

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020

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'

Applewood Public School Choir will perform O'Canada via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Elizabeth Klassen

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion: "That the Agenda be adopted."

2. Approval of Board Minutes

[Pages 5-11](#)

Recommended Motions:

"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 22, 2020 be confirmed as submitted."

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole

Recommended Motion:

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

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director’s Report and Recognition

[W. Hoshizaki – Pages 12-13](#)

a) Director’s Recognition

- Mary Vanderveen, Lunch Room Supervisor, Crossroads Public School

2. Educational Showcases

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (OPTIONAL)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

[S. Veld – Page 14](#)

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of August and September totaling \$33,922,052.22 be received.”

2. Report of the Parent Involvement Committee

[N. Beamer/D. Newton – Pages 15-17](#)

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated October 7, 2020 be received.”

3. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

[A. Bradnam/S. Mitchell – Pages 18-20](#)

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated October 8, 2020 be received.”

4. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

[L. Campbell – Pages 21-22](#)

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated October 14, 2020 be received.”

5. Report of the Student Trustee Senate

[K. Hollowell/S. Sharma/K. Tavernese – Pages 23-27](#)

Recommended Motions:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated September 22, 2020 be received.”

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated October 20, 2020 be received.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

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The November 2020 calendar is attached.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Recommended Motions:

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on October 27, 2020 be now ratified by the Board.”

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

O. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Private Session: 6:15 pm – 6:56 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 pm – 7:36 p.m. (Virtual Meetings)

ATTENDANCE

Board

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

Student Trustee

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 Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

Recording Secretary

Christina Dero

Technical Support

Jim Merrick

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. There were no members absent.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen

Seconded by Alex Bradnam

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

CARRIED

Moved by Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:56 p.m.

C. SINGING OF ‘O CANADA’

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Fast shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Nancy Beamer

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Moved by Shannon Mitchell

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 22, 2020 be confirmed as submitted.”

“That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated July 21, 2020 be confirmed as submitted.”

“That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated August 31, 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 Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“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

There was no Director’s Report or Recognition.

2. Educational Showcases

There were no Educational Showcases.

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 Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of June and July 2020, totaling \$36,619,559.29 be received.”

CARRIED

2. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

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

CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam provided a summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting which included an overview of the Summer Learning Programs and Mental Health and Well-Being Wellness line, staff professional development opportunities, and updates from SEAC members about their respective organizations.

3. Report of the Audit Committee

Moved by Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Kate Baggott

"That the report of the Audit Committee dated September 14, 2020 be received."

CARRIED

Trustee Fast reported that Audit Committee members conduct a yearly self-assessment. Responses will be consolidated and kept on file. Trustee Fast added that 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.

4. Report of the Program and Planning Committee

Moved by Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated September 15, 2020 be received."

"That the June 2020 DSBN Equity Audit Action Plan Report be received."

"That the Board of Trustees approve the changes to the DSBN International Education Protocols during COVID and continue to welcome international students to DSBN using the revised guidelines."

CARRIED

Vice Chair Schaubel provided a summary of the DSBN Equity Audit which consists of three components: The Employment Systems Review (ESR), Workforce Census and Student Census.

Key Priority Areas identified by the Employment Systems Review:

1. Educate staff about equity, diversity, and inclusion.
2. Create a more inclusive and respectful organizational culture.
3. Embed equity throughout Human Resources policies and practices.
4. Diversify the workforce at all levels.

Discussions took place around the limits that Ontario Regulation 274 puts on DSBNs ability to hire diverse teachers.

Director Hoshizaki shared that he has spoken with Patrick Case, Assistant Deputy Minister of Education Equity for the Ministry of Education, to look at ways to address this issue. Director Hoshizaki emphasized the importance of OPSBA supporting school boards with these concerns.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

In response to a question from a trustee about outdoor education, Director Hoshizaki advised that the DSBN Adventure Campus has opened and the Walker Living Campus will be opening next week.

Trustee Mitchell requested a copy of the letter that DSBN wrote to the Ministry of Education that voiced concerns about Ontario Regulation 274.

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

There was no correspondence or communication.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Chair Barnett reported that Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, recently visited Twenty Valley Public School and was able to see students taking part in several outdoor classrooms.

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

Trustee Baggott noted that the OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on September 26, 2020.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of October 2020 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on September 22, 2020 be now ratified by the Board."

