

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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'

Wellington Heights Public School Choir will perform O'Canada via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Dave Schaubel

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 January 26, 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

a) Director’s Report

- Way Down Hadestown presented, via video, by the musical theatre class at Laura Secord Secondary School

2. Educational Showcase

W. Hoshizaki

- a) Director’s Artisan Card Contest – **K. Sweeney**
- b) Black History Activities for February and Beyond – **K. Pisek**

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (OPTIONAL)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Program and Planning Committee

D. Schaubel – Pages 16-24

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated February 2, 2021 be received.”

“That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2021-2022 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education.”

“That the Forest of Reading Update be received.”

2. Report of the Parent Involvement Committee

N. Beamer/D. Newton – Pages 25-26

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated February 3, 2021 be received.”

3. Report of the Policy Committee

A. Bradnam – Pages 27-49

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated February 9, 2021 be received.”

“That the Policy Committee commence the process to review Policy A-09 Naming/Renaming of Schools forthwith so it may be considered at the May 11, 2021 Policy Committee meeting.”

“That Policy I-01: Policy – General be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy i-02: Policy Committee be approved as received and adopted.”

“That Policy A-12: School Councils be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy C-04: Community Planning and Partnerships be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-21: Advertising In Schools be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy D-11: Arts Program be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-02: Safe Schools be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-38: Complaints Resolution Policy be approved as amended and adopted.”

4. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

A. Bradnam/S. Mitchell – Pages 50-52

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated February 11, 2021 be received.”

5. Report of the Student Trustee Senate

K. Hollowell/S. Sharma/K. Tavernese – Pages 53-54

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated February 17, 2021 be received.”

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

S. Mitchell – Pages 55-59

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee dated February 17, 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 March 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 February 23, 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, JANUARY 26, 2021

Private Session: 6:15 p.m. – 6:37 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 p.m. – 8:15p.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, 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. Chair Barnett noted that there were no members absent.

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 Sue Barnett
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:37 p.m.

C. SINGING OF ‘O CANADA’

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Newton shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Doug Newton

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – CONTINUED

Adoption of the Agenda

“That the Agenda be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

Chair Barnett requested that the agenda be amended to include additional correspondence received after the Board package was prepared.

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 1, 2020 be confirmed as submitted.”

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 1, 2020 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Kate Baggott

“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) Andrew White, Teacher/Program Leader, Eden High School

Via video, Director Hoshizaki recognized Andrew White for being a mentor to educators, for always taking the time to share resources and new knowledge, and for kindly working with new teachers and student teachers to share his teaching philosophy.

2. Educational Showcases

b) DSBN Social Summary Initiative

Director Hoshizaki introduced a new initiative called the DSBN Social Summary, that was created by DSBN's Communications Department staff to share what is happening in social media across the DSBN.

Director Hoshizaki shared a video that highlighted how the DSBN Social Summary increases communication and showcases the work of DSBN students and staff.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Accounts

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

OLD BUSINESS

Accounts

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of November and December 2020, totaling \$35,566,166.19 be received.”

CARRIED

2. Report of the Parent Involvement Committee

Moved by Nancy Beamer

Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated December 2, 2020 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Newton reported that Anne Murray presented on December 9, 2020 as part of the Parent Involvement Committee Speaker Series. Ann Douglas will present at the next event which will take place on January 27, 2021.

Trustee Newton provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting which included a presentation of the Equity and Inclusion Framework for DSBN and discussions about future speakers.

3. Report of the Student Trustee Senate

Moved by Keelee Hollowell

Seconded by Karina Tavernese

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated December 8, 2020 be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Hollowell reported that Student Senators received a presentation that gave them a better understanding of the Student Resource Officer Program. Student Trustee Hollowell added that the first Indigenous Student Leadership Council meeting was held in November.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Report of the Student Trustee Senate

Student Trustee Tavernese shared that the Senate Instagram account is doing well and a sub-committee has been formed to assist with posts.

Student Trustee Sharma spoke about the Student Trustee Senate logo contest that is currently taking place.

4. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Shannon Mitchell

Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated December 10, 2020 be received.”

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated January 14, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Mitchell provided a summary of the December 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, which included a Student Voice presentation via video, information about funding that DSBN has received to support students, a presentation about DSBN integration strategy, and an update on the preschool transition process.

