 2020-21 Interim Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2021, and the corresponding changes in revenues and expenditures, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting on April 21, 2021, which included presentations of the Award of Contracts Summary Report, the Summary of Accounts Report, and the 2020-2021 Second Interim Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

7. Report of the Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the report of the Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee dated April 22, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Mitchell provided a summary of the Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee meeting where Maryam Safdar Ali had an opportunity to explain the work she is conducting with DSBN Human Resources and the DSBN Equity Team. The committee also received a summary of professional development opportunities for DSBN staff and Pratima Burton spoke to the initiative, Brave Spaces.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Change of June 2021 Board Meeting Date

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the regular meeting of the Board scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2021 (the fourth Monday in June), be re-scheduled to take place on Monday, June 21, 2021.”

CARRIED

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – CONTINUED

2. TRUSTEE INFORMATION SESSION

An information session about Equity and Inclusion took place prior to the Board meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

There were no correspondence or communication.

4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

- a) Trustee Klassen spoke to the upcoming fundraiser for the West Niagara Secondary School Theatre on April 30, 2021.

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

Trustee Baggott reported that the next OPSBA professional development session will be held on April 29, 2021 and will feature Sean Monteith, Director of Hasting Prince Edward County School Board.

At the OPSBA meeting on April 24, 2021 trustees continued to plan advocacy on their opposition to the government's plans for permanent remote learning.

Trustee Baggott requested permission to send to OPSBA colleague, Trustee Kathy McDonald congratulations on behalf of the Board for receiving the Harry Jerome Award. Trustee Baggott also requested permission to send condolences on behalf of the Board as Trustee McDonald's sister passed away earlier in the day. Trustees supported Trustee Baggott in this request.

The OPSBA Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on June 12, 2021.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of May 2021 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

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Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on April 27, 2021 be now ratified by the Board.”

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

CARRIED

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nancy Beamer

Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SUE BARNETT

Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI

Director of Education and Secretary

**May 25, 2021 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Aliya Aragon, Student, DSBN Academy

Aliya Aragon is in grade 12 at DSBN Academy. Throughout her time at the school, her commitment to academic achievement and her future goals have been outstanding. Aliya has also been an influential leader in the school community.

This school year, Aliya and 3 other students collaborated with the DSBN Equity Team to create a Brave Space for students from grades 9-12 who have been racialized. Brave Space offers students a space in which to share their experiences and to work together to build a community in which everyone feels welcome. Meetings occur weekly and are supported by the school's Equity Champions. In early conversations, some students worried about how non-racialized students would respond to being left out of a club. It was Aliya who said, "That may happen, but it doesn't mean we shouldn't do it." This comment is indicative of Aliya's passion and commitment to racial equity and anti-discrimination.

As Aliya considers her future, she shares that her involvement in DSBN Academy's Brave Space inspired her post-secondary plan to promote health equity through Public Health Administration.

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Lauren Fleming, Laura Secord Secondary School

Lauren Fleming is a very special person. Anyone who has met her realizes this quickly. Beyond her outstanding academic commitment at Laura Secord Secondary School, she has demonstrated maturity, self-awareness and grace beyond her years!

Lauren was recently interviewed for PRIDE Niagara's Spill the Tea in which Lauren was a featured guest to represent the current challenges LGBTQ+ youth are experiencing in this pandemic. In this interview, Lauren articulated her own experiences with honesty, vulnerability and humility. Lauren was courageous enough to disclose her own mental health challenges; however, she was also able to step outside of her own personal experience to empathize with others. In this interview, she also highlighted the need to address inequalities faced by other students.

Undoubtedly, this is another one of Lauren's greatest strengths: advocacy-- not just for herself, but others. Her extra-curricular involvements underscore this and further demonstrate the high degree of compassion with which she approaches life in general. She has volunteered for Out of the Cold for the past 2 years and continues to serve there. She has also volunteered for Community Care, Rankin Run for Cancer, Niagara Health Expo, Niagara Folk Arts Festival and the St. Catharines Museum. All of this and she has not completed Grade 11 yet!

Lauren is infinitely aware of her impact on others. We know that with Lauren's community-mindedness, resilience and resourcefulness she will go on to bless many others with her generous spirit!

