

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

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

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. School Year Calendars 2022-2023
[S. Hancox](#)
2. SHSM (Specialist High Skills Majors) Program Report
[L. Smith](#)

E. OTHER BUSINESS

F. ADJOURNMENT

G. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

February 1, 2022

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS 2022-23

BACKGROUND

The Education Act, *Regulation 304 — School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days*, sets the requirements for the preparation and submission of school year calendars to the Ministry of Education for approval.

The 2022-2023 calendar provides for 196 possible school days between September 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. The school year shall include a minimum of 194 school days of which three days shall be designated as professional activity days. In addition, up to four days may be designated by the Board as professional activity days. The remaining school days shall be instructional days. The Board may designate up to ten instructional days as examination days.

SUMMARY

Proposed Modifications to 2022-2023 School Year Calendar:

The Education Act permits a board to designate a school year and school holidays that are different from those prescribed by the Ministry. As such, DSBN is proposing a modified calendar for 2022-23, which includes the following:

- move the two-week Winter Break from Monday, December 19, 2022-Friday, December 30, 2022 to Monday, December 26, 2022-Friday, January 6, 2023.

A 2022-2023 calendar that includes the above changes meets all other school calendar requirements including 194 school days and includes 7 professional activity days between September 1st and June 30th.

Consultation Process:

School Year Calendar Committee meetings and electronic communication.

The committee members include:

- Simon Hancox, Superintendent
- Todd Halliday, OPC
- Sharon Burns, OPC
- Jennifer Sims Murray, ETFO
- Chris Reid, OSSTF

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- Tara Colavecchia, APSSP
- Brenda Mahoney, CUPE
- Lisa Mooney, PIC
- Paulette Alcox, SESS

Committee members were tasked with the following:

- Review calendar year information
- Create draft Elementary and Secondary school year calendars
- Vet as appropriate with the groups represented (includes all Elementary and Secondary Principals, Vice-Principals, School Council Chairs, Parent Involvement Committee and all Federations and Unions)
- Gather feedback
- Vet drafts through Senior Administration
- Consult with various School Boards throughout the province
- Consult with co-terminus Board, to achieve alignment

Note: Once the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendar has been approved by the Board and the Ministry, the system will be informed.

Timeline:

- Program and Planning — February 1, 2022
- Board — February 22, 2022
- Ministry Submission — (on or before) March 1, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS FOR 2022-2023

Professional Activity Days

In accordance with the *Education Act, Regulation 304 — School Year Calendar*, the following seven days have been identified as Professional Activity Days for both elementary and secondary panels for 2022- 2023:

Elementary Professional Activity Days

- Monday, October 24, 2022
- Friday, November 25, 2022
- Friday, January 20, 2023 - Assessment Report Card Writing
- Friday, February 17, 2023
- Friday, May 19, 2023
- Friday, June 9, 2023 - Assessment Report Card Writing
- Friday, June 30, 2023

Secondary Professional Activity Days

- Monday, October 24, 2022
- Friday, November 25, 2022
- Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – Turn Around Day

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- Friday, February 17, 2023
- Friday, May 19, 2023
- Thursday, June 29, 2023
- Friday, June 30, 2023

Secondary Examination Days

- Semester 1: Wednesday, January 25 — Tuesday, January 31, 2023
- Semester 2: Thursday, June 22 — Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Board & Civic Holidays


- Labour Day Monday, September 5, 2022
- Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 10, 2022
- Winter Break Monday, December 26, 2022– Friday, January 6, 2023
- Family Day Monday, February 17, 2023
- March Break Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 17, 2023
- Good Friday Friday, April 7, 2023
- Easter Monday Monday, April 10, 2023
- Victoria Day Monday, May 22, 2023

Recommendation:

"That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2022-2023 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education."

Respectfully submitted by
Simon Hancox, Superintendent of Education


School Year Calendar 2022 - 2023

Legend ▶ **H** - Statutory Holiday **E** - Scheduled Examination Day **P** - Professional Activity Day **B** - Board Designated Holiday  Half Day