Vice Chair Bradnam provided a summary of the January 2021 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, which included a Student Voice presentation via video, a presentation of the range of specialized supports that are available to students with special learning needs, and a presentation about professional development opportunities for staff.

5. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

Moved by Lora Campbell

Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated December 16, 2020 be received.”

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated January 20, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell reported that in December, the SAL committee heard and approved one case. Following the presentation, the committee reviewed the progress of current SAL cases.

Trustee Campbell added that there were no new SAL cases brought forward to the January SAL meeting. The committee reviewed the progress of current SAL cases. There are currently ten students participating in the program.

6. Report of the Finance Committee

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated December 16, 2020 be received.”

“That the hiring of a Human Rights and Equity Officer be received.”

“That the Financial Report on International Education 2020-21 be received, and that \$105,000 be allocated to support the 2020-21 recommended initiatives.”

“That the Capital Projects Borrowing Resolution 2020-03 authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$24,705,695 for the short-term financing of Ministry funded capital projects, pursuant to the provisions of section 243(1) of the Education Act, be approved.”

“That the 2020-21 Interim Financial Report, reflecting updated enrolments for October 31, 2020, and the corresponding changes in revenues and expenditures, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting, which included discussions about the hiring of a Human Rights and Equity Officer, the Financial Report on International Education, the Capital Projects Borrowing Resolution 2020-03, and the 2020-21 Interim Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

7. Report of the Program and Planning Committee

Moved by Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated January 12, 2021 be received.”

“That the DSBN Academy Report be received.”

“That the Technology Program Update be received.”

“That the Menstrual Equity Report be received.”

“That the Secondary Programming Update be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included an update on DSBN Academy, a Technology Program update, a presentation of the Menstrual Equity Report, and a secondary programming update.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Baggott spoke to a change.org petition that was created by students about the recent changes to the multi-subject instructional period (MSIP). Superintendent McGregor explained that DSBN staff have spoken with the students that started the petition and that there was a misunderstanding. By removing MSIP, students will receive 20% more learning time with their teachers. This change is temporary because of COVID. DSBN encourages anyone with concerns about their success to contact their school so that a plan can be created.

Student trustees spoke in favor of the temporary changes to MSIP.

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

a) Correspondence for V. Moretti

Correspondence from V. Moretti can be found on page 61 of the Board package.

b) Correspondence from R. Chambers and G. Chambers

Correspondence from R. Chambers and G. Chambers can be found on pages 62 and 63 of the Board package.

c) Correspondence from J. Ker

Correspondence from J. Ker can be found on page 64 and 65 of the Board package.

Chair Barnett noted that in addition to the 3 items of correspondence listed in the agenda, the Board has received additional correspondence relating to the same topic.

Moved by Nancy Beamer

Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the correspondence as listed in the agenda plus any other communications received by the board on the same subject matter be referred to the Policy Committee for immediate consideration and that a report be brought back to this board by the April meeting.”

CARRIED

Trustee Beamer spoke to the concerns expressed by community members and asked that trustees support the Policy Committee reviewing the letters as well as Policy A-09.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – CONTINUED

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

In response to concerns by a trustee, Director Hoshizaki and Board Lawyer, Jennifer Feren clarified the procedure used when the Director's Office receives correspondence.

4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

- a) Trustee Beamer shared that former DSNB student, Ffion Hughes, was recently named Rhodes Scholar and will be attending Oxford University in the fall to pursue a Master's degree in History.
- b) Trustee Klassen reported that she recently attended a Human Rights Program for School Board Leaders.
- c) Chair Barnett spoke to the Education Foundation of Niagara fundraiser, Porta Backyarda. The deadline to purchase tickets has been extended to mid-June. Tickets can be purchased online at efnniagara.dsnb.org.

