

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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'

Steele Street Public School Choir will perform O'Canada via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Jonathan Fast

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion: "That the Agenda be adopted."

2. Approval of Board Minutes

[Pages 5-15](#)

Recommended Motion:

"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 21, 2021 be confirmed as submitted."

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole

Recommended Motion:

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

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director’s Report and Recognition

[W. Hoshizaki – pages 16-17](#)

2. Educational Showcases

[W. Hoshizaki](#)

a) Student Spotlight: Secondary Extracurriculars

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

1. J. Lukings
2. H. Bateman
3. St. Catharines Environmental Alliance

I. BOARD RECESS (OPTIONAL)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Parent Involvement Committee

[N. Beamer / D. Newton – Pages 18-20](#)

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated September 8, 2021 be received.”

2. Report of the Audit Committee

[S. Veld – Pages 21-29](#)

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated September 13, 2021 be received.”

“That the Regional Internal Audit Status Report be received.”

3. Report of the Program and Planning Committee

[D. Schaubel – Pages 30-53](#)

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated September 14, 2021 be received.”

“That the Board receive the Indigenous Education Update.”

“That the Board receive the New Grade 9 Math Curriculum Update.”

“That the Board receive the Summer Learning 2021 Report.”

4. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

A. Bradnam / S. Mitchell – Pages 54-57

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated September 16, 2021 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 October 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 September 28, 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, JUNE 21, 2021

Private Session: 6:15 p.m. – 6:43 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 p.m. – 9:10 p.m. (Virtual Meetings)

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES

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

REGRETS

Shannon Mitchell and Keelee Hollowell

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.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – CONTINUED

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.

Chair Barnett noted the absence of Trustee Mitchell and Student Trustee Hollowell.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

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

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:43 p.m.

C. SINGING OF ‘O CANADA’

“The Board stood as an instrumental version of ‘*O Canada*’ was performed by DSBN secondary school students, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Lora Campbell shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated May 25, 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 Doug Newton
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“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 for Extraordinary Contributions – Melissa Langelaan, Student, Governor Simcoe SS

Via video, Director Hoshizaki recognized Melissa Langelaan for being an amazing young woman who has shown great resilience. Melissa shared strategies and resources that have helped her during this difficult year.

In response to a question from a trustee, Director Hoshizaki listed some of the supports that are available to DSBN students, which include social workers that can connect students with resources in the community, guidance counsellors, and the Mental Health team. Director Hoshizaki noted that modifications can also be made in-school.

2. Educational Showcases

a) Westlane Spartan SSTC Hands at Work

Director Hoshizaki shared a slide show that highlighted the Westlane Secondary School Specialized School to Community class, who learned some great hands on skills throughout the year.

b) DSBN Skills Challenge 2021

Director Hoshizaki shared a video that highlighted the accomplishments of students in DSBN's 23rd Skills Competition. 33 DSBN students competed in the provincial competition, 12 DSBN students earned provincial medals, and 5 students represented Ontario and competed nationally. DSBN was awarded the School Board Award of Distinction.

c) Celebrating DSBN Graduating Students

Director Hoshizaki shared a video of him speaking with graduating students from grade 8 and grade 12 about their interests and how they have persevered through some challenging situations this year.

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 Program and Planning Committee

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated June 1, 2021 be received.”

“That the Summer Learning Programs and Support Report be received.”

“That the Specialist High Skills Major Update be received.”

“That the Software Application for Student Use Privacy and Security Report be received.”

“That the Virtual Art Show Report be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Summer Learning Programs and Support Report, a Specialist High Skills Major update, and the Software Application for Student Use Privacy and Security Report.

2. Report of the Audit Committee

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated June 7, 2021 be received.”

“That the Regional Internal Audit Status Report be received.”

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Report of the Audit Committee

“That the 7-month specified procedures report for the period ending March 31, 2021 be received.”.

“That Audit Committee members complete the Evaluation of External Auditors form for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year and send in confidence to Nicky Westlake by June 14, 2021.”

“That KPMG LLP be appointed as DSBN external auditors for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2021.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Veld provided highlights from the meeting, which included a presentation of the Regional Internal Audit Status Report, the completion of the Evaluation for External Auditors, and the approval that KPMG LLP be appointed as DSBN external auditors for a one-year term.

