



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

June 26, 2017

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 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, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Linda Gonshior

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 7:00 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. Chair Robinson acknowledged Student Trustees Alazzam and Luciani by thanking them for their year of service, and wished them best of luck in future endeavors.

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 Linda Crouch**

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:34 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Twenty Valley Public School choir, via video.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in honour of a DSBN staff member and student who recently passed away.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Ajandi opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated May 23, 2017 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 Kevin Maves
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“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 DSBN Student Athletes

Director Hoshizaki recognized track and field athletes from A.N. Myer Secondary School, Beamsville District Secondary School, and Eden High School who have all had an outstanding season.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

The A.N. Myer team consisting of Owen Protulipac, Joel Ingram, Tyrell Ford and Tre Ford, have all had an important role. Owen is the new-comer to the team and has had to train hard to position his team to win. Joel is a very strong 200 metre runner and never gives up ground to his opponents. Tyrell runs the third leg of the relay, taking on a tough curve and he almost always provides a perfect hand-off to his twin brother Tre. Tyrell, Tre and Joel have competed together on the relay team for the past three years. In each of those years, they have broken the existing A.N. Myer school record. These students were also part of the relay team that broke the Zone 3 record at the junior level in 2015. They are hard workers, loyal teammates and tremendous competitors. This was their third consecutive trip to OFSAA. Owen ran with the relay team for the first time this year and stepped into a very difficult position, taking over the start of the race.

Owen Konkle is a student in the Specialized School to Community Program at Beamsville District Secondary School (BDSS) and an accomplished athlete at the local and provincial levels. At the 2017 OFSAA track and field championships, he was the OFSAA Champion in the 800 metre intermediate division for the second consecutive year, setting a new OFSAA record in the process. Also impressively, Owen won the silver medal in the 100 metre intermediate division.

Autumn Bigger is a BDSS student, and a gifted and dedicated athlete. In her grade nine year, Autumn was the OFSAA silver medalist in the junior girls high jump, as well as the SOSSA champion and ZONE champion in that event. She is the 2017 OFSAA champion in junior girls high jump and set a new OFSAA record in the process. She also won and set new records at both the Zone and SOSSA meets. Autumn will be attending the National Championships for under 18 athletes in Manitoba this August.

Richard Sloper was a member of Eden's Special Olympics team this year. His all-around athletic ability made him the perfect track and field star. Richard took home a gold medal in shot put and a silver medal in running long jump. Richard was also chosen as the flag bearer by Special Olympics to represent the Niagara region at the opening ceremonies.

Director Hoshizaki presented Owen Protulipac, Joel Ingram, Tyrell Ford, Tre Ford, Owen Konkle, Autumn Bigger, and Richard Sloper with a token of the Board's appreciation for their extraordinary contributions.

b) Director's Update to Trustees**i. Short2 – DSBN's Fourth Annual Two-Minute Video Competition**

On May 31, 2017, the DSBN ran its fourth annual *Two Minute Video Competition* for secondary English and/or Media students. Teams of up to five students from Eden High School, Welland Centennial Secondary

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director’s Update to Trustees****Short2 – DSBN’s Fourth Annual Two-Minute Video Competition**

School, Port Colborne High School, Laura Secord Secondary School, Governor Simcoe Secondary School and Eastdale Secondary School spent a day at Club Roma with nothing but a box of props, their media equipment and a prompt. They were given until 2:00 pm to storyboard, shoot, edit, and publish a video on this year’s prompt – creating Equity and Inclusion – which they were introduced to on the morning of the competition.

Director Hoshizaki congratulated Eden High School for creating the winning video and Laura Secord Secondary School for receiving an honourable mention for their video.

Eden High School’s winning video and Laura Secord Secondary School’s honorable mention video were played for the Board.

ii. E.I. McCulley Public School Loves Reading

On June 13, 2017, Indigo Love of Reading Foundation and First Book Canada visited E.I. McCulley Public School with a good news announcement. Thanks to the tireless advocacy of teacher librarian Sonja Upton, the school was selected to be the recipient of a summer reading gift – 2000 books! Having applied for a grant and coming in as runner up, the foundation wanted to do something special for the students. Some books will remain in the school library, but each student took home five books to start or add to their personal library. The students were overjoyed with the gift and started reading, trading and treasuring their new books right away.

iii. Routes Program Update

The DSBN Secondary Routes Program students enjoyed a year-end celebration on June 19, 2017 at their program location, Crossroads Public School. This year there were 14 students who participated in this program, which is designed to re-engage the Low German Community. Eight students earned a total of 23 credits in semester one and approximately 20 credits total in semester two. In addition, five of the students were successful on the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. Aggie, one of the amazing students, earned all eight credits this year while working full time! She enthusiastically invited everyone in attendance to come back next year to celebrate her high school graduation.