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Tuesday, May 4, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual - MS Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Trustee Committee Members: Nancy Beamer, Kevin Maves, Doug Newton for Jonathan Fast, Shannon Mitchell and Dave Schaubel (Chair)

Trustee Guests: Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam,
Student Trustees: Salony Sharma and Karina Tavernese

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education
Helen McGregor, Area 5 Supt. of Curriculum & Student Achievement (9-12)
Marian Reimer Friesen, Area 4 Supt. of Education, Curriculum & Student Achievement (K-8)
Mary Anne Gage, Area 4 Supt. of Education, Curriculum & Student Achievement (K-12)
Stacy Veld, Supt. Of Business Services & Board Treasurer

Guests: Jill Russell, Secondary Consultant

Recording Secretary: Trish Beaudoin, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Jonathnan Fast

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Maves

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS**Elementary and Secondary Boundary Changes – Holloway Bay Road, Fort Erie and Port Colborne Municipal Boundary** – Superintendent, Stacy Veld

Superintendent Veld brought forward a request to change the municipal boundary line between Fort Erie and Port Colborne that runs along Holloway Bay Road. This is a rural area outside of the urban areas of Fort Erie and Port Colborne with few rural residences that reside for the most part on the south side of Highway 3.

Niagara Student Transportation has stated that this boundary change will decrease ride times and will maximize the number of students on a vehicle travelling to school. This will also decrease the requests to attend an alternate school, as families prefer to have their children attend the same school as their neighbours across the road.

The proposed boundary change will bring into consideration the school environment, will increase transportation efficiency and will bring coherence to this rural area regarding the boundary situation at the Fort Erie and Port Colborne municipality line.

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Maves

“That the Board of Trustees approve the elementary boundary change to transfer the area shown as Zone A on Appendix B from Dewitt Carter PS to Stevensville PS; and,

Transfer the area shown as Zone B on Appendix B from Dewitt Carter PS to John Brandt PS; and,

Transfer the areas shown as Zone A and Zone B from Port Colborne HS to Greater Fort Erie SS; and,

That the approved boundary changes take effect on the day after the Board of Trustees approval and apply to all future students in Zones A and B. Existing Dewitt Carter PS students in Zone B, as described in this report, are grandfathered from the boundary changes and have the option to attend either elementary, and later secondary, school; and,

That the school boundaries be updated accordingly.”

CARRIED

Try A Trade Report - Superintendent, Mary Anne Gage and Jill Russell

Superintendent Gage along with Jill Russell, Consultant - OYAP & Technological Education presented the “Try A Trade” program. Try A Trade was created to give grade 7 and 8 students an awareness of the trades and apprenticeship programs that are available to them in secondary schools.

Students were given five different activities to choose from that are connected to a skilled trade: Baking, Carpentry, Automotive Services, Instrumentation and Control and Electricity. Each student was provided a kit that had an activity sheet and the tools and supplies needed to complete their activity at home.

This was very successful with over 960 grade 7 and 8 students signing up and receiving kits. DSBN learned through a combination of interviews and surveys, that students felt more informed about skill trades and cooperative education with the majority interested in taking these courses in secondary school.

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Newton

“That the Try A Trade Report be received.”

CARRIED

Music Monday Report - Superintendent, Marian Reimer Friesen and Helen McGregor

Superintendents McGregor and Reimer Friesen shared our DSBN Music Monday virtual project. DSBN participates in Music Monday every year and wanted to ensure safety protocols didn't stop our students from enjoying the opportunity to participate in a shared music experience.

This year Laura Secord students in the District of Niagara Arts Program created music and wrote lyrics to a song they called “Music Lives Within Me”. This song is about the importance of music in our lives and the ability it has to bring us together. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 recorded themselves singing this song and staff used the individual videos to create a virtual chorus. The video was shared at the meeting and has been shared with the community on our DSBN website and social media. Special thanks go to the Teachers and Consultants for their collaboration to create this Music Monday experience for students of DSBN.

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Maves

“That the Music Monday Report be received.”