Modified - Elementary

Month	Number of Instructional Days	Number of Professional Activity Days	Number of Scheduled Examination Days	1 st Week					2 nd Week					3 rd Week					4 th Week					5 th Week				
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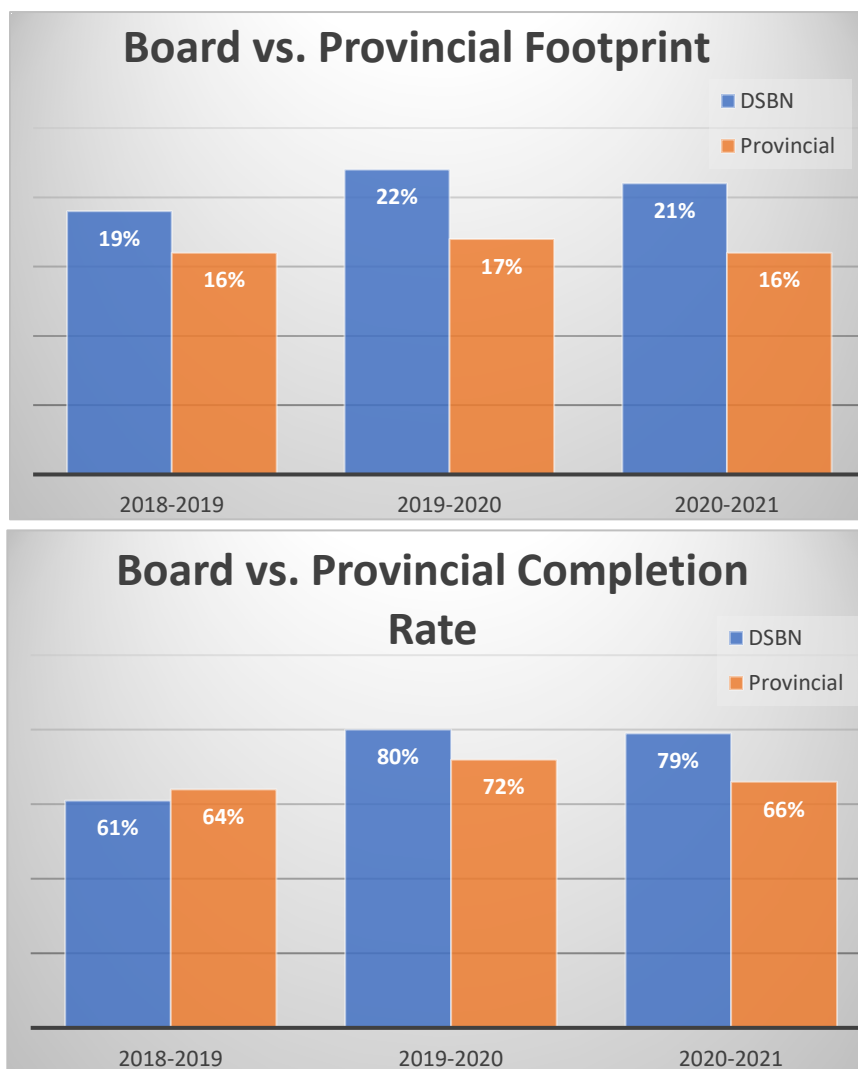
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SECONDARY TECHNOLOGY & SHSM PROGRAM UPDATE

BACKGROUND

DSBN continues to be a leader in the province offering 72 SHSM programs in 15 different sectors. Last year was challenging for many of our technology programs with students having to pivot to online learning multiple times throughout the year. We adapted many of our certifications and programming to be completed online to comply with COVID protocols.

The Ministry of Education's initial goal was to have 25% of students in Grades 11 & 12 enroll in an SHSM program. However, the Ministry is now focused on further growing enrollment in the skilled trade sectors of SHSM. There are 13 identified sectors with skilled trades. Over the past three years DSBN has had a larger footprint than the province as shown in the graph below.



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Completion rates are defined as those students who achieve their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) with their SHSM red seal. In the 2020-21 school year 79% of DSBN'S SHSM students completed their OSSD with the red seal.

NEW SHSM APPLICATIONS

Each year we review our current SHSM programs, enrollment, and completion rates. As student interests change, schools review their current programs and local context to propose new applications. We are submitting 5 new SHSM applications to the Ministry of Education later this month. They are:

1. E.L. Crossley – Construction
2. Welland Centennial - Environment
3. St. Catharines Collegiate – Health & Wellness
4. West Niagara Secondary School – Manufacturing*
5. West Niagara Secondary School – Construction*

* Manufacturing and construction programs have existed for over 14 years at Beamsville and Grimsby; however, we have an opportunity to refresh them with the opening of the new West Niagara SS.

SUMMARY

DSBN continues to engage students in activities to promote technology, SHSM and the skilled trades. We have many upcoming events for students in Grades 7 & 8, specific programs to target underrepresented populations, and of course our Spring Skills Competitions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Secondary Technology and SHSM Program Update be received.

Submitted by
Leanne Smith
Superintendent of Student Success