



**THE MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**April 25, 2017**

6:21 – 7:01 p.m. (Private Session)

7:05 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Jennifer Ajandi, Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase, Linda Crouch, Jonathan Fast, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Kevin Maves (Vice Chair), Dale Robinson (Chair), Dave Schaubel

**Student Trustees:** Samir Alazzam and Karling Luciani

**Officials:** Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Jennifer Feren, Paula MacKinnon, Helen McGregor, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

**Recording Secretary:** Christina Dero

**Technical Support:** Wendy Coit

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

Chair Robinson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee people.

**2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Robinson called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued**

**Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Robinson welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)**

**Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Helga Campbell**

**“That the Board do now return to open meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

**The Board returned to open meeting at 7:01 p.m.**

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the A.K. Wigg Public School choir, via video.

**D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Schaubel opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by Diane Chase  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

**“That the Agenda be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued****2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated March 28, 2017 be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes****a) Correspondence from the Town of Pelham**

Director Hoshizaki reported that the Town of Pelham confirmed that all correspondence that was sent on February 28, 2017 regarding Wellington Heights Public School was included in the March 28, 2017 Board package.

**4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)**

Moved by Kevin Maves  
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“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****Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective:****a) Recognition of Tessa Piccolo, Student at E.L Crossley Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Tessa Piccolo for being a socially minded student who leads by example and whose selfless attitude to help others is limitless.

Tessa Piccolo is a grade 10 student who is an active member of her school and community. Her community citizenship is reflected in her participation with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, the Pelham Seniors Advisory Council, the Pelham Cares Food Drive, and the Library Teen Advisory

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Council through which she founded the Pelham Library's Teen Book Club.

Last year, Tessa Piccolo attended the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa and represented Canadian teens at the 2016 WE Day press conference in Toronto. With an academic standing of 96%, Tessa also participates in numerous clubs and activities at school including Student Council, Student Trustee Senate, the Concert Band, Marching Band, the Eco Club, and the Nutrition Club.

At the end of her grade 9 year, Tessa emailed her principal citing her concern for the need of a formal nutrition program at E.L. Crossley Secondary School. Encouraged by her principal's response, Tessa contacted Niagara Nutrition Partners to explore the possibility of launching this new club at her school. Niagara Nutrition Partners immediately supported her request and in November, E.L. Crossley's Nutrition Club was launched. It is important to know that Tessa didn't just initiate the Nutrition Club, but she did all of the research into the importance of healthy eating and its impact on educational readiness, recruited the staff advisors, co-created the menu items and promoted the program within the school. She also volunteers in the Nutrition Club from 7:45 to 8:10 each morning.

Tessa displays a level of maturity and an awareness that belies her years, something that is attributed to her core family values and the confidence she has to accomplish great things for others. She is a very caring individual and a positive role model for others.

Director Hoshizaki presented Tessa Piccolo with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions.

**b) Recognition of Dave Collie, Teacher at Beamsville District Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Dave Collie for demonstrating a tireless dedication to student growth, development, and excellence through his work both in the classroom, and in athletics at the local, provincial, national and international levels.

Dave Collie began his teaching career at Beamsville District Secondary School (BDSS) in 1987. His wrestling program is second to none, and his work as a coach, teacher, organizer and leader has had an incredibly positive impact on students.

An internationally experienced wrestler himself, Dave's athletes have had an unprecedented legacy of success over his coaching career at BDSS.

Beginning in 1989, with Peter Gray's OFSAA gold medal, Dave Collie has

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Recognition of Dave Collie, Teacher at Beamsville District Secondary School**

coached 37 different athletes and teams to OFSAA medals, many of them with multiple podium finishes. This total includes 28 OFSAA gold medals won by teams and athletes including Olympic medalist Tonya Verbeek. Dave's success as a coach also extends beyond school athletics, working with athletes who have been highly successful at the club, university, national and international levels.

At the most recent OFSAA wrestling tournament, Dave Collie was presented with the OFSAA Leadership Award for Wrestling which is awarded to a teacher and coach who has made a significant contribution to the educational athletic program. The recipient of the award exemplifies the values of fair play and good sportsmanship, while promoting enjoyment, personal growth, and educational achievement through school sport.