3. Report of the Policy Committee

Moved by Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated June 8, 2021 be received.”

“That Policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools be approved as amended and adopted.”

CARRIED

Recorded vote:

Trustee Baggott – not in favour

Chair Barnett – in favour

Trustee Beamer – not in favour

Vice Chair Bradnam – in favour

Trustee Campbell – in favour

Trustee Klassen – in favour

Trustee Fast – in favour

Trustee Maves – in favour

Trustee Newton – in favour

Trustee Schaubel – in favour

Vice Chair Bradnam reported that additional revisions were made to Policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools. These revisions are outlined in the agenda package.

Discussions took place and trustees had the opportunity to speak to whether they were in favour of the proposed motion.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Report of the Policy Committee

Director Hoshizaki and Jennifer Feren responded to questions about:

- the role of the trustee in representing all members of the community.
- the role of the trustee with respect to the policy and when making the final decision about naming/renaming schools.
- how the policy aligns with the Education Act.
- Regulations regarding School Councils.

4. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated June 10, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Vice Chair Bradnam spoke to the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting which included the opportunity to share reflections and wish Superintendent Dickson well in his retirement. The committee was provided with an update of summer learning opportunities for students with special education needs and SEAC learned more about the DSBN Special Olympic plans.

5. Report of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the report of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee dated June 10, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Pisek provided a summary of the meeting which included a verbal update of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Committee on May 26, 2021 and a summary of professional development opportunities for staff. Over 70 teachers have committed to taking the Inclusive Classroom AQ Course, which has been fully subsidized by DSBN and ETFO.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

6. Report of the Finance Committee

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated June 16, 2021 be received.”

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of April and May 2021, totaling \$47,959,372.41 be received.”

“That the Board of Trustees receive the Education Development Charges Eligibility Report for information.”

“That the Third Interim Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2021, be received.”

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

“That the 2020-21 Preliminary Budget Report include:

- \$ 70,000 to support Concussion Partnership with Hamilton Health Sciences;
- \$ 30,000 to support Synthetic Turf Maintenance Equipment;
- \$ 190,000 to support AQ courses (Math, FNMI, Reading, Mental Health, Equity);
- \$ 100,000 to support Try A Trade and Makers resources;
- \$ 65,000 to Tutors in the Classroom.”

“That the 2021-22 Revenue and Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$522,650,999 be approved and the estimate forms be submitted to the Ministry of Education.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting and the motions being presented.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

7. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

Moved by Lora Campbell

Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated June 16, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell provided a summary of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee meeting, where cases that had been brought forward throughout the 2020/2021 school year were reviewed.

8. Report of the Student Trustee Senate

Moved by Salony Sharma

Seconded by Karina Tavernese

“That the District School Board of Niagara approve sending a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting funding of menstrual products in all school boards in Ontario.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Tavernese spoke to the letter to the Ministry of Education that was included in the board package that requests that the Province of Ontario fully fund free menstrual products in all Ontario Schools.

Chair Barnett recognized Student Trustees Hollowell and Tavernese for the outstanding work they have done as student trustees.

Virtual Introductions of newly elected student trustees for 2021-2022 took place.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

In response to a question from a trustee, Superintendent St. John clarified that staff have gone through the processes of submitting claims for assistive technology this year.

QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS – CONTINUED

In response to a question from a trustee, Director Hoshizaki confirmed that Summer HEAT registration was sent to families in focus schools first, but parents may contact schools directly to register for summer school.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Director Hoshizaki clarified that DSBN's land acknowledgement was provided by the IEAC Committee and their partners and not by DSBN. Some trustees expressed concern over the wording in the land acknowledgement. Director Hoshizaki will ensure these concerns are brought to the committee.

L. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

2. TRUSTEE INFORMATION SESSION

There was no trustee information session.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

In response to a question from a trustee, Jennifer Feren provided clarification around what constitutes communication that would be included in the board package.

4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

a) There was no trustee communications or school liaison.

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

Trustee Baggott provided an OPSBA update.

