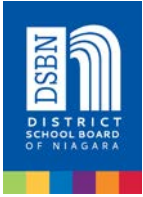


## PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Thursday, May 1, 2018  
6:00 p.m.  
Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

### MINUTES

Present: Dave Schaubel (Chair), Helga Campbell, Linda Crouch, Kevin Maves  
Administration: Helen McGregor, Kelly Pisek, JoAnna Roberto, Brett Sweeney, Stacy Veld  
Guests: Erica Zombolas  
Regrets: Diane Chase  
Recording Secretary: Terri Cook

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dave Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

***“That the agenda be approved as presented”.***

Moved by Helga Campbell, Seconded by Kevin Maves

CARRIED

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2018**

***“That the minutes of the March 22, 2018 Program and Planning Committee meeting be approved as presented”.***

Moved by Linda Crouch, Seconded by Kevin Maves

CARRIED

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Chair Schaubel asked if there was business arising from the minutes, and there was none.

**NEW BUSINESS****DSBN FLAG PROTOCOL FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF A STUDENT, STAFF, OR BOARD MEMBER**

Chair Schaubel invited Acting Chief Communications Officer, Brett Sweeney to review the report with the Committee. Mr. Sweeney shared that District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) School Administrators have expressed concern that a system-wide lowering of the flags has a negative impact on their school communities. This impact is exacerbated when the DSBN has experienced multiple losses over a relatively short period of time requiring flags to be half-masted for significant periods of time. There have also been times where the funeral takes place several weeks after the passing.

Mr. Sweeney stated that after surveying DSBN staff, other public Boards and school community members and, after reviewing the reports anecdotally of the respondents, a revised flag protocol practice is being recommended. The recommendation is to lower the flags at the DSBN Education Centre and the current school/worksite of the student/staff member beginning the day of passing for a period of five days or following the funeral, whichever should come first and, on the passing of a current member of the DSBN, flags would continue to be lowered across the DSBN to recognize the system-wide impact of Trustees. The procedure would continue to offer flexibility to meet the needs of the DSBN and the Niagara Community, and the Director of Education would still retain authority to determine circumstances and the period of time where all flags would be placed at half-mast. School Administrators would determine if appropriate at their own site, dependent on community needs.

Moved by Helga Campbell, Seconded by Kevin Maves

***“That the Board approve the recommendations and implementation plan as outlined in the DSBN Flag Protocol report”.***

**CARRIED**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGE – RICHMOND STREET PS AND PRINCE OF WALES PS**

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendents Kelly Pisek and Stacy Veld to review the report with the Committee. Superintendent Veld shared that an application for the development of a new subdivision (Artisan Ridge) in the area of Richmond Street Public School and Prince of Wales Public School in Thorold is currently progressing through the municipal approval process. With the potential impact of new housing growth in the area, it is an ideal time to implement a boundary change to accommodate new students from future growth prior to the construction of the new homes and establishing the home school boundary prior to building.

A boundary change to accommodate the Artisan Ridge subdivision students from Richmond Street PS to Prince of Wales PS is an ideal solution, avoiding adding capacity issues at Richmond Street PS and improving enrolment and facility utilization at Prince of Wales PS. The boundary change would apply to future students moving into the Artisan Ridge subdivision. Extending or changing the boundaries other than the recommended boundary change in this report would not be recommended since geographically it is well suited for a transfer to Prince of Wales PS, and if any changes are considered, increased transportation costs would incur. There are no current students that would be impacted by the boundary change. With student programming and staffing stable, Prince of Wales PS is one block from the downtown hub and space is expected to be further utilized to attract additional services and community partnerships in the area.

Moved by Kevin Maves, Seconded by Helga Campbell

***"That, effective May 23, 2018, the elementary school boundary change to transfer the area shown on Appendix C of the Report, from Richmond Street Public School to Prince of Wales Public School, be approved."***

CARRIED

### **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION MID-TERM REPORT 2017-2018**

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendent JoAnna Roberto to review the Indigenous Education Mid-Term Report 2017-2018 with the Committee. Superintendent Roberto introduced Erica Zombolas, secondary Consultant of Indigenous Education. DSBN has developed an Indigenous Education Mid-Term Report with sections focusing on student voice and achievement which are in alignment with the DSBN's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) and highlights our work in the area of engagement, awareness, supporting educators and student achievement. The report was shared with the Indigenous Education Advisory Council.

Superintendent Roberto, along with Erica shared highlights of the report indicating the clear focus is creating relationships with Indigenous communities and embedding knowledge in the curriculum.

Superintendent Roberto stated that every school across the DSBN was supported with Orange Shirt Day and Treaty Awareness. At the secondary level, over 300 students participated in the Student Voice Forum representing DSBN's diverse student population. Superintendent Helen McGregor shared that 20 sections of FNMI courses are being offered in a variety of schools this year which include two new courses (Current Aboriginal Issues in Canada and Aboriginal Governance: Emerging Directions).

The DSBN will continue to provide updated reports and the Indigenous community will be posting the Mid-Term report on their website.

Moved by Linda Crouch, Seconded by Helga Campbell

***"That the Indigenous Education Mid-Term Report 2017-2018 be received for information".***

CARRIED

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair asked if there was any other business and Superintendent Roberto distributed a copy of a DSBN letter addressed to the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) to the Committee on behalf of the Director of Education, Warren Hoshizaki. The letter outlines how the DSBN values our relationship with the Indigenous community, IEAC and highlighted our work to further enhance Indigenous Education and our Indigenous team.

The DSBN has embraced a commitment of consolidating plans for our 2017-18 Board Action Plan as well as planning together for the 2018-19 Action Plan with members of IEAC in the coming weeks. We will continue to support Indigenous Education with school-wide initiatives and look forward to their council, voice and advice.

***"That the District School Board of Niagara's letter to the Indigenous Education Advisory Council dated April 24, 2018 be received for information".***

CARRIED

Moved by Helga Campbell, Seconded by Linda Crouch

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Grimsby Lincoln Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Linda Crouch, Seconded by Helga Campbell

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.