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

CARRIED

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Kate Baggott

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

SUE BARNETT
Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI
Director of Education and Secretary

**October 27, 2020 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Mary Vanderveen, Lunchroom Supervisor and Volunteer, Crossroads Public School

Mary Vanderveen has had an impact on hundreds, perhaps thousands of students, in the DSBN. Her positive nature, giving spirit, and love for children has been an example for the Crossroads Public School community.

From the very beginning, as her first child headed off to Colonel John Butler Public School in 1994, Mary found a way to get involved. She worked hard on the School Council, giving of her time for school lunches, class trips, school events, and more. Her leadership and experience quickly became an important piece for the school community. Mary helped with the Home Reading Program and even took home things to cut out or colour for the teachers. Mary helped with, quite possibly, every hot lunch at the school. Staff doubts that she missed any school trips as a driver and group leader. And, they know she didn't miss one extra curricular sporting event that her children participated in - she volunteered to drive to every "away game or race."

With four children entering Kindergarten and graduating from Colonel John Butler, then Crossroads Public School, Mary was a busy person. However, she was never too busy to lend a helping hand - whether it was to stop and help a young student tie a shoelace, or to lead a School Council meeting.

In 2003, Mary was hired as a Lunchroom Supervisor and has continued in the job, even though her children have long graduated DSBN elementary and high schools and moved onto other things. She learned all the children's names and supported them during their nutrition and fitness breaks. Mary always maintained safety as her number one priority and was able to support students in a kind and fair manner. Students looked forward to seeing Mrs. Vanderveen and letting her in on their latest accomplishments. Students shared their struggles and their celebrations with Mary as well. Staff also looked forward to seeing her - sharing their own stories and learning about how Mary's family was doing.

Crossroads students have so many positive things to say about Mary. One said,
"Mrs. Vanderveen was always kind to me. She was always smiling and helped me whenever I had a problem."

Another said,

"I like when Mrs. Vanderveen is here. She is always smiling and kind and knows all the rules. I will miss her."

Crossroads staff rave about Mary as well, including one who said,

"Mary contributed so much of her time, energy and efforts into all she did. Behind every successfully organized event, there is an extraordinary volunteer - and that was Mary. You rarely meet a person so selfless and devoted. She was truly a gift early in my career, and I was so thankful for her consistent support and encouragement. Later in my career, our paths crossed again - she was still giving of herself and her time for the children in our community. You have made an unforgettable difference! Thank you!"

Gerda Klassen, Crossroad's administrator commented:

"To say that I miss Mary at the school is an understatement. Having known her for 26 years, we can say, 'We have been blessed.' Mary's positive and kind nature makes kids and adults alike want to be near her. She's an incredible team member. We appreciate all that she's done for our students and for us and wish her the very best."

Now, with 4 adult children, their spouses, and one grandchild, Mary has decided to "retire" from the DSBN. After 26 years of giving to the DSBN, we are so very thankful for everything she has done. Congratulations Mary on receiving the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions award. The Crossroads school community will miss you and we all wish you the very best as you enjoy some extra time with family and friends.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Background and Rationale:

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

Summary of Accounts:

A summary of accounts paid for the months of August and September 2020, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 15,980,583.47
Transportation	\$ 27,642.94
Utilities	\$ 726,836.51
Other	\$ 17,186.989.30
Total	<u>\$ 33,922,052.22</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of August and September 2020, totaling \$33,922,052.22 be received.”

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of October 27, 2020

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



PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 7, 2020
5:30 p.m. – TEAMS virtual meeting
Chair: Lisa Mooney
MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Joy Janzen, Kelly McNeil, Melissa Lofquist, Pauline Dawson, Stacia Heaton, Susan Jovanovic
GUESTS: Carrie Soucy, Alison Moore
REGRETS: none
SUPERINTENDENT: Simon Hancox
TRUSTEES: Nancy Beamer, Doug Newton
ADMINISTRATION: Fred Louws, Tracy Leemet
RECORDING SECRETARY: Elisha von Wuthenau

WELCOME

Meeting was called to order. Chair Lisa Mooney welcomed everyone. She introduced Superintendent Hancox and welcomed the guests.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Joy Janzen
Seconded by Pauline Dawson

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

none

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

He shared the following:

- Students have completed their first month of school. Over 5500 elementary students have enrolled in the virtual school, with over 200 virtual teachers. Secondary students who selected the in person learning model are attending school in cohorts of half class sizes for a portion of the week and completing the remainder of their learning online.
- The DSBN continues to work closely with Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH). There have been 7 positive cases of Covid in our schools. Schools worked closely with Public Health to respond quickly and communicate with school communities. The NRPH department has also been collaborating with the DSBN. There have been proactive visits to schools to support and provide feedback regarding school process and new schedules. They indicated DSBN has excellent protocols in place that are consistent across the schools.