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - CONTINUED

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of September 2021 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on June 21, 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 Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Kevin Maves

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

SUE BARNETT

Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI

Director of Education and Secretary

Director's Report and Recognition

September 28, 2021

SCHOOL IS BACK! 2021-2022

Excitement was in the air on September 7th as DSBN students and families arrived at school, full of smiles and energy! Teachers, administrators and support staff also displayed wide grins as they warmly welcomed new and returning students.

This is the best time of year and I would like to thank everyone at the DSBN, from teachers and administrators, to support staff, senior leaders and trustees, for their commitment and dedication to student success.



CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Celebration of Nations

DSBN was a lead sponsor at the recent Celebrations of Nations event which included a Gathering of Indigenous Arts, Culture and Tradition that showcased a wide variety of Indigenous arts and artists, music and dance, creating workshops and hands-on activities for both children and adults.

“The goal of Celebrations of Nations is to build on the Two Row Wampum that promotes all Nations walking together, in parallel, with respect, compassion and understanding to cultivate an inclusive community for our shared future.”

REPORT TO BOARD

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation became a federally observed holiday on July 20, 2021, to be observed on September 30th each year. This official holiday will be shared with Orange Shirt Day, widely recognized across the country since 2013. This day provides an opportunity for Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of Residential Schools. Staff and students will spend this day reflecting on this chapter in Canada's past and continuing their learning on the history of residential schools, to honour the victims and survivors, while also recognizing the impact on families and communities.

ROWAN'S LAW DAY – SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

The day is named for Rowan Stringer – she was 17 years old and in Grade 12 when she passed away after receiving a concussion during a rugby match for her high school team. In March of 2018 the Ontario government passed a law known as Rowan's Law, designed to educate and protect youth from head injury.

At DSBN schools we look to support student and community education and arm everyone with knowledge to develop a culture of advocacy, as well as a collective social awareness around concussion prevention and treatment, so that our students will be the drivers of change.

Thank you to the DSBN Rowan's Law Day Committee for their leadership and support in promoting concussion awareness and education in our schools.

CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

World Teachers' Day is on October 5 and it provides an opportunity to recognize the tremendous contributions that teachers, and teaching support staff, make in the lives of our students each and every day.

I recently spoke with Kristen Kit, Olympian and DSBN alumna. Kristen attended both Oakridge PS and Sir Winston Churchill SS and she was eager to tell her story of how a dedicated educator made a difference in her life.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Lisa Mooney (Chair), Joy Janzen, Allison Moore, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Lofquist, Pauline Dawson, Stacia Heaton, Amber Hughes, Simon Hancox (Superintendent), Nancy Beamer (Trustee), Doug Newton (Trustee), Fred Louws (Administration), Tracy Leemet (Administration)

Regrets

None

Recording Secretary

Sue Sentance

A. WELCOME

Meeting was called to order. Superintendent Hancox welcomed everyone back for another year and began the meeting with the Land Acknowledgment. Sue Sentance was introduced as Recording Secretary.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Melissa Lofquist

Seconded by Pauline Dawson

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Hancox conducted an election of a Chairperson for 2021-22.

Moved by Pauline Dawson

Seconded by Stacia Heaton

“That Lisa Mooney be re-elected as Chair for the 2021-22 school year.”

CARRIED

Members were asked to consider the opportunity of co-chairing the committee. At this time, no one volunteered.

Superintendent Hancox shared the following:

- DSBN Schools welcomed back over 95% of students to in-person learning.
- Staff will be providing an attestation to their vaccination status. Any staff that are not double vaccinated will be required to complete a rapid antigen test twice a week.
- Extra-curriculars have begun at elementary and secondary schools, and the DSBN looks to safely add more activities as the year progresses.
- DSBN staff participated in Professional Development on September 1st & 2nd, that combined both a mental health awareness and learning lens to cultivate caring conditions for students as they return to school.

E. CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- 100 Dr. Ungar books were purchased with the remaining 2020-21 Pro Grant funds, which the committee will distribute to schools.
- Virtual Speaker, Dr. Jean Clinton is booked for November 24, 2021. Her presentation that will focus on resiliency and Mental Health and Well-being.
- The Committee discussed PIC and Pro Grant funding and plans for supporting parent engagement this school year. This will include offering additional virtual speakers for the PIC Virtual Speaker Series. The committee will discuss further ideas for supporting parent involvement during October's meeting.

F. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Beamer shared the following:

- DSBN Facility Services has been involved with over 100 million dollars of construction and updates throughout the board, including updating ventilation systems, installing HEPA filter systems, classroom additions, as well as new childcare spaces.
- Plans are proceeding for a new joint elementary school with the NCDSB in Wainfleet, and construction is underway for the West Niagara Secondary School which includes a 750 seat theatre.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

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- Over 7,000 DSBN students from SK to Gr 12 participated in person on on-line learning opportunities this summer.
- In consideration for student safety, DSBN requested that schools would not be used as Federal polling stations this fall.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Amber

“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:17p.m.

Next meeting – October 6, 2021

Location – virtual TEAMS meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Public Session: 5:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

AUDIT COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Lons Kushner (external), Yusuf Essop - Committee Chair (external), Kate Baggott (Trustee), Sue Barnett (Trustee), Jonathan Fast (Trustee), Stacy Veld (Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer), Nicky Westlake (Controller of Finance), Jenny Baker, (RIAT Manager), John Forte (RIAT Auditor), David Marks (KPMG), Saman Al-Rawee (KPMG)

Guest

Alex Bradnam (Board Vice-Chair)

Recording Secretary

Terri Cook

A. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Superintendent Stacy Veld called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

B. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2021-22

Superintendent Veld explained that Ontario Regulation 361/10 requires Audit Committees to elect a Chair at the first meeting of the new fiscal year and called for nominations for this position. Trustee Sue Barnett nominated Trustee Jonathan Fast and Lons Kushner nominated committee member Yusuf Essop. Jonathan Fast deferred his nomination to Yusuf Essop. No other names were brought forth. Yusuf Essop accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair of the Audit Committee for the 2021-22 year.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION

Monday, September 13, 2021

D. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Superintendent Veld explained that in accordance with Regulation 316/10, all Committee members are required to complete the Declaration of Conflict of Interest form at the first meeting of the fiscal year and submit their Declarations to the Recording Secretary. In accordance with section 14(3) of the Regulation, if a member or his or her parent, child or spouse derive any financial benefit relating to an item on a meeting agenda, the member shall declare the potential benefit at the start of that meeting and will withdraw from the meeting during any discussion of the matter and shall not vote on the matter.

E. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST RE: AGENDA

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

F. AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF-ASSESSMENT

Ontario Regulation 361/10 requires Audit Committee members to conduct a yearly self-assessment using a prescribed format. Responses are to be submitted to the Recording Secretary and will be consolidated by the Controller of Finance and kept on file in the office of the Superintendent of Business Services. If any concerns, a summarized document will be shared at the next meeting.

G. REGIONAL INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT

Regional Internal Audit Manager Jenny Baker referenced the RIAT Education and Training Plan and stated that the RIAT has met all of the educational requirements as necessary.

Regional Internal Audit Manager Jenny Baker stated that the regional internal audit mandate is required to be reviewed and re-signed when there is a change to the Director of Education, the Chair of the audit committee or a change in the Regional Internal Audit Manager. She stated that with her upcoming retirement, she proposed that the mandate be brought forward to the November meeting in order to announce both changes for the audit committee chair and the replacement of the Regional Internal Audit Manager.

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Lons Kushner

“That the Regional Internal Audit Status Report be received.”

CARRIED

AUDIT COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION

Monday, September 13, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sue Barnett

Seconded by Lons Kushner

“That the Audit Committee meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Next meeting – November 15, 2021

Location – virtual TEAMS meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Public Session: 5:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

PRESENT:

Trustee Committee: Nancy Beamer, Ken Maves, Jonathan Fast, Shannon Mitchell and Dave Schaubel (Chair)

Trustee Guests: Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam, Doug Newton
Student Trustee: Salony Sharma

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education
Helen McGregor, Area 5 Superintendent of Curriculum & Student Achievement (9-12)
Mary Anne Gage, Area 4 Superintendent for Education
Marian ReimerFriesen, Superintendent of Curriculum & Student Achievement (K-8)
Leanne Smith, Area 5 Superintendent of Curriculum & Student Achievement (9-12)
Michael St. John, Superintendent of Special Education & Mental Health

Guests: Georgia Groat – Student Achievement Leader for Indigenous Education
Gail Lafleur – Secondary Indigenous Consultant
Angela McClary – Student Achievement Leader Secondary Curriculum
Elizabeth Pattison – Secondary Consultant, Math