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

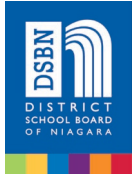
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
5:30 p.m. – TEAMS virtual meeting
Chair: Lisa Mooney
MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Lofquist, Susan Jovanovic, Stacia Heaton
Amanda Moore, Amber Hughes, Pauline Dawson

REGRETS: none

GUEST: Superintendent, Helen McGregor and Principal, Neil Sheard

SUPERINTENDENT: Simon Hancox

TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer, Doug Newton

ADMINISTRATION: Fred Louws, Tracy Leemet

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elisha von Wuthenau

WELCOME

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Hancox welcomed everyone and read the Land Acknowledgement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Melissa Lofquist

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

GRADE 9 DE-STREAMING PRESENTATION

Superintendent, Helen McGregor and Principal, Neil Sheard provided a presentation explaining the Grade 9 De-Streaming planned for all Secondary Schools in the DSBN in September 2021.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Hancox shared the following:

- Remote learning began again following the spring break. Technology was distributed quickly and online teaching started immediately.
- Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism professional development has been offered to teaching and administration staff through monthly sessions. Recently an additional 4-part series has been offered to all staff within the DSBN.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- Discussed the 2020-2021 Pro Grant and asked for suggestions to use the remaining funds before the end of this year.
- Discussed the survey that was sent out to all participants of the Virtual Speaker Series. The survey asked

for the top three topics individuals would like to hear or learn about, to assist with planning for next year. Chair Mooney recommended that the committee consider starting the year with speakers similar to this year, with a possibility of a conference later in the spring.

- Reminded the committee members of the on-demand videos available on the PIC website for Education Week.
- Reminded members that next year will be an election year for PIC and requested all members to consider becoming Chair or Co-Chair in the coming year.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Doug Newton shared the following:

- Trustees are participating in a three part professional development series on Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism, and Human Rights
- The Elementary Virtual Art Show will be uploaded to DSBN Virtual Art Show webpage during the week of May 17-31.

NEW BUSINESS

none

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Next meeting – September 8, 2021

Location – TEAMS virtual meeting



POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
5:30 p.m. via TEAMS

MINUTES

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE MEMEBERS: Alex Bradnam (Chair), Kate Baggott, Elizabeth Klassen, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton

TRUSTEE GUESTS: Sue Barnett, Nancy Beamer

ADMINISTRATION: Lora Courtois, Superintendent of Human Resources
Kelly Pisek, Superintendent of Education

GUESTS: Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business/Treasurer of the Board
Marian Reimer-Friesen, Superintendent of Education
Jennifer Feren, Board Lawyer

SECRETARY: Jennifer Reid

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Alex Bradnam called the meeting of the Policy Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. He welcomed the trustees, administrative team, and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Bradnam asked the Committee for approval of the agenda.

Moved by Nancy Beamer, Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Bradnam shared that included on this evenings agenda is policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools. This policy was scheduled for review in January 2022. The recommendation for this policy to be reviewed earlier was approved during the February 9th policy meeting and therefore being presented this evening.

In addition, Trustee Baggott asked that in following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) that all policies be accessible on the DSBN website. Superintendent Pisek agreed and added that this is not specific to policies, but to all content on DSBN website. This item was brought forward to the DSBN Communications and Information Technology departments who are working on making the content accessible.

Trustee Newton joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

F-05: Playspace Equipment and Naturalized Learning and Play Spaces

Superintendent Stacy Veld presented this policy. No feedback was received for this policy. After reviewing this policy, no changes were made. To comply with AODA, Trustees approved last year to replace the ground beneath and surrounding existing play structures. DSBN has a plan and will be replenishing the groundwork to comply.

Moved by Doug Newton, seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That Policy F-05: Playspace Equipment and Naturalized Learning and Play Spaces be approved as received and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

G-10: Use of Identification Badges by Non-School Staff and Non-School Board Personnel

Superintendent Stacy Veld presented this policy. No public feedback was received. No changes were made to the content. Minor revisions were made to remove the process.

Moved by Doug Newton, seconded by Kate Baggott

“That Policy G-10: Use of Identification Badges by Non-School Staff and Non-School Board Personnel be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

D-07: Third Party Provision of Student Support Services

Board lawyer Jennifer Feren presented this policy. No feedback was received. Minor changes were made to include DSBN's third party service provider, Niagara Children's Centre. The committee commented on students not being removed from instructional time to access these resources. Superintendent Pisek clarified that to remove barriers from families having access to these resources and supports, the DSBN's partnership with third party service providers allows a wide range of services for students.