- Kindergarten through grade 8 teachers have been learning about the Ministry's new elementary math curriculum. Math scores have been first or second provincially over the past few years and over one thousand teachers in the DSBN have taken the Math Additional Qualification courses. The DSBN Math Scope and Sequence has been used as an exemplar for the Province.
- Due to new provincial public health restrictions the graduations for the Class of 2020 were unable to be held as planned. Currently all 17 secondary schools are creating alternate plans, adhering to NRPH guidelines, to distribute diplomas and other items planned to be distributed at graduation ceremonies.
- School Council meetings will be held virtually until further notice. This aligns with the approach being used for both board committees and school based staff meetings.
- School Councils will receive \$500 (per school) Ministry of Education funds before the end of October.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa Mooney shared the following:

- PIC Chairs throughout the Province have been communicating through the summer into early fall regarding questions/concerns about School Council meetings and how they are all working through the challenges.
- Lisa addressed the need for a co-chair. Nominations should be submitted to Lisa prior to the next meeting.
- The committee was told about the Board policies that are open for review are on the DSBN website and encouraged the committee to read through them.
- Due to school closures and Covid restrictions, the committee was not able to utilize the entire Pro Grant for 2019-2020 before the initial July cut-off. At the beginning of July, the Ministry of Education provided an extension allowing the committee to use the remaining funds for Covid related communication and return to school supports for students.
- The Ministry of Education has offered \$21 803 for 2020-2021 Pro Grant.
- \$500 for School Council spending will need to be used differently this year. Councils will be provided with new suggestions that will follow Public Health guidelines and Board protocols.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared the following:

- The DSBN Equity Action Plan began in 2018 and is still underway. The final phase includes conducting a student census. The information gathered will focus on valuing equity, valuing diversity and valuing inclusion.
- On August 31st the Trustee's unanimously approved the motion to commit an additional 1% of the DSBN accumulated surplus funds for 2020-2021. This provided approximately \$4.5 million, combined with other funds, used to hire approximately 70 additional teachers and subsequently reduce class sizes within the schools.
- On September 10th, the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce and MPP Sam Oosterhoff visited Twenty Valley. They also went to Wainfleet to celebrate the joint partnership with Niagara Catholic District School Board, approved by the Ministry of Education, to build an amalgamated school joining St. Elizabeth, William E. Brown and Winger schools.

NEW BUSINESS

- PIC Conference was discussed in relation to the Pro Grant funds expected this year. The committee recognized that the traditional format of the PIC Conference cannot happen with present COVID restrictions. The committee discussed a variety of ideas. The committee decided they would like to offer a virtual speaker series. The committee discussed topics of interest within the school communities and ways

to utilize the Pro Grant funds to assist our school families virtually. The committee will continue to work through the suggestions and plans and bring this to the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joy Janzen

Seconded by Stacia Heaton

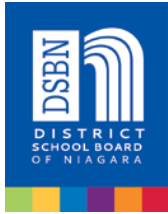
“That the Parent Involvement Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.

Next meeting – November 4th, 2020

Location – TBD



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MINUTES

Virtual Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Linda Morrice (Chair)	Pathstone Mental Health
Shannon MacDonald (Vice Chair)	CNIB Foundation
Amy Dunn	Autism Ontario - Niagara
Danielle Reynolds	Niagara FASD Coalition
Samantha Sendzik	Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region
Kelly Cimek	Community Living Welland Pelham
Mary Maida	Down Syndrome Niagara
Alex Bradnam	Trustee, District School Board of Niagara

Administration/Resource:

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

Regrets:

Nick Smith	Niagara Support Services
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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

Special Education Student Achievement Leader, Nikki Train introduced the student voice video from a grade 6 Pinegrove student. Lori Gava, Pinegrove LRT, and her Grade 6 student shared with the committee the activities and learning strategies the student enjoys in her school. The student shared her strength in science and algebra, where she uses math manipulatives and breaking down questions to succeed. They noted that the FM system in the classroom supports her processing auditory information and auditory recall. Kyla shared that she is the "same Kyla with her learning disability".