Recording Secretary: Trish Beaudoin – Administrative Assistant

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021



Moved by Trustee Mitchell

Seconded by Trustee Maves

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Indigenous Education Update

Superintendents Reimer Friesen and McGregor presented the 2020/2021 Indigenous Education update. The DSBN Indigenous Education Department annually produces a year-end report to share with the Indigenous Education Advisory Council (IEAC) featuring some of the work reported on in the Board Action Plan. Projects in both elementary and secondary were highlighted. The trustees were also introduced to the new DSBN Student Achievement Leader for Indigenous Education K – 12, Principal Georgie Groat. She provided an overview of her background and experiences and introduced the new Secondary Indigenous Consultant Gail Lafleur.

Moved by Trustee Newton

Seconded by Trustee Beamer

“That the Board receive the Indigenous Education Update.”

CARRIED

Secondary Math Curriculum Update

Superintendent McGregor along with Student Achievement Leader Angela McClary and Secondary Math Consultant Elizabeth Pattison presented the Secondary Math Curriculum Update. The Ministry of Education released the new Grade 9 De-streamed Math Curriculum MTH1W in June 2021. Professional learning opportunities were provided for math teachers, program leaders, guidance teachers, student success teachers, special education resource teachers and administrative staff to prepare staff to teach in a de-streamed learning environment. The secondary math team created resources and lessons for teachers of MTH1W and there will be on-going supports during the school year. The group also shared the “Unlock Your Inner Mathematician” program that was offered this summer to incoming grade 8 students. This virtual program “for students, by students” was created and led by secondary student leaders.

Moved by Trustee Newton

Seconded by Trustee Beamer

“That the Board receive the New Grade 9 Math Curriculum Update.”

CARRIED

Summer Learning Update

Superintendent Gage shared that over 6,000 students in Senior Kindergarten through to grade 12 participated in both in-person and online summer learning programs this past summer. She provided an overview of the Summer Heat program which engaged 940 students through in-person learning. Superintendent Smith shared that over 700 students in grades 5 to 12 participated in-person for summer learning. Over 4000 credits were achieved during July and August. Superintendent St. John presented that during the months of July and August 322 elementary and secondary students with special needs participated in summer programs and for the first time this was offered in person. The Mental Health and Well-Being team provided summer mental health support for both elementary and secondary students over the summer to over 600 students.

Moved by Trustee Beamer

Seconded by Trustee Maves

“That the Board receive the Summer Learning 2021 Report.”

CARRIED

E. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

F. NEXT MEETING

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

G. ADJORNMENT

Moved by Trustee Beamer

Seconded by Trustee Maves

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

SEAC MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present

Linda Morrice (Chair) - Pathstone Mental Health, Shannon Jamieson (Vice Chair) - CNIB Foundation, Amy Dunn - Autism Ontario - Niagara, Samantha Sendzik - Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region, Nick Smith - Niagara Support Services, Kelly Cimek - Community Living Welland Pelham, Juan Miranda - Down Syndrome Niagara, 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, Jodie Kerr - OPC Representative: Elementary, Karen Ferguson - OPC Representative: Secondary, Nikki Train - Student Achievement Leader, Special Education

Regrets

Danielle Reynolds - Niagara FASD Coalition, Brent Beaudoin – VOICE for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, Darren Vanhooydonk - Superintendent of Elementary Schools

Recording Secretary

Jennifer McGugan

1. 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.

Superintendent Mike St. John and Chair Linda Morrice reviewed the current roles of SEAC Chair and Vice-Chair with the committee. Linda Morrice noted that she would be willing to hold the SEAC Chair position again and Shannon Jamieson expressed that she would like to step down from the SEAC Vice-Chair position. Superintendent St. John requested that committee members put names forward for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. The committee supported that Linda Morrice be acclaimed as the SEAC Chair. The committee members requested that they had time to consider the vacant Vice-Chair position.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Amy Dunn

Seconded by Shannon Jamieson

“That the Agenda dated September 16, 2020 be approved as presented”

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of June 10, 2021 SEAC meeting.