When Dave Collie retires in June, he will expand his current role coaching wrestling at Brock University. His career of excellence in the classroom, and in athletics is truly special, and he has made a difference in the lives of so many young people.

Director Hoshizaki presented Dave Collie with a token of the Board's appreciation for his extraordinary contributions.

**c) Recognition of Sam Berg, Volunteer at Twenty Valley Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Sam Berg for being a dedicated volunteer and a positive support to students at Twenty Valley Public School.

Sam Berg is a graduate of Vineland Public School and Beamsville District Secondary School, and currently studies drama at Brock University.

In November, Sam visited Twenty Valley Public School and mentioned that he might like to volunteer, and when the school needed to hire a tutor to assist with grade three students Sam jumped at the chance. In January, Sam Berg began tutoring and has since been bitten by the "teaching bug." He has been inspired to participate in many different aspects of school life with all grades.

Sam Berg volunteers at Twenty Valley Public School all day each week from Monday to Thursday and provides one to one mentoring and tutoring to 15 students in mathematics and literacy. Among the things that distinguish Sam, is his commitment to getting to know his students. He has developed a positive, motivational rapport with each student and they cannot wait to work with him. He has taken the time to learn specific strategies and programs to help students progress and has created games and materials at home to support student growth. Sam knows each student as an individual. His role has also expanded to helping provide daily literacy support to grade one

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Recognition of Sam Berg, Volunteer at Twenty Valley Public School**

students. He connects to show each student that they matter, and always looks to the positive in everyone. With this care and respect for all, he then challenges each student to achieve. In every interaction, it is evident that he believes that all students can improve.

Outside of the classroom, Sam Berg helps coach junior basketball and track and field, and fills in as a noon hour supervisor if there is a need. As a volunteer, he has the ability to find things that need to be done and sets out to do them with energy and style.

Sam Berg is a shining example to our students. He helps them each day to overcome obstacles, shows them that they matter, and touches their lives in a very positive way.

Director Hoshizaki presented Sam Berg with a token of the Board's appreciation for his extraordinary contributions.

**2. Director's Update to Trustees****i. EQAO Celebrates Governor Simcoe Secondary School and Nelles Public School**

Earlier this month, EQAO recognized seven Ontario secondary schools that have effectively used multiple sources of data, including EQAO data, to design math programs that helped more grade nine students meet the provincial standard in applied mathematics. Director Hoshikazi congratulated Governor Simcoe Secondary School for being one of them.

Governor Simcoe Secondary School was featured on EQAO's website and social media platforms.

Both Nelles Public School and Governor Simcoe Secondary School have been honoured as recipients of the Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement. This recognition program was established by the EQAO Board of Directors in 2009 as a tribute to Dr. Stephenson's lifelong commitment and contribution to education and public service.

Governor Simcoe Secondary School and Nelles Public School have been chosen for effectively using EQAO data to foster success for students. Director Hoshizaki congratulated school staff for their outstanding achievement.

**ii. Coding**

The grade one class at Woodland Public School worked with DSBNS IT for Learning team to learn the basics of coding.

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**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Director's Update to Trustees****Coding**

The students used directional arrows to get the bunny to the eggs. The other animals (as chosen by the students) are threats to the bunny and therefore, obstacles in the game. Learning and fun was had by all!

**iii. The Wizard of Oz**

Central French Immersion Public School presented "The Wizard of Oz" this month which was a huge success.

Congratulations to the 120 students involved and the collaborative effort of 20 staff members to bring it all together. What an outstanding production!

**iv. James Morden Public School and Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Mr. Smith's grade 7/8 class at James Morden Public School has partnered with the Niagara Falls History Museum to help celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Students selected a meaningful artifact and wrote about how it represents what Canada means to them. Students are excited to have their work be part of an upcoming exhibit at the museum.

**v. Robotics Championships**

Six grade 10 students from Governor Simcoe Secondary School and three teams of grade 10 to 12 students at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School went to Louisville, Kentucky last week to compete at the VEX Robotics World Championship. Teams competed against 563 other high school teams from around the world. The Governor Simcoe team won the Ontario Provincial Championship for the third year in a row to qualify for Worlds.

The Governor Simcoe FIRST Robotics Team, 1114 Simbotics, is heading to St Louis this week for the Championship Event. Simbotics won two district events on their way to qualifying for the Championship and will be competing against 400 other teams from around the world. This marks the 15th straight year that Simbotics has competed at the World Championship.