Moved by Shannon Mitchell, seconded by Doug Newton

“That Policy D-07: Third Party Provision of Student Support Services be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

G-06: Fireworks, Firecrackers, Pyrotechnical Displays

Board lawyer Jennifer Feren presented this policy. No feedback was received. After careful review, this policy speaks to four items that are addressed thoroughly in existing protocols, policies, and procedures. Revoking this policy will not impact the safety risk of students, staff, or the community as all the safety aspects are already addressed in other key protocols. Therefore, it would be appropriate for this committee to consider revoking this policy.

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy G-06: Fireworks, Firecrackers, Pyrotechnical be revoked.”

attached

CARRIED

Trustee Klassen left the meeting at 5:50 pm. Chair Barnett was the designated alternate for the remainder of the meeting.

A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools

Superintendent Kelly Pisek presented this policy. This policy was rewritten for clarity and changes were made to include feedback from administrators in schools, information received through the DSBN website, the Parent Involvement Committee and Student Trustee Senate.

Changes to this policy include clarification of the role of the Superintendent. A third process to initiate a review and potential renaming of a school was added and changes were made to the naming criteria. The composition of the committee now distinguishes between voting and non-voting members. As well, additions were made to the work of the naming committee. The committee recommended the addition of equity and

inclusion under the naming criteria and under non-voting members, add, “if available” beside *community representative*.

After a lengthy discussion it was recommended that a policy meeting be scheduled in June to continue the conversation on this policy. Superintendent Pisek will present the revised policy, incorporating the recommendations from this committee, and further clarification on other purposed revisions.

Moved by Sue Barnett, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools be deferred to a June policy meeting .”

attached

CARRIED

D-14: Assessment and Evaluation and Reporting

Superintendent Marian Reimer-Friesen presented this policy. Elementary and secondary curriculum and equity team reviewed this policy. Feedback was received. This policy is a direct reflection of the Ministry of Education’s document *Growing Success – Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools* 2010 and therefore no changes were made. Once the Ministry revises the Growing Success document, this policy will be revised.

Moved by Shannon Mitchell, seconded by Sue Barnett

“That Policy D-14: Assessment and Evaluation and Reporting be approved as received and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

E-20: DSBN Employee Hiring Practices

Superintendent Lora Courtois presented this policy. No feedback was received for this policy. This new policy was developed in part as a result of the Ministry of Education Regulation repealing of teacher hiring practices in Regulation 274 (interviews based on seniority) and the Issuing of Policy Program Memorandum (PPM) 165 – School Board Teacher Hiring Practices which became effective March 31, 2021. This new policy provides an overview of hiring practices for all employees and include key elements from PPM 165 which include diversity, equity and human rights, qualifications, and merit, monitoring and evaluation. In consultation with Superintendents, Administrators and unions, Human Resources is developing procedures for specifics of hiring in different employment groups. In addition, a guideline was recently released that will be utilized in spring staffing with a goal to refine as a formal procedure in the fall.

It was recommended by the committee to take the key elements from PPM 165 that were in paragraphs one and two and present them in a bulleted list. Superintendent Courtois confirmed that the key elements below will be changed to a bulleted format.

- Qualifications and Merit
- Diversity, Equity and Human Rights
- Employment Mobility
- Fairness and Transparency
- Monitoring and Evaluation

To address the concern of nepotism, Superintendent Courtois shared that conflict of interest is mentioned in the last sentence in the second paragraph of this policy and added that it is a comprehensive process embedded in the administrative procedure.

Moved by Sue Barnett, seconded by Kate Baggott

“That Policy E-20: DSBN Employee Hiring Practices be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

There will be a one agenda item policy meeting in June to be announced.