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the October 8, 2020 SEAC meeting.

Moved by Danielle Reynolds, Seconded by Amy Dunn

<i>"That the Agenda dated October 8, 2020 be approved as presented."</i>

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of September 10, 2020 SEAC meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT AND SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT**Michael St. John and Nikki Train**

Superintendent Michael St. John discussed the supports available at the virtual school for students with special needs. LRTs at the student's home school support the Virtual School teachers with programming and special learning needs. Special Education Consultants support both virtual and in person school, as well as Virtual School Low Enrolment classes. The newly created Virtual Resource Teacher role also supports students with special needs in the virtual school.

Nikki Train provided an update on Special Education support:

- Applied Behaviour Analysts, Central Educational Assistants and Special Education Consultants have been out supporting schools and adhering to Covid restrictions.
- Assessment staff are using iPads to do psychoeducational testing with students.
- The Blind Low Vision (BLV) and Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) teachers are supporting students in the virtual school, as well as supporting students in their home school. Some BLV students are receiving direct support virtually and schools have received equipment to support students with DHH.
- LRTS are working to set up communication strategies between families and teachers in the virtual school.
- The Special Education Team is offering training for new teachers in the virtual school around developing an IEP, teaching for learning disabilities in the intermediate years, supporting self-regulation through movement, and ABA strategies in primary classes.

Superintendent St. John updated the committee on the Special Education Plan. The plan was not requested to be submitted to the Ministry due to Covid. An updated draft Special Education Plan that reflects new programming and staff positions for 2020-21 will be shared with SEAC at the November meeting. This process is collaborative and we welcome feedback from SEAC as we finalize this year's plan.

TRUSTEE REPORT**Alex Bradnam**

Trustee Bradnam shared highlights of the DSBN Board Meeting of September 22, 2020. He noted the summary of the DSBN Equity Audit and the September 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting which, like the equity audit report, also highlighted the philosophy of inclusion through the lens of special education.

ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION**Community Living Welland Pelham****Kelly Cimek**

Community Living Welland Pelham continues to be diligent on our COVID-19 response. We have been supporting struggling parents who are using the on-line learning platform. Some of the challenges include technology glitches, lack of EA support, the attendance taking times and amount of time required to be online. Schools staff have been responsive in working this out with the families.

Autism Ontario – Niagara**Amy Dunn**

Fall virtual program has received great feedback. Hired 3 staff to support developing fall and winter programming. Hoping to have the Welland sensory room up and running. Autism Ontario – Niagara is up for a reader's choice award for best adult program and best kids camp.

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region**Samantha Sendzik**

The LDANR will be hosting our first virtual Program Information Night on October 14. October is LD Awareness Month. For the month of October, we will feature a speaker series of individuals with LDs, feature myths and facts about LDs, and a contest. Our Fall one-to-one programs begin this week (October 5th). Our self-advocacy and transition programs begin the week of October 19.

Niagara FASD Coalition**Danielle Reynolds**

Recent meeting on obtaining diagnostic capability in the Niagara area.

Down Syndrome Niagara**Mary Maida**

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Annual GO21 fundraiser was held on September 27, #go21niagara2020. Members have noted that the return to school has been a challenge for some of our kids, especially in the virtual model. Lack of IEP's, accommodations and direction were the most common complaints. However, we have heard praise for an in-person high school experience.

Niagara Support Services**Nick Smith**

No report.

Pathstone Mental Health**Linda Morrice**

No report.

CNIB Foundation**Shannon Macdonald**

The CNIB is now CNIB foundation. The St. Catharines office is closed, and the closest office is in Hamilton. The CNIB foundation sends out weekly e letters to their members outlining the wide variety of virtual programming for the week. There is also a virtual program for youth to connect with each other.

OPC Representative: Elementary**Jodie Kerr**

Niagara Nutrition Partners program happening. YMCA daycare starting. YC and SW working with the school regularly. SW helping with accessing services. IPRCs and IEP consultation are happening. Teachers are embracing the new learning. Playgrounds are open to the LE classes. LRT support through the virtual school has been great. Holding virtual staff meetings and virtual student council with special days being acknowledged.