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

Trustee Baggott reported that, due to COVID-19, OPSBA's Public Education Symposium will be held virtually this year and will be free of charge. The conference will take place on January 28, 2021 and trustees are encouraged to register for this event. Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce will be speaking in the afternoon and Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health will be providing a provincial update on COVID-19. Trustee Baggott added that she had the opportunity to submit questions for Stephen Lecce on behalf of the Board.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of February 2021 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING - CONTINUED

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on January 26, 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 Doug Newton

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

SUE BARNETT
Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI
Director of Education and Secretary

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Tuesday, February 2, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual - MS Teams

MINUTES

Present:

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

Trustee Guests: Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam, Elizabeth Klassen and Doug Newton
Student Trustee: Karina Tavernese

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education
John Dickson, Superintendent of Education, Elementary
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)

Recording Secretary: Debra Dinga, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Kevin Maves, Trustee

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 Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Fast

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS**2021 – 2022 School Year Calendar – Superintendent, John Dickson**

Superintendent Dickson, explained that each year the School Year Calendar is brought forward for approval as per Reg. 304 which requires the preparation and submission of the School Year Calendar to the Ministry of Education for Ministry approval.

DSBN would like to present a modified 2021-22 school year calendar to the Ministry of Education as the Education Act does permit a School Board to designate a school year and school holidays different from those prescribed by the Ministry. DSBN proposes designating two Professional Activity Days at the beginning of September, (Sept. 1 & 2, 2021) to prepare for the new school year. Also, December 24th would be designated as a board holiday and the two-week Winter Break would be moved from December 20-31, 2021 to December 27, 2021 – January 7, 2022

Therefore, the 2021-2022 school year will run from September 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022 with 194 school days and includes seven professional activity days. The calendar was vetted through the calendar committee with both the Elementary and Secondary calendars meeting all the requirements and regulations of The Ministry of Education.

Moved by Trustee Bradnam, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

“That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2021-2022 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education.”

CARRIED

Forest of Reading Update - Superintendents, Mary Anne Gage & Helen McGregor

Superintendent Gage shared that The Forest of Reading program is the largest recreational reading program in Canada where children and young adult select the winners by voting on their favourite books. For elementary students, the program encourages a love of reading for all ages and promotes family engagement and early literacy for our youngest readers. Forest of Reading continues to be a valuable opportunity for all DSBN students. Different than in previous years, the DSBN has adapted the approach for continued participation in Forest of Reading in a virtual environment that utilizes many e-books in all categories to support instruction and reading for enjoyment and includes opportunities for asynchronous book club discussions and synchronous book club meetings with author visits and real time discussions facilitated by dedicated student ambassadors and educator champions.

Superintendent McGregor explained that in DSBN Secondary Schools students are able to participate virtually in Forest of Reading in both English and French this year.

Video clips were presented highlighting two secondary students' impressions and reviews of their student-selected books they had independently studied for #DSBNreads in Spring of 2020.

The Forest of Reading event will conclude with a week-long culminating celebration entitled "A Week in the Forest" virtual events during the first week of May.

Moved by Trustee Fast, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

"That the Forest of Reading Update be received."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Fast, seconded by Trustee Beamer

"That the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 3, 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

REGRETS: Pauline Dawson

GUEST: Superintendent, John Dickson

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.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER

Amber Hughes was voted in as a new member of PIC.

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Susan Jovanovic

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Melissa Lofquist

Seconded by Joy Janzen

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

STUDENT CENSUS PRESENTATION

Superintendent, John Dickson provided an explanation and presentation regarding the upcoming Student Census that will be issued to all DSBN students in the next few months.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Hancox shared the following:

- Ministry of Education stated today that DSBN will resume classes on February 8, 2021.
- Messaging regarding return to in-school classes will be sent to all families. This will include the changes issued by Public Health, which include mandatory masks for students in grades 1-3, masks to be worn outside unless social distancing can be ensured, enhanced screening for staff and secondary students.
- While still in the adaptive model, Secondary schools have removed MSIP and study periods from the class scheduling for the second semester. This will allow for a 20 percent increase of instructional time.

- Issuing of report cards has been delayed until February 18th for students attending in-school.
- Virtual Kindergarten Open Houses have happened, and online registration has also begun. Virtual tours are available on school and board websites.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- The response to the PIC Speaker Series has been great. The feedback has been very good. Feedback provided states that people were pleased and found the presentations by Anne Murray and Ann Douglas to have been beneficial and helpful.
- The School Council policy is up for review. The decision was made to add *"The DSBN believes that all parents should have equal access to contribute to School Councils and the Parent Involvement Committee and every effort should be made to remove any barriers for parents to participate."*

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Doug Newton shared the following:

- The New West Niagara Secondary School is expected to open in September 2022. This state-of-the art school will offer the latest facilities, including a greenhouse, synthetic field and 8 lane racing track. The school will provide a range of industry-standard technology equipment for programs such as construction, culinary, cosmetology and others. There are also plans, upon ministry approval, to include a 750-seat performing arts theatre in the construction.
- The DSBN has recently purchased land in Niagara Falls. The DSBN hopes to build a new elementary school, to address growth in Niagara Falls, to offset the student population at Kate S. Durdan, and anticipated growth in the neighbourhood.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Simon Hancox presented 3 options for potential speakers in the PIC Speaker Series.