The next regular Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Policies will be open for vetting from September 10, 2021 – November 3, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Kate Baggott

<i>“That the Policy Committee meeting adjourn.”</i>
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CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Linda Morrice (Chair)	Pathstone Mental Health
Shannon Jamieson (Vice Chair)	CNIB Foundation
Amy Dunn	Autism Ontario - Niagara
Nick Smith	Niagara Support Services
Samantha Sendzik	Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region
Danielle Reynolds	Niagara FASD Coalition
Alex Bradnam	Trustee, District School Board of Niagara
Shannon Mitchell	Trustee, District School Board of Niagara

Administration/Resource:

Michael St. John	Superintendent of Special Education
John Dickson	Superintendent of Elementary Schools
Nikki Train	Student Achievement Leader, Special Education
Karen Ferguson	OPC Representative: Secondary
Jodie Kerr	OPC Representative: Elementary

Recording Secretary: Jennifer McGugan

QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Chair Linda Morrice began the meeting with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

Student Voice

Principal of St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School, Johanna Provost, began the video presentation by introducing the grade 11 student that is part of the Specialized School to Community (SSTC) program. She participates in many technology classes including drama, art, and culinary skills. The student shared how she accesses the resource room for support and values her learning in the SSTC program around safety, life skills and financial literacy. She has taken many cosmetology courses and hopes to work in a salon in the future.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the May 13, 2021 SEAC meeting.

Moved by Shannon Mitchell, Seconded by Amy Dunn

"That the Agenda dated May 13, 2021 be approved as presented."

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT AND SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Michael St. John and Nikki Train

Superintendent Michael St. John shared that the DSNB received a Special Education Grant and that details will be shared as part of the board budget. In the fall, a DSNB finance representative will share a budget update for 2021-22 with the committee. The Preschool Transition Team is currently working through 190 preschool transitions that are all being done virtually via Teams, Zoom or teleconference due to provincial and public health restrictions. DSNB staff are working with community agencies to prepare for these new learners at the DSNB. Superintendent St. John shared that there will be Special Education and Mental Health Programs offered this summer in

partnership with community agencies. The DSBN has a new partnership with LDNAR this year. Summer programs will be available through July and August and will focus on assistive technology, social skills, and transitions for students with special learning needs. Registration details will be available on the DSBN website.

Nikki Train presented to the committee the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Entry to School, program for students with autism entering school. This program is in the planning phase and will be supporting a model in Niagara. The DSBN has a strong preschool transition process where students access support before they begin school and the Ministry will be part of determining who will be providing services to our students in Niagara. This move will provide enhanced support for our students in Niagara. The other part of the funding is for the Connections program that supports students transitioning from ABA or IBI into school. Nikki also shared that DSBN Speech and Language Therapists will provide virtual speech screening for students, allowing for evaluation to support referral and access to Niagara Children's Centre. Nikki noted that there is a special education consultant posting open for application and interviews are scheduled for next week. Also, the DSBN Special Olympics is in the planning stages and will be offered virtually with students in the board preparing videos for the games and activities that all students will be able to view and participate in.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Shannon Mitchell and Alex Bradnam

Trustee Shannon Mitchell shared that Director Hoshizaki began the April 27, 2021 DSBN Board meeting with the Director's Report and Recognition focusing on students and staff in the DSBN. Highlighted and acknowledged were a young man from Stamford Collegiate who is writing and recording songs for worthy causes and making an impact in his school community and beyond, and a student from Grimsby Secondary School who developed a virtual math club and popular math blog visited by a very influential math professor at Stanford University. Also noted was the DSBN Technological Skills Challenge through a showcase highlighting the 23rd Annual Event. Trustee Alex Bradnam shared that a summary of the DSBN's Mental Health Supports and Services was presented and he noted the importance of a partnership between DSBN and Brock University in providing tutoring support to our students. He shared that the Student Trustee Senate has been working on fundraising to support community organizations and that the PIC Speaker Series final event is on May 26. Also noted, were the Brave Spaces initiative, as well as the Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee meeting where Maryam Safdar Ali had an opportunity to explain the work she is conducting with DSBN Human Resources and the DSBN Equity Team.

ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION

Autism Niagara

Amy Dunn

Camp in a box, \$25 each. Working on creative fundraising opportunities and looking for a new office.

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region

Samantha Sendzik

A number of LDA Chapters across Ontario will be partnering to put on a Parent Conference at the beginning of August. The LDANR and DSBN will be partnering this summer to offer transition programming to students with learning disabilities in grades 7/8 and grades 11/12. The LDANR is also planning to introduce monthly webinars and a monthly youth support group in the 2021-2022 school year. Fall program applications open Monday, May 31st. The release of the Human Rights Commission's Right to Read Inquiry report has been postponed to the Fall.