OPC Representative: Secondary**Karen Ferguson**

Progress reports will be shared with students on October 19. Schools are developing plans for virtual parent teacher interviews. Working on a plan for preparing grade 8 to 9 transitions virtually. IEPs are being prepared and shared with parents/students. In school teams are continually active in supporting students in school and at home. Developed supports, such as access to an online resource room to connect students working at home to a support person (takes them to a virtual meeting), teacher office hours, and synchronous supports from subject teachers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Morrice and Superintendent St. John discussed correspondence that SEAC received from the Durham District School Board (DDSB). The letter requests that the SIP application be waived for this year and SIP funding be based on the average of the previous 5 years of submission. The committee will write a letter of support.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There were no questions received.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Danielle Reynolds, Seconded by Mary Maida.

"That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm



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

Wednesday, October 14, 2020
MS Teams

MINUTES

Members: Lora Campbell, Trustee
Caroline Graham, John Howard Society of Niagara
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
Nadia LaSelva, Attendance Counsellor
Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Crane Gittins, Vice-Principal, AN Myer Secondary
Barb Lane, Vice-Principal, Stamford Collegiate Secondary
Kelly Parlatore, Vice-Principal, Greater Fort Erie Secondary
Eric Stewart, Vice-Principal, Governor Simcoe Secondary

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

202-001

OL D.O.B. 13/01/2003 17 yrs. 9 mths.

The student is in his final year of high school and struggles with attendance and engagement. The Committee recommends that OL work on MPM2D and participate in the *Transition to Employment* program for job coaching. The student will transition to the DSBN Lifetime Learning Centre (LLC) to continue his studies when he turns 18 years old. He will seek community mental health supports.

OL is approved for SAL.

202-002

BM D.O.B. 14/05/2003 17 yrs. 5 mths.

BM is focusing on her mental health and well-being and is connected to the school social worker. The Committee recommends she work on ENG2P and GLS1O with the support of the Student Success teacher. The student enjoys working with horses and will volunteer at an equine rescue charity to fulfill her Community Involvement hours.

BM is approved for SAL.

202-003

AZ D.O.B. 07/06/2004 16 yrs. 4 mths.

The student struggles with attendance. AZ is receiving supports in the community. She will work on FSF2D, CHC2D and GLC2OR through D2L with the support of the vice-principal and will participate in the *Youth Job Connection* program to gain work experience.

AZ is approved for SAL.

202-004**JS D.O.B. 17/04/2003 17 yrs. 6 mths.**

The SAL plan for JS is to work on CLN4C and ENG4C once a week at school and to participate in the *Youth Job Connection* program with the support of the co-op teacher. The school will refer the student to a DSBN social worker.

JS is approved for SAL.

202-005**JW D.O.B. 20/04/2004 16 yrs. 6 mths.**

JW is interested in a career in the trades and wants to participate in the *Youth Job Connection* program to gain work experience. The Committee recommends that he seek school social worker support. He is currently working GLC2O with the support of the co-op teacher.

JW is approved for SAL.

CASE REVIEW:

The Committee reviewed the progress of current SAL cases. There are fourteen (14) cases currently active and compliant with their SAL plans. One (1) case has been terminated this year.



STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 22, 2020
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
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Justice Wells, DSBN Academy
Lauren Murray, E.L. Crossley
Priya Shourie, E.L. Crossley
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Sophie Braun, Laura Secord
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Carla Piovesana, VP, Eden High School
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Recording Secretary:

Nichola Lee, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Trustees:

Nancy Beamer, Dave Schaubel

Regrets:

Madeline Farquhar, Grimsby

Guests:

Pratima Burton, Student Achievement Leader – Mental Health & Well-being and Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism
Zakia Hamdani, Consultant - Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism

Welcome:

Student Trustees Karina Tavernese, Keelee Hollowell and Salony Sharma greeted the Student Trustee Senators and welcomed them to the Committee. Senators are encouraged to sign up for the Remind

app to receive timely information from the Student Trustees. Senators can also connect with them on Instagram.

Trustees Nancy Beamer and Dave Schaubel were introduced. They welcomed the students to the Committee, reminding them that the Student Trustee Senate is a wonderful opportunity to represent the voice of all DSBN students.