- Cassandra Muileboom offers a story-based presentation to addresses the 5 A's of anti-racism parenting.
- Equity Connections offers a panel presentation that will focus on a five-phase process to building effective allyship as a parent. To assist parents to identify and interrupt bias, stereotypes and problematic racist behaviours.
- Natasha Parent offers a webinar presentation entitled "Should I be worried about screen time?". She provides parents with a better understanding of why teens use technology and why this may be important for them in the time of Covid-19.

The committee decided to offer all three speakers in the PIC Speaker Series. It was agreed that the needs in the DSBN community are diverse and each person is looking for different supports and information.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Kelly McNeil

"That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Next meeting – April 07, 2021
Location – TEAMS virtual meeting



POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 9, 2021
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

TRUSTEE GUESTS: Sue Barnett, Nancy Beamer
Student Trustees: Karina Tavernese

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

GUESTS: Simon Hancox, Superintendent of Education
Mike St. John, Superintendent of Special Education
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 Shannon Mitchell, Seconded by Doug Newton

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Bradnam shared that included in this evenings agenda package is revised and approved Policy I-03: Policy Generating Process for information purposes only. This was requested at the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED TO POLICY COMMITTEE FROM JANUARY 26TH BOARD MEETING

Jennifer Feren explained the legal framework and shared some information about the options related to the five pieces of correspondence received from the January 26th Board meeting. After a fulsome discussion it was decided by the committee to review policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools earlier than its' scheduled review date of January 2022. Superintendent Kelly Pisek stated that the next policy committee meeting is scheduled for May 11 and that policies for this meeting would be open for vetting through the DSBN website on February 26th.

"That the Policy Committee commence the process to review Policy A-09 Naming/Renaming of Schools forthwith so it may be considered at the May 11, 2021 Policy Committee meeting."

CARRIED

Moved by Kate Baggott, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

NEW BUSINESS

I-01: Policy - General

Superintendent Kelly Pisek presented this policy. No feedback was received. Changes were made to reflect current terminology.

Moved by Kate Baggott, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy I-01: Policy – General be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

i-02: Policy Committee

Superintendent Kelly Pisek presented this policy. No feedback was received by trustees or the community. No changes were made to this policy.

Moved by Doug Newton, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy i-02: Policy Committee be approved as received and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

A-12: School Councils

Superintendent Simon Hancox presented this policy. No public feedback was received. A sentence was added to the end of this policy to include equal access for parents to contribute to School Councils and the Parent Involvement Committee and that every effort should be made to remove any barriers for parents to participate.

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen, seconded by Doug Newton

“That Policy A-12: School Councils be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

C-04: Community Planning and Partnerships

Superintendent Stacy Veld presented this policy. Updates were made for clarification and wording changes. No feedback received through the DSBN website.

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen, seconded by Doug Newton

“That Policy C-04: Community Planning and Partnerships be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

G-21: Advertising In Schools

Superintendent Stacy Veld presented this policy. No feedback was received for this policy. Changes were made for clarification and a statement was added to the beginning of this policy.

Moved by Shannon Mitchell, seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That Policy G-21: Advertising In Schools be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

D-11: Arts Program

Superintendent Marian Reimer-Friesen presented this policy. No feedback was received for this policy. The changes made to this policy reflect current practise and language to be more inclusive.

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy D-11: Arts Program be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

G-02: Safe Schools

Superintendent Mike St. John presented this policy. No feedback was received for this policy. The changes made are consistent with policy G-28: Student Discipline and reflect current practise. Focus is on promoting mutual well-being affirming healthy and respectful relationships throughout the whole school community and for all students to feel valued and safe.