4. ORIENTATION

Superintendent Michael St. John welcomed and thanked the Special Education staff, trustees, and committee members for their support and valuable contribution to students with special needs. Superintendent St. John reviewed with the committee the purpose and responsibilities of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

5. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Nikki Train, Student Achievement Leader, Special Education, shared that Special Education staff supported school transitions for new and returning students. They reviewed school by school, student by student to ensure the right student supports are in place. She noted that instructional coaches were provided professional development the first week of school in math, literacy, mental health and wellbeing, Indigenous education, equity and inclusion and special education. The special education professional development focused on inclusion, In-School Team, Learning for All – specifically around differentiation and universal design. Central Special Education staff are participating in an American Sign Language (ASL) course. Today, learning resource teachers (LRTs) participated in professional development focused on how to support students in the first 30 days and Individual Education Plan (IEP) development. Upcoming are workshops on IEP development and supports for all teachers. Again, the DSBN is partnering with Brock to offer an AQ course – Teaching Students with Communication Needs (Autism Spectrum Disorder) for teachers.

Superintendent Michael St. John shared with the committee that students and staff enthusiastically returned to learning this year and the DSBN worked closely with Niagara Region Public Health to ensure that the reopening of schools adhered to Covid -19 protocols. He noted that remote learners with special learning needs are having their support coordinated through home school LRTs. Superintendent St. John updated the committee on

the nursing shortage that Home and Community Care Support Services, an important community partner, is experiencing and that the DSBN is providing temporary solutions to support students and families. Also, he shared that the DSBN received funding for an early intervention math pilot to prepare students with special learning needs for de-streamed math in secondary school. Superintendent St. John introduced the special education summer learning video for the committee that highlighted a student success story from the special education summer iSocial and coding programs.

6. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Alex Bradnam shared with the committee a summary on DSBN Summer Learning. He noted that valuable learning opportunities for both in-person and some online programming were offered to students in Senior Kindergarten to 12. Trustee Bradnam highlighted that 322 elementary and secondary students with special education needs took part in 10 summer programs, offering 56 sections led by 57 special education staff and 7 educational partnership staff. Special education summer programs provided important support and continuation of learning for students with special learning needs in the development of social, communication, literacy, numeracy, and technology skills.

7. ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION

Community Living Welland Pelham

Partnering with Genia Stephen from the Good Things in Life to work with a group of families to dive into inclusive education. (www.goodthingsinlife.org)

Autism Ontario – Niagara

Offering fall programming.

CNIB Foundation

CNIB is now CNIB Foundation. The St. Catharines office is closed, and the closest office is in Hamilton. Online programs and activities are offered weekly to clients. Clients can access resources online and speak to CNIB personnel via phone or other virtual platforms.

Down Syndrome Niagara

No report.

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region

The LDANR will be offering free monthly webinars throughout the year. The first webinar is on October 20th. Registration will open soon. The LDANR is introducing a new peer-to-peer support group, Youth-to-Youth (Y2Y), for individuals aged 14-24 with a diagnosed or suspected learning disability. Applications are now open. Fall programs, which include our

one-to-one literacy and math programs, and small-group self-advocacy/transition programs, will begin the week of October 18th. October is LD Awareness month.

Niagara Support Services

No report.

Pathstone Mental Health

Pathstone Mental Health is pleased to announce the opening of another walk-in clinic in Pelham. Virtual walk-in clinic appointments are available Monday to Friday for children/youth and families who would prefer that option. All walk-in appointments are made by calling the Crisis and Support Line at 1-800-263-4944.

OPC Representative: Elementary

Staff were offered equity and inclusion professional development. Staff are establishing routines and welcoming new students. Students are accessing school libraries and gymnasiums. Schools are adhering to public health guidelines while participating in physically distanced activities, like cross country and Terry Fox runs.

OPC Representative: Secondary

Secondary schools are working with students to get them into timetables. Schools are adhering to public health guidelines and gradually implementing plans to begin extra-curriculars. SERTs are working through IEP updates. OSSLT will have a fall and a spring writing. Community hour qualifications have been updated.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received. Trustee Shannon Mitchell requested that the committee consider writing a letter to the Minister of Health advocating that the government address the nursing shortage across Ontario. The committee deferred the decision for the next meeting.

9. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There were no questions received.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Amy Dunn

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That this meeting of the SEAC Committee be now adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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