iv. Interpretive Panel Unveiling in Niagara Falls

On June 2, 2017 students and staff from Lockview and Harriet Tubman Public Schools had the opportunity to be part of a historic event. After months of letter writing and petitioning, the two schools were able to convince the Niagara Parks Commission to place an Interpretive Panel at the only

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director's Update to Trustees****Interpretive Panel Unveiling in Niagara Falls**

confirmed crossing that Harriet Tubman used to enter Canada with freedom seekers – the old railway international suspension bridge in Niagara Falls. Teacher Linda Chown's passion and determination inspired students to advocate for this tribute to Tubman, and the students were honoured to sing at the event and officially unveil the panel.

v. Moccasin Project at Thorold Secondary School

Students at Thorold Secondary School received funding from a Ministry Speak-Up grant to have Nancy Rowe from the Moccasin Project visit their school. Da-giiwewaait (so they can go home) Moccasin Project is a national campaign to raise awareness about child apprehension impacting Indigenous children in Canada. The students and staff of Thorold Secondary School learned about this issue while they collaborated together to make 25 beautiful pairs of baby moccasins which were presented to the Niagara Chapter - Native Women.

vi. NTIP

On May 3, 2017, DSBN NTIP teachers, mentors and principals capped a wonderful year of New Teacher Induction with a celebration. The evening's highlight was a presentation from Len Dykstra, entitled, "Thrive, Grow, and Flourish. Building Resiliency." Director Hoshizaki thanked the mentors and the NTIP Steering Committee for their hard work, which led to another very successful year.

During this school year, NTIP teachers had two full days of professional learning sessions. In addition, they each had the opportunity to engage in two to three job embedded learning opportunities (focused classroom observations, co-plan/co-teach) as well as time to work with an NTIP mentor. These three facets of the program ensure support for our newest teachers and provide each of them with increased confidence, efficacy and a commitment to continuous learning as well as improved teacher practice, ultimately leading to student growth.

vii. Ontario Provincial Heritage Fair

In April 2017, the DSBN Regional Heritage Fair was held at the Fort George Historical Site. The top seven students from the Fair represented DSBN at the Ontario Provincial Heritage Fair at York University, June 9-11, 2017. A list of the DSBN delegates can be found in the Board package. The students were wonderful ambassadors for DSBN and their projects were recognized at the highest level.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director's Update to Trustees****viii. Canada's History Young Citizens National Video Contest**

In addition to attending the Provincial Heritage Fair, four DSBN students were selected as Young Citizens. They have each created a video on their project topic and will compete against students from across Canada. A public vote opened on June 12, 2017, and families, teachers, schools and communities are encouraged to view the submissions, comment and submit their vote. Online voting will close on July 7, 2017 at midnight. The result of the popular vote will determine 50% (13) of the finalists. A panel of judges will review the videos and select the remaining 50% (13 finalists). These 26 students will win a trip to Ottawa in the fall to attend the Canada's History Youth Forum.

ix. DSBN's Award Winning Communications and Public Relations Department

Director Hoshizaki congratulated DSBN Communications and Public Relations department staff for being recognized again this year with several awards from the National School Public Relations Association.

Golden Achievement Award - *I Matter Campaign*

Award of Excellence for Branding Image/Packaging - *I Matter*

Award of Excellence for Writing - *Brett Sweeney*

Award of Merit for Internet Site - *I Matter Website*

Award of Merit for Special Purpose Publication - *Strategic Plan - I Matter*

Award of Merit for Video (produced in-house) - *DSBN Carpool Karaoke*

Award of Merit for Writing - *Brett Sweeney*

x. World Environment Day

Director Hoshizaki shared a video of Grimsby Secondary School students celebrating World Environment Day with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

2. Educational Showcases**a) Show Your Colours**

Student Trustee Luciani introduced a video that was created by the Student Trustee Senate with help from DSBN's Communications Department. This year, the Student Trustee Senate focused on the Show Your Colours initiative, which focused on inclusion and respect at the DSBN. Student Trustee Luciani shared the video, which showcased DSBN secondary school students and teachers showing the audience why they matter.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There was no student achievement report.

H. DELEGATIONS

Sharon Abbey spoke on behalf of a number of community members who have concerns regarding the installation of artificial turf and field lights at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School and Governor Simcoe Secondary School. Sharon Abbey spoke to environmental concerns, as well as concerns about the LED lights that will be used to illuminate the fields.

Sharon Abbey requested that if the turf fields are installed, that DSBN consider adding landscaping to act as both visual and sound barriers.

In response to questions from Trustees, Superintendent McGregor clarified that while the turf field at Governor Simcoe Secondary School will be fenced, a significant amount of green space will be left open.

In response to Trustee concerns, Sharon Abbey clarified sections of the Toronto Public Health study that was cited by the group.

Superintendent MacKinnon explained that Trustees received a report regarding the pros and cons of synthetic fields before proceeding with the turf field project.