The administrative advisors were introduced: Superintendent Smith; Ms. Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, Ms. Susan Santesso, Ms. Carla Piovesana and Ms. Nichola Lee.

Keelee provided an overview of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO).

Approval of the Agenda:

Stamford motioned for the agenda to be approved. Eden seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Recap of the Previous Year:

Student Survey: The school-based student voice survey results carried out two years ago are ready to inform our Strategic Plan process for 2020-2021.

Indigenous Student Trustee: This new role was created in January to ensure that Indigenous student voices are considered in both our school communities and across the board.

Menstrual Equity: Superintendent Smith updated the senators on the implementation of the menstrual equity initiative that was approved with the Board budget for this school year.

EFN Fundraiser: The Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) partnered with the Student Trustee Senate for a raffle fundraiser, which was postponed due to COVID-19.

Goals for the year:

Senate Instagram: The Student Trustees are pleased to share the new @dsbnstudentsenate Instagram account and encourage the Senators to use it to facilitate timely and open communication.

Equity Audit Action Plan 2020-2021: Pratima Burton, Student Achievement Leader for Mental Health & Well-being and Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism and Zakia Hamdani, Consultant for Inclusion & Anti-Racism reviewed the DSBN Equity Audit Action Plan. The student census is the third phase of surveys the Board has under-taken and the results will be used to guide planning and programming at DSBN. Pratima and Zakia invited the Senators to join the Survey Committee to offer suggestions and share insights. Senators were asked for their support and help gathering nominations each month for a new social media campaign *Faces of DSBN* (working title), which is a platform to celebrate student excellence across school board.

Strategic Plan: Student Trustees will attend the committee meetings and keep senators informed of progress.

End of year survey: The Student Trustees plan to send out a small survey to find out what students are looking for in terms of change and needs/wants.

EFN Fundraiser: The Student Trustee Senate Committee will to continue working with EFN to support specific fundraising campaigns.

Round table:

A brief Q & A was conducted to answer any questions the new Senators had regarding Student Trustee Senate.

Meeting Adjournment:

E.L. Crossley motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Beamsville seconded the motion.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @ 3:30 pm on Microsoft Teams

2020-2021 Student Trustee Senate Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 22

Tuesday, October 20

Tuesday, November 17

Tuesday, December 8

Tuesday, February 16

Tuesday, April 20

Tuesday, May 18



STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
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

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Carly Sorge (Port Colborne)

Welcome

The land acknowledgement was read by Salony Sharma.

Approval of the Agenda:

Thorold motioned for the agenda to be approved. Eden seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Trustee Update

Trustees Beamer reported that school COVID safety protocols are in place and support the models of teaching while keeping schools safe.

Student Trustee Update

EFN Update: School Cash Online is the best way to sell tickets for the locker raffle in order to limit contact where possible. The fundraiser is still in the early stages of planning and Senators will receive updates on progress.

Youth Forum Opportunity: Karina invited student senators to submit questions to ask at the Niagara Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Virtual Youth Forum taking place on October 22, 2020. They suggested topics such as the experiences of students who have chosen online learning, volunteering and community involvement hours, and career information.

D2L page for Indigenous students: DSBN has created a support page in D2L that provides students who self-identify access to the full resources available to them. It also serves as a virtual gathering place for students.

Round Table:

Senate Instagram survey results: Salony will send results to student senators. Senators suggested that the Student Trustee Instagram account be promoted on school websites and school Instagram accounts, and during morning announcements.

COVID-19 Update:

Senators were informed that DSBN works with Public Health to guide safety protocols. Public Health investigates cases of COVID at schools.

Follow up:

Locker Raffle Fundraiser: once the fundraising starts, the Student Trustee Senators are encouraged to seek prize donations from their local community.

Faces of the DSBN social campaign: The Student Trustee Senate will form a small subcommittee to support this campaign. Senators interested in joining should contact the Student Trustees.

Meeting Adjournment:

Sir Winston Churchill motioned that the meeting be adjourned. DSBN Academy seconded the motion.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 3:30 pm on Microsoft Teams

November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Program & Planning 5:30 pm	4 PIC 5:30 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 SAL 1 pm Finance 5:30 pm	12 SEAC 5:30 pm	13	14
15	16 Audit 5:30 pm	17 Policy 5:30 pm Student Trustee Senate 3:30 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Board Meeting COW 6:15 pm Public Session 7 pm	25	26	27	28
29	30					