**vi. Students Rock**

On April 18, 2017, James White, a student at Beamsville District Secondary School competed in and won the fourth annual "Students Rock" competition held at the Scotia Bank Centre in Niagara Falls.

"Students Rock" is a Niagara Regional Police run guitar competition that pairs one student from each high school in Niagara with a police officer mentor who acts as a life coach. Each student then selects a classic rock song to perform at the event and practices for approximately three months. The

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purpose of this program is to allow police officers to engage and mentor local youth while sharing a passion for music.

James was paired with a Grimsby patrol officer and selected the song “Texas Flood” by Stevie Ray Vaughan. Although randomly selected to perform last, James stole the show with his skill and stage presence. For winning, James received a guitar donated by Long and McQuade and the opportunity to perform at numerous events throughout the summer.

**vii. OFSAA Para Swimming**

Students at Beamsville District Secondary School (BDSS) achieved unbelievably high levels in Windsor at this year’s OFSAA swim meet. The results not only showed the dedication of BDSS athletes, but also of their coach, Kathaleen McNeil, and of their families who worked so hard to support them, transport them and encourage them at this exciting event.

Congratulations to the para division team, who won the overall championship in their division – making them the top para swimmers in Ontario!

- Ryan Kulikowski - 1st place gold para 50 back, 3rd place bronze para 50 free
- Brian Knechtel - 7th place ribbon para 100 free, 10th para 50 free
- Ben Posavad - 7th place ribbon para 50 back, 19th para 50 free
- Josie Guilbeault - 5th place ribbon para 50 back, 11th para 50 free
- Connor MacPhee - 12th para 100 free, 17th para 50 free
- Caitlin English - 12th para 50 back, 15th para 50 free

**viii. Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair-**

DSBN students once again had an excellent showing at the recent Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair. A list of all the DSBN students who participated in this Fair can be found in the Board package.

Director Hoshizaki congratulated the students on their outstanding accomplishments and wished them continued success.

**ix. Young at Art**

Director Hoshizaki directed the Board’s attention to the screen so they could view the artwork from some of DSBN’s talented young students.



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**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**

**Director’s Update to Trustees**

x. **CONNECT 2017**

The CONNECT Conference will take place from April 25-28, 2017, and again this year, 1800 people will be in attendance.

DSBN recently received a letter from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau extending his greeting at the conference and commending the DSBN.

Director Hoshizaki extended thanks to Dino Miele, DSBN’s Chief Information Officer, and his team for their outstanding efforts in organizing this year’s conference.

xi. **DSBN – Club Roma Soccer Partnership Announcement**

Director Hoshizaki advised that on April 24, 2017, he and Chair Robinson attended the partnership announcement between DSBN and Club Roma at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School.

When it is complete, the synthetic turf field at Sir Winston will be a first class facility to hold both games and tournaments.

A short video of the partnership announcement was shown.

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 Kevin Maves**

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1885 to 1907, for the month of March 2017 totalling \$19,895,171.87 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**2. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Linda Crouch**

**“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated April 4, 2017 be received; and**

**“That South Lincoln High School be renovated to accommodate an elementary school and that, upon completion of construction, the students of College Street Public School transition to this location.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included a presentation from Superintendent Pisek and Superintendent Veld who shared information about the proposal to relocate College Street Public School to the South Lincoln High School site. The benefits to students include a bigger building, field, and parking lot, and allowing for enhancements such as a sensory room, movement room, and spacious kindergarten area. The proximity of the two schools means there would be minimal changes to the current walk/bus zones and a seamless transition is expected. The renovations would commence this summer with the South Lincoln site ready for College Street students in January of 2018.

**3. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Helga Campbell  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated April 5, 2017 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Trustee Lora Campbell provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee, which included a discussion about the mid-year BIPSA update. The committee continued preparations for the November 1, 2017 PIC Conference, debriefed the successful School Council Chair Networking evening that took place late in March, and made plans for PIC involvement at the Dr. Stan Kutcher parent events on May 1 and 2, 2017. Trustees shared the outcome of the West Niagara Secondary School Accommodation Review and spoke to the changes to the Design and Technology program delivery for September 2017.