Niagara FASD Coalition

Danielle Reynolds

The provincial government has provided funding for 12 new FASD diagnostic clinics for children; however, catchment boundaries are an obstacle for the estimated 4000 children in Niagara with FASD. Currently St. Michael's Hospital and Surrey Place in Toronto are accepting referrals from our area.

Niagara Support Services

Nick Smith

No report.

Pathstone Mental Health

Linda Morrice

Last week was Children's Mental Health Awareness week and Pathstone offered many virtual activities for families and children.

CNIB Foundation

Shannon Jamieson

No report.

OPC Representative: Elementary**Jodie Kerr**

Virtual conferences offered through PIC. Preschool transitions, NCC transitions, high school transitions, program movement to new school, IPRCs and special class placements are happening. Youth counsellors and Social Workers are continuing to support students virtually. Graduation plans are underway.

OPC Representative: Secondary**Karen Ferguson**

Continue to plan for gr 8-9 transitions. Preparing for de-streaming and timetables. Staff continue to work through and lens of Equity and Diversity while supporting students working online.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board SEAC supporting Bill 172, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). The committee supports writing a letter of support to be reviewed by Danielle Reynolds.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There were no questions received.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alex Bradnam Seconded by Danielle Reynolds.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm



STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members Present:

Student Trustees:

Keelee Hollowell, A.N. Myer Secondary School
Salony Sharma, Westlane Secondary School
Karina Tavernese, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

School Representatives:

Parsa Razeghi, A.N. Myer	Madeline Farquhar, Grimsby
Finesse Warriner, A.N. Myer	Taylor Howard, Grimsby
Keerthana Srikanth, Beamsville	Sophie Braun, Laura Secord
Sandra Lee, DSBN Academy	Skye Reid, Laura Secord
Lauren Murray, E.L. Crossley	Emma Laur, Port Colborne
Priya Shourie, E.L. Crossley	Madey Crawford, Sir Winston Churchill
Willem Quist, Eastdale	Jacob O'Connor, Stamford
Steven Zhuang, Eastdale	Tiya Patel, Stamford
Tasneem Elatresh, Eden	Duaa Abbasi, Thorold
Manara Abdelgadir, Governor Simcoe	Grace Sargeant, Thorold
Owen Theriault, Governor Simcoe	Donghwui Kim, Welland Centennial
Claudia Oliver, Greater Fort Erie	Aidan Bilon, Westlane
Kya Steinbach-Parker, Greater Fort Erie	Brooklyn Koshman, Westlane

Administrative Advisors:

Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Curriculum and Student Achievement
Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Carla Piovesana, Vice Principal, St. Catharines Collegiate
Susan Santesso, Teacher Consultant, Student Success

Recording Secretary:

Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to Leanne Smith

Regrets:

Nancy Beamer (Trustee)
Dave Schaubel (Trustee)
Kyra Ejercito (St. Catharines Collegiate)
Dheiksha Jayasankar (Sir Winston Churchill)
Kimberlyn Kulawic (Beamsville)
Cody Lau (St. Catharines Collegiate)
McKenna McNeil (Welland Centennial)
Adrianne Rosete (Eden)
Carly Sorge (Port Colborne)
Justice Wells (DSBN Academy)

Welcome:

Keelee greeted the Senators and Salony read the land acknowledgement.

Approval of the Agenda:

E.L. Crossley motioned for the agenda to be approved. Governor Simcoe seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Update

Indigenous Student Trustee appointment: There will be a virtual meeting on May 20th to appoint a new Indigenous Student Trustee.

Senate Merchandise: A pick-up day from schools will be coordinated.

Policy A-09: The Student Trustees attended the Policy Committee meeting. The policy outlines a process to name/rename a school and is still under review.

Well-being: From an Instagram message received, a discussion took place about eating disorders and ways to inform students.—Senators acknowledged that the topic is sensitive, and the classroom may not be the best place to raise awareness. They are interested in finding ways to bring awareness to the student community, as well as providing information on outreach programs and resources. They suggested that an “awareness week” would be a good way to inform students and could include presentations made by health professionals.