Superintendent Veld outlined measures that have been taken by DSBN, which include discussions with a consultant and considering the impact of and cost of planting different sized trees.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS**1. ACCOUNTS**

**Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1924 to 1938,
for the month of May 2017 totalling \$ 19,288,244.38 be received.”**

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued**2. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated June 6, 2017 be received; and

That the DSBN Chair and the Director of Education write a letter to OFSAA requesting an exception eligibility to allow a particular DSBN student, impacted by school closure, to attend an alternate school and play athletics; and

That the Transition updates for Greater Fort Erie Secondary School and the West Niagara Secondary Schools be received; and

That the Mental Health and Well Being update be received; and

That the report of ‘Big Sister, Kate!’ be received and approved and that the launch of the book and supporting lessons will be distributed to all schools in the Fall of 2017; and

That the reports of the Educational Research Committee of April 20, 2017 and May 25, 2017 be received; and

That the Board direct Senior Administration to begin to prepare an Initial Staff Report and School Information Profile Reports for the group of schools that includes John Marshall PS, Martha Cullimore PS, Prince Philip PS, and Victoria PS, for presentation at a future Program and Planning Committee meeting.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel provided an overview of the June 6, 2017 Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included an update on the transition for Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, and the West Niagara Secondary Schools. The committee received an update on the DSBN Mental Health Strategy and Superintendent Roberto shared a new resource – a book entitled “Big Sister Kate” which has been authored and published by DSBN. Superintendent Paula MacKinnon updated the Committee on four research proposals which all align with the work in DSBN and whose findings will be mutually beneficially to the researchers and our Board.

3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated June 14, 2017 be received;
and

That authority be delegated to the Director of Education and the Superintendent of Business Services jointly to approve the award of contracts and property matters in July and August that would otherwise require Finance Committee, Ad Hoc Properties Disposal Committee and Board approval, and report such approvals at the September 2017 Finance Committee and/or Ad Hoc Properties Disposal Committee meetings; and

That the revised Policy B-04 *Investment of Board Funds* be approved and adopted, as presented; and

That the Interim Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2017, be received; and

That the 2017-18 Budget include
\$ 20,000 to support Reading Part 1 (Adolescent Focus) AQ
\$ 30,000 to support Math Homework Help
\$100,000 for 1.0 FTE Social Worker for R.I.S.E. & Addictions
\$ 40,000 to support the Work Life Services
\$100,000 to support DreamBox Interactive Math Computer Program
\$100,000 to support Earn-A-Device program
\$163,000 to support Safe Arrival Software
\$100,000 for 1.0 FTE Applied Behavioural Analysis Facilitator; and

That the 2017-18 Revenue and Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$461,476,620 be approved and the estimate forms be submitted to the Ministry of Education.”

CARRIED

Vice Chair Maves provided a brief summary of the June 14, 2017 Finance Committee meeting, and shared highlights from 2017/18 DSBN budget which include learning strategies for student achievement.

Trustee Chase commented that it is helpful to see the direct correlation between the strategic plan and budget items.

A 2017/18 Budget video that was created by the DSBN Communications Department was shown to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**4. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That the verbal report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated June 15, 2017 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Lora Campbell reported that during the June 15, 2017 meeting, the Supervised Alternative Committee reviewed 51 cases. Of those, 31 cases were renewed for the upcoming school year.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent McGregor explained that DSBN focuses on ensuring that staff are in place that have the skills required to meet the needs of the students in these programs.

5. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated June 19, 2017 be received as information; and

That the 2017-18 Internal Audit Plan for the audit of *Repairs and Maintenance* be approved; and

That KPMG be appointed external auditors for the District School Board of Niagara for a one year team commencing September 1, 2017.”

CARRIED

Trustee Barnett provided an overview of the June 19, 2017 Audit Committee meeting, and thanked the internal and external committee members for their on-going work.

6. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated June 20, 2017 be received; and That Policy G-35: Copyright Provisions be approved as received and adopted; and

That Policy G-31: Aboriginal-Voluntary, Confidential Aboriginal Student Self-Identification be approved as amended and adopted; and

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

That Policy E-11: Equity and Inclusive Education be approved as amended and adopted; and

That Policy I-01: Guidelines for Retirement/Resignation Dates for Teachers be approved as received and adopted; and

That I-03: Interprovincial/International Teacher Exchange be approved as received and adopted; and

That Policy A-02: Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings be approved as amended and adopted; and

That Policy G-05: Weapons be approved as amended and adopted.”

That Policy G-08: Code of Student Behaviour be approved as amended and adopted.”

CARRIED

Trustee Keddy Scott provided a summary of the policy changes, which include revisions that ensure that the terminology used aligns with DSBN’s strategic plan. Twenty-five policies will be reviewed in the upcoming school year and vetting will continue on the DSBN website in the 2017/18 school year.

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****a) Request to Begin School Naming/renaming Process – College