Moved by Doug Newton, seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That Policy G-02: Safe Schools be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

G-38: Complaints Resolution Policy

Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren presented this policy. No feedback was received for this policy. The changes made include updated terminology and reflect current practise. Under “General Inquiries” information was added for transparency and clarity in that a supervisor may also access and consult with other staff. As well, under “Process for Resolving Complaints of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) on School Based Matters” sub-section “Representative of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s)”, conflict of interest was added for clarification.

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That Policy G-38: Complaints Resolution Policy be approved as amended and adopted.”

NEXT MEETING

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Policies will be open for vetting from February 26, 2021 – April 22, 2021.

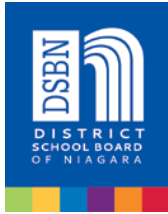
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Doug Newton, Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Policy Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Linda Morrice (Chair)	Pathstone Mental Health
Kelly Cimek	Community Living Welland Pelham
Amy Dunn	Autism Ontario - Niagara
Nick Smith	Niagara Support Services
Paige Vaccarella	Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region
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

Regrets:

Shannon MacDonald (Vice Chair)	CNIB Foundation
Danielle Reynolds	Niagara FASD Coalition

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

Nick Smith, Niagara Support Services, introduced the student from the Children's Autism Program (CAP). The student is preparing for a transition to secondary school with the support of the CAP team and the DSNB Special Education Team. He has benefited from many individualized supports. The student shared his schedule, as well as activities and strategies that provide structure and contribute to his success. The student shared with the committee that through the support he received through CAP he has improved his learning, cooking, and socializing skills.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the February 11, 2021 SEAC meeting.

Moved by Shannon Mitchell, Seconded by Alex Bradnam

"That the Agenda dated February 11, 2021 be approved as presented."

CARRIED

STUDENT CENSUS SURVEY

John Dickson

John Dickson presented to the committee the parameters and stages for the upcoming DSNB student census survey. In alignment with Ontario's Education Equity Plan, the purpose of the student census survey is to better understand our students' identities as well as their experiences inside and outside of school. The results will be

used to inform board and school improvement planning. The online survey is voluntary, and all students will be provided the opportunity to participate. Translations and adaptations will be available for schools to plan for differentiated supports.

SUPERINTENDENT AND SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Michael St. John and Nikki Train

Superintendent Michael St. John thanked parents and the community organizations represented on SEAC for their ongoing support. The DSBN welcomed back staff and students this week to in person learning. All the Special Education and Mental Health and Well-Being support staff continue to be available to support students and learning in schools. Superintendent St. John shared that the upcoming PD Day will provide staff an opportunity to participate in variety of optional learning opportunities. Also noted, there are now 150 students participating in the DSBN Preschool Transition program this year in preparation for a September 2021 start at the DSBN.

Nikki Train shared that preliminary planning has begun for Special Education summer programming. Last years' programs will be reviewed and feedback from students, families and staff involved will be considered with the goal of improving programming for this year. Nikki reviewed with the committee the variety of programs offered last year and noted that the DSBN will be prepared for in person and virtual learning options for our summer programming.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Shannon Mitchell and Alex Bradnam

Trustee Shannon Mitchell provided details about an initiative called the DSBN Social Summary. The electronic summary was created by DSBN's Communications Department staff to share what is happening in our schools across the DSBN through school social media outlets. She also noted the Parent Involvement Committee speaker series and the Equity and Inclusion Framework presentation.

Trustee Alex Bradnam shared with the committee plans for the DSBN to hire a Human Rights and Equity Officer. He also highlighted the DSBN Academy's success in closing first generation student learning and achievement gaps through tireless and consistent staff and community support. The ten-year anniversary of the DSBN Academy will be celebrated in June (2022). Trustee Bradnam invited Board Chair, Sue Barnett to share her support and her thoughts on the success of the DSBN Academy and the impact it has had on students.

ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION

Autism Niagara

Amy Dunn

We're pleased to announce the launch of an 18-month project that Autism Ontario is partnering on to address barriers to suitable housing for adults with autism. The project is called, "Housing Through an Autism Lens". You can learn more about the project here: <https://www.hal-lab.ca/>. We're celebrating World Autism Awareness Day on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021. Registration and more information can be found here <https://raisetheflagforautism.com/>.

Community Living Welland Pelham

Kelly Cimek

No report.