Senate focus 2021-2022

The senators went to breakout rooms to brainstorm ideas for next year. Some of the themes shared were:

- when we return to school in September in-person, opportunities for students in grades 9 & 10 to have community building activities
- having various Senate subcommittees (equity, wellness, special projects)
- ways to increase our social media presence (other platforms, Instagram takeovers, school and senator features)
 - Raising the profile of Senators to their school community
 - flower or tree planting at secondary schools on Earth Day
 - focusing on financial literacy and life skills

Review of Student Trustee Senate Activities 2020-2021

- the Student Trustee Senate Instagram page increased its outreach across DSBN – thanks to Tiya and Sandra for being on the Instagram sub-committee.
- the Senate logo contest – a design by Eden student Rachel DeBoer encapsulates and reflects the work of the Senate.
- EFN Student Helping Student Fundraiser
- Faces of DSBN campaign – a promotional video is being produced by Communications
- SRO Program – Senators provided important feedback to the Board on the program and how it operates in DSBN schools
- Menstrual Equity provides free menstrual products at a readily available location in all DSBN schools
- OSTA-AECO advocacy project The Volume of Our Voices supported by Student Trustees

Reminder

Hour Republic: Senators are reminded to email their Student Trustee Senate Committee hours to susan.santesso@dsbn.org.

Meeting Adjournment

Sir Winston Churchill motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Governor Simcoe seconded the motion.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 21, 2021



FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Present:

Trustee Committee Members: Kevin Maves (Committee Chair), Alex Bradnam (Alternate for Sue Barnett), Lora Campbell, Jonathan Fast

Administration: Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer
Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education and Secretary
Bob Dunn, Controller of Facility Services
Simon Hancox, Superintendent of Education
Maryam Safdar Ali, Human Rights Adviser
Nicky Westlake, Controller of Finance

Trustee Regrets: Sue Barnett

Recording Secretary: Terri Cook, Business Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Kevin Maves called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Following review of the agenda, it was

Moved by: Jonathan Fast
Seconded by: Lora Campbell

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

CREED HOLY DAYS FOR EMPLOYEES

Director of Education, Warren Hoshizaki introduced Maryam Safdar Ali, Human Rights Advisor to present the Creed Holy Days for Employees report. Human Rights Advisor Safdar Ali stated that offering five (5) paid holy days as part of creed observation and accommodation per calendar year for permanent non-union and union employees and LTO's where their Collective Agreements or Terms and Conditions of Employment do not currently specify, would further promote consistency and equity. As creed is one of the protected grounds under the Human Rights Code, it would also ensure that employee's human rights are protected.

Moved by: Lora Campbell
Seconded by: Jonathan Fast

“That the Board provide five (5) paid holy days as part of creed observation and accommodation per calendar year for permanent non-union and union employees and LTO's where their Collective Agreements or Terms and Conditions of Employment do not currently specify, to further promote consistency and equity.”

CARRIED

SHORT-TERM FINANCING OF MINISTRY FUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS

Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer of the Board, Stacy Veld presented the Short-Term Financing of Ministry Funded Capital Projects Report stating that the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Federal government have approved funding of just over \$13M for the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) capital funding. To mitigate the financial impact on school boards, the MOE allows the use of short-term borrowing to interim finance the capital projects and covers all related interest costs through the Allocation for Short-Term Interest Grant. To commence capital borrowing under this program, approval of a borrowing resolution by the Board of Trustees is required.

Moved by: Jonathan Fast
Seconded by: Lora Campbell

“That the Capital Projects Borrowing Resolution 2021-01 authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$13,041,225 for the short-term financing of funded COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) capital funding, pursuant to the provisions of section 243(1) of the Education Act, be approved.”

CARRIED

MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Superintendent Veld presented the Multi-Year Capital Plan which is prepared by staff to address various capital needs within the DSBN. In developing the Multi-Year Capital Plan, needs were identified and prioritized from previous school condition surveys, facility renewal requests received from schools, instructional space requirements, education program needs and accessibility improvement requirements. All proposed projects have been reviewed in detail by Senior Administration and reflect program needs and priorities.

In order to plan and complete the work listed in the Multi-Year Capital Plan for 2021-22, in a manner that is both cost effective and least disruptive to schools, it is recommended that the projects be approved well in advance of the upcoming budget year.