**4. SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

**“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated April 13, 2017 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Lora Campbell reported that the committee reviewed 20 cases. 17 cases were approved, one case will be brought forth at the May meeting, and two were put on hold to allow time to obtain further information.

**5. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Jennifer Ajandi  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

**“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated April 13, 2017 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Chair Robinson reported that the committee received a presentation from two DSBN student athletes who shared their stories about how they have been preparing for the DSBN Special Olympics as well as events at the provincial level. The committee also received a presentation from DSBN ABA Facilitators who spoke to the iSOCIAL Program which is an after school program that targets students aged 5-9 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Chair Robinson provided a reminder of the upcoming Dr. Stan Kutcher workshops which will take place on May 1, 2017 at A.N. Myer Secondary School, and on May 2, 2017 at Laura Secord Secondary School. The Learning Disability Association of Niagara will be hosting a golf tournament on June 10, 2017, and DSBN Special Olympics will take place on June 8, 2017.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****6. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

Moved by Samir Alazzam  
Seconded by Karling Luciani

**“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated April 18, 2017 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustee Luciani reported that during the April 18, 2017 meeting, elections were held for the position of Student Trustee. Student Trustee Luciani announced that Emily Hilborn, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School, was the successful candidate for the 2017-18 term, and Amal Qayum, Westlane Secondary School was the successful candidate for the 2017- 2019 term.

Trustee Chase requested that Section 9 of the April 18, 2017 Student Trustee Senate meeting minutes be amended as follows: “Trustee Chase noted that Greater Fort Erie Secondary School will be opening in the fall, and the recent accommodation review resulted in the closing of South Lincoln High School in 2017, Grimsby Secondary School and Beamsville District Secondary School both closing in 2020 and a new school facility being built to accommodate students in the West Niagara area ***subject to Ministry funding approval.***”

**7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Kevin Maves  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

**“That the report of the Finance Committee dated April 19, 2017 be received; and**

**“That the low bid received from Bromac Construction, in the amount of \$1,662,000 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for HVAC upgrades at Welland Centennial Secondary School”; and**

**“That the Interim Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2017, be received”; and**

**“That Administrative Procedure 5-23: *Trustee Travel and Business Expenses* be approved as amended and adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Vice Chair Maves reported that the Finance Committee, with the help of Bob Dunn, Manager of Projects and Maintenance, reviewed bids for the contract for HVAC upgrades at Welland Centennial Secondary School. The committee also received an interim financial report from Superintendent Veld and Rick Werezak, Chief Financial Officer. Minor adjustments were made to the wording of Administrative Procedure 5-23: Trustee Travel and Business Expenses.

**K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS****1. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

Trustees attended an information session regarding Grants for Student Needs and Other (EPO) Funding prior to the start of the Board meeting.

**3. Correspondence and Communication****a) Correspondence from Waterloo District School Board**

Correspondence from Waterloo District School Board regarding French teachers in the province of Ontario can be found in the Board package.

**b) Correspondence from Waterloo District School Board**

Correspondence from Waterloo District School Board regarding an additional OUAC fee can be found in the Board package.

**c) Correspondence from C. Stirtzinger**

Correspondence from C. Stirtzinger regarding Wellington Heights Public School can be found in the Board package.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- a) Trustee Barnett congratulated the Welland Centennial Secondary School Cheer Team on becoming National Champions.
- b) Trustee Barnett reported that the Eastdale Alumni Association recently held a trivia night to raise funds for bursaries to support graduating Eastdale students.
- c) Trustee Barnett reported that the Welland Centennial Secondary School production, *Sisters in Spirit*, has been performed at many DSBN secondary schools. Upcoming performances will take place on April 26, 2017 at Westdale Secondary School in Hamilton, and on May 9, 2017 at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford.
- d) Trustee Barnett reported that she, and a number of other Trustees, attended the Heritage Fair on April 25, 2017. Trustee Barnett commended DSBN Consultant Blair Janzen and her team for organizing the event for students.
- e) Trustee Barnett reported that the Education Foundation of Niagara recently held a very successful Prom Project, and thanked those who attended and volunteered. Trustee Barnett added that the Education Foundation of Niagara will be hosting a golf tournament on May 26, 2017 to raise funds for bursaries to support DSBN Academy students.
- f) Trustee Keddy Scott reported that this year's Education Foundation of Niagara Prom Project was the busiest year to date, and added that many families in need were helped. Trustee Keddy Scott thanked those who donated items.
- g) Trustee Keddy Scott reported attending Beamsville District Secondary School's performance of Wizard of Oz.
- h) Trustee Keddy Scott reported that 120 students at Central French Immersion Public School participated in their presentation of Wizard of Oz.
- i) Trustee Keddy Scott provided a reminder of the upcoming Concussion Conference on May 4 and 5, 2017.
- j) Trustee Keddy Scott provided a reminder of the CONNECT 2017 Conference taking place on April 25-28, 2017.
- k) Trustee Helga Campbell reported attending Earth Day celebrations at Stamford Collegiate Secondary School on April 21, 2017, and shared highlights of the day.