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region

Paige Vaccarella

There are still spots available in SOAR Post-Secondary, for students in Grades 11 and 12 who are on an IEP and looking to go to College/University. The program starts March 9th. Details can be found on our website. We are planning to offer our SLAM Camp this summer with one in-person and one virtual site, dependent on the public health guidelines at that time. Applications open February 22nd. We are hosting a virtual trivia night fundraiser on Friday, March 26th.

Niagara FASD Coalition

Danielle Reynolds

No report.

Niagara Support Services

Nick Smith

No report.

Pathstone Mental Health

Linda Morrice

Through the support of our Foundation, our Merrittville site is the future home of two outdoor classrooms, play and learning structures that will be designed and installed by Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds. The planning team consisting of Pathstone staff, parents and volunteers and teachers from the DSBN have had a preliminary meeting with the Bienenstock team.

CNIB Foundation**Shannon MacDonald**

No report.

OPC Representative: Elementary**Jodie Kerr**

Teaching students with Communication needs started Feb. 8, 2021. Term Two IEP's are being updated. Kindergarten registration has begun. Students are back at school. We are re-establishing safety protocols and receiving returned equipment. Celebrating 100's Day and Valentine's Day.

OPC Representative: Secondary**Karen Ferguson**

Course selections are being completed by the end of next week for the 2021-2022 school year. New protocols in place include masking outdoors and an online self assessment completed by students each day. We continue to support students in making decisions around post secondary. Following promotion meetings at the end of Semester 1 we put support plans in place to help with credit recovery and to set students in a better position for Semester 2.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There were no questions received.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Shannon Mitchell, Seconded by Alex Bradnam.

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm



STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members Present:

Student Trustees:

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

School Representatives:

Parsa Razeghi, A.N. Myer	Sophie Braun, Laura Secord
Finesse Warriner, A.N. Myer	Skye Reid, Laura Secord
Sandra Lee, DSBN Academy	Kyra Ejercito, St. Catharines Collegiate
Lauren Murray E.L. Crossley	Cody Lau, St. Catharines Collegiate
Priya Shourie, E.L. Crossley	Madey Crawford, Sir Winston Churchill
Tasneem Elatresh, Eden	Dheiksha Jayasankar, Sir Winston Churchill
Willem Quist, Eastdale	Jacob O'Connor, Stamford
Steven Zhuang, Eastdale	Tiya Patel, Stamford
Manara Abdelgadir, Governor Simcoe	Duaa Abbasi, Thorold
Owen Theriault, Governor Simcoe	Grace Sargeant, Thorold
Claudia Oliver, Greater Fort Erie	Donghwui Kim, Welland Centennial
Madeline Farquhar, Grimsby	Aiden Bilon, Westlane
	Brooklyn Koshman, Westlane

Administrative Advisors:

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

Recording Secretary:

Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to Leanne Smith

Guests:

Superintendent John Dickson
Susan Sentence, Administrative Assistant to John Dickson

Regrets:

Nancy Beamer (Trustee)
Dave Schaubel (Trustee)
Kimberlyn Kulawic (Beamsville)
Emma Laur (Port Colborne)
McKenna McNeil (Welland Centennial)
Adrienne Rosete (Eden)
Carly Sorge (Port Colborne)
Keerthana Srikanth (Beamsville)
Kya Steinbach-Parker (Greater Fort Erie)
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. Welland Centennial seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Presentation:

Superintendent John Dickson provided an overview of the Student Census Survey. The information collected from the survey will be used to support student equity, inclusion, and well-being. The Senators shared suggestions on promoting the survey. A link to the video presentation will be sent to Senators.

Student Trustee Update:

EFN Update: a fundraiser is being planned instead of a raffle.

Faces of DSBN Update: the committee is currently working on a social media campaign for the project.

Menstrual Equity: the free dispensers were installed in schools at end of January and promotional materials (posters, stickers) identifying "Free Period" were distributed to all schools.

Indigenous Leadership Council: Senators can email Kursten Ransom, Indigenous Re-engagement and Grad Coach, with any questions: kursten.ransom@dsbn.org.

Indigenous Job Fair: a virtual career event for indigenous youth hosted by Niagara College and Brock University has been cancelled.

Instagram Sub-committee: there are more followers and recent posts received positive comments.

Volume of Our Voices: the Student Trustees will share details of OSTA-AECO's newest advocacy project via the senate Instagram, which Senators can share with their schools.