Moved by: Alex Bradnam
Seconded by: Lora Campbell

“That the Multi-Year Capital Plan be received, and staff be authorized to proceed with all identified projects up to and including the 2021-22 year, subject to confirmation of necessary Ministry of Education approvals.”

CARRIED

2021-22 PRELIMINARY REVENUE BUDGET

Superintendent of Business Services Stacy Veld presented the 2021-22 Preliminary Revenue Budget Report stating that the development of the 2021-22 budget is well underway. Projected day school enrolments and the resulting preliminary Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) and other revenue budgets have been determined and are shown in Schedules 1, 2 and 3.

The projected average daily enrolment for 2021-22 is 39,250, an increase of 1,404 from the 2020-21 actual enrolment. Elementary is projected to increase by 1,025 and secondary is expected to increase by 379 compared to the actual 2020-21 results. Enrolment projections were developed based on the recovery from COVID-19 and the return of many home-schooled children that didn't attend this past year. The 5-year enrolment projections are in alignment from when they were projected prior to COVID-19.

Superintendent Veld stated that Grant revenues for the 2021-22 year have changed as a result of the following provincial announcements for Grants for Student Needs, to include:

- Technology Resources to support technology-related costs. This continued funding will help to replace some devices that may be out-of-date and support the procurement of additional devices for students.

- A new per-board amount (\$100,858) and a per pupil amount (\$1.34) to support mental health and well-being. This is in addition to the funding through Priorities and Partnership Funding (PPF) for special education, mental health, and well-being and, equity initiatives for temporary COVID-19 funding supports.
- Recent Immigrant Supplement due to the extraordinary and temporary decline in recent immigrant enrolment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and closed borders.
- The Ministry is updating the funding methodology for online courses by adjusting benchmark funding for secondary classroom teacher staffing based on a differentiated funded average class size for online and in-person learning. This isn't a result of COVID-19 but as a result of what the government had put in plan a few years ago, to have secondary students complete an online course for graduation.
- In addition, the SHSM base support for students and After School Skills and Development (ASSD) programs which were always previously funded on an annual basis through the Priorities and Partnership Funding has now been permanently transferred into the GSN. Similar to the per Board amount for mental health, these funds can now be used for planning on a long-term basis versus an in-year basis.

The Priorities and Partnership Funding is supplemental to the GSN and is reviewed and assessed by the Ministry each year. All announced funding has been included in the preliminary revenue reports attached.

There has been significant increase in the provincial program grants which primarily relate to the announced continuation of COVID funding.

We are projecting a reduction in revenue for the loss of VISA students, and the reduction in rentals of schools. The DSBN's investment income is also being reduced by the inability to continue with the DSBN's investment strategy.

Moved by: Jonathan Fast
Seconded by: Lora Campbell

"That the 2021-22 Preliminary Revenue Budget be received."

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Lora Campbell
Seconded by: Jonathan Fast

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



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

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

MS Teams

MINUTES

Members: Lora Campbell, Trustee
Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Student Achievement Leader, Student Success
Tracy Sacco, Student Achievement Leader, Alternative Education
Leanne Smith, Superintendent of Education, Secondary

Resources: Melinda Dackiw, SAL Secretary
Scott Ellis, Vice Principal, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary
Nadia LaSelva, Attendance Counsellor
Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Monika Pries-Klassen, Vice Principal, DSBN Academy

Regrets: Caroline Graham, John Howard Society of Niagara

Student Achievement Leader Andrea Jagoe-Lynett called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

CASES:

202-013 OR D.O.B. 01/02/2004 17 yrs. 3 mths.

The student's SAL plan will keep her connected to the school. She has access to a DSBN social worker and will also receive supports in the community. The Committee recommends that she works on GLC20. Summer school is being considered with the support of the school vice principal.

202-014 AK D.O.B. 06/08/2004 16 yrs. 11 mths.

AK struggles with anxiety, which affects his engagement. He has a connection to the school social worker and receives treatment from external agencies. He will be offered specialized supports through Alternative Education to enhance his connection to school. The Committee recommends that he work on ENG4C for the remainder of the school year and suggests he consider dual credits through Niagara College for next year.

Following the case presentations, the Committee reviewed the progress of current students participating in the SAL program. There are eleven students currently active and compliant with their SAL plans. Four students have discontinued with the program.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

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