In response to correspondence that Trustees have received regarding the naming of Wellington Heights Public School, Trustee Helga Campbell spoke to the initial naming decision, which was made primarily as a result of students being engaged during the naming process. Trustee Helga Campbell explained that the students who initially proposed the name Wellington Heights were inspired with the notion of striving for the heights, which the name implies. The inspiration for the name was never Arthur Wellesley, the First Duke of Wellington, which is the continued inference by some members of the community.

Trustee Helga Campbell explained that she believes her role as Trustee is to recognize students and their efforts to become actively involved in their

## **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**

### **Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

education. She indicated that students rose to the challenge during the naming process which resulted in their submission, Wellington Heights Public School, becoming the committee's first choice, and it is her role to support them.

- l) Trustee Crouch provided a reminder of upcoming Governor Simcoe Secondary School performances of *Beauty and the Beast* on April 28-30, 2017, and May 5 & 6, 2017.

Information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org) and/or on the schools' websites.

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

Trustee Ajandi reported that she attended the OPSBA Board meeting on April 25, 2017. Highlights include:

- Dr. Karen Grose, Vice President of TVO, spoke about the power of technology-enabled learning and about an app that was launched to support K-6 math, science and social studies curriculum.
- *Communication Update:* Peel District School Board is experiencing a large anti-Muslim backlash with attendees and protesters at Board meetings making their views known. OPSBA expressed that it is important for school boards to stand in solidarity against prejudice and racism and encouraged school boards to send letters of support to Peel District School Board.

Trustee Ajandi asked Trustees if they would like to send a letter of support to Peel District School Board. By show of hand, Trustees indicated that they were in favour of sending a letter.

Additional highlights include:

- Finance update, Community Hubs update, Copyright update, and a Legislative update.
- The government is asking for feedback regarding recent pupil accommodation reviews and its impact on rural and remote Ontario. Each selected Board will have a day and evening to provide feedback. OPSBA is encouraging as many trustees as possible to provide input. The consultation process will look at how to support rural programming, community space, and if more funding was available, how would it be used?
- The government is also looking to review governance practices and has requested OPSBA provide feedback in five main areas.
  1. Do we have access to integrity commissioners?
  2. Should Director of Education qualifications be expanded?
  3. Length of Student Trustee terms.
  4. Trustee honoraria.
  5. Electronic participation.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**

- *Healthy Schools Working Table* - A Review of the Daily Physical Activity Policy states that elementary students should be provided 20 minutes of daily physical activity (on days without scheduled gym) during instructional periods. This is mandated through a PPM, however, reports have shown that few Boards have an official plan in place. Activities should be created in collaboration with students for optimal buy-in and also be supported by Boards, administrators, and teachers.
- *Indigenous Trustee Council Update*: OPSBA has received funding to act as the lead of developing a new module for the Trustee Professional Development program.
- The World Indigenous Education Conference is being from July 24 – 28, 2017 in Toronto.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent Dickson explained that DSBN created guidelines for timetabling that include 20 minutes of daily physical activity being scheduled on days when there is no gym.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent Roberto explained that there are resources available for teachers who need support in planning daily physical activity.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org).

**6. Future Meetings**

The calendar of May 2017 meetings was provided.

Program and Planning Committee meeting will be rescheduled to June 6, 2017.

Finance Committee will be rescheduled to May 23, 2017.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

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

**CARRIED**



**ADJOURNMENT – continued**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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**DALE ROBINSON**, Chair

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**WARREN HOSHIZAKI**, Director of Education  
and Secretary