Logo Contest: the contest launched in January and will run until March 21. Design submissions will be sent to Senators to review and vote on. Voting will take place using a Google form.

Student Trustee Elections: information will be sent out in late March and Student Trustees will share information using the Remind app. Senators are encouraged to reach to Student Trustee with any questions.

Round Table:

Second Semester: Senators shared thoughts on semester two changes.

EFN Fundraiser Name Ideas: Senators are invited to share promotional ideas with the Student Trustees.

Graduation 2021: Ms. Piovesana shared that an Administrator Grad Committee is discussing plans for graduation 2021. The Senators requested a survey to gather student voice. This will be provided to graduating students.

Senate t-shirts: these will be ordered after the Senate logo is chosen. The Student Trustees will send a Google form to Senators asking for preferences and sizes.

ACTION: Senators should record their Committee hours in Hour Republic. The contact is susan.santesso@dsbn.org

Meeting Adjournment:

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 20, 2021



EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ANTI-RACISM TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

5:30 pm – 6:21 p.m. (Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams)

ATTENDANCE

Trustee Committee Members:

Shannon Mitchell (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Alex Bradnam, Elizabeth Klassen, Doug Newton, Karina Tavernese (Student Trustee)

DSBN Administration/Resource:

Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education
Kelly Pisek, Superintendent of Education
Pratima Burton, Student Achievement Leader – K-12, Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism
Zakia Hamdani, Consultant - K-12, Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism

Trustee Guests: Sue Barnett, Kate Baggott

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Reid

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

Chair Mitchell welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the agenda be approved.”

CARRIED

UPDATE ON SYSTEM INITIATIVES

Director Hoshizaki shared that he had the opportunity to speak with the DSBN Equity Champions in January. These are staff members who have volunteered from each school who are committed to supporting the monthly professional development and the ongoing learning between sessions. They are provided resources and

opportunities to enhance their own learning but also to share with their colleagues.

Director Hoshizaki also shared that a new position to support the work of Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights has been posted and interviews have taken place. This new position will support the next steps from the Equity Audit.

UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ANTI-RACISM TEAM

Pratima Burton shared that the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism website has been updated to include an inclusive framework that captures essential elements for an impactful change within our schools. This website will continue to be updated and revised as we grow in our learning and as we receive feedback related to its content.

The previous religious accommodation guidelines were updated to reflect the Ontario Human Rights Commission's Policy preventing discrimination based on Creed. The new Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity guidelines include two significant changes. The first includes a change from collective to individual accommodation requests. The second change is a shift in concepts around religious and creed-based accommodations in the province. The guidelines support schools and families who request accommodations based on creed.

In approaching holidays, as a system we are committed to being inclusive and respecting the diversity of our students. We are increasing our awareness by taking an approach to these significant days that is mindful of our students' lived experiences.

An overview of the framework for Black History Month was shared and Pratima concluded by giving some examples of classroom activities and lessons that our Champions shared with the team.

For further details, please refer to the Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee report included the agenda package.

UPDATE ON DSBN EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ANTI-RACISM COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Superintendent Pisek reported that the DSBN Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Committee invitations and applications for parents, students and community members are posted on the DSBN website. As well the committee is being promoted on social media and school websites. Superintendent Pisek shared that an article in the Niagara Falls Review and The St. Catharines Standard also promoted this new committee. An update of the committee members and highlights of the first meeting will be shared at the next meeting.

IMPLICIT BIAS PD

Zakia Hamdani informed the committee of the ongoing professional development offered to staff. The most recent professional development is interrupting bias from within which examines and identifies our own biases and looks at five strategies to counter those attitudes, thoughts, and beliefs.

The Interrupting Bias professional development was shared with the committee.

QUESTIONS

none

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting in April will be rescheduled as it was tentatively booked for April 14th and this falls within the revised school break.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen

Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Equity and Inclusion Trustee Advisory Committee be now adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:21p.m.

MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09 Program & Planning 5:30 pm	10 PIC Speaker Series 6:30 pm	11 SEAC 5:30 pm	12	13
14	15	16	17 PIC Speaker Series 6:30 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23 COW 6:15 pm Regular Board Meeting 7:00 pm	24 SAL 1:00 pm PIC Speaker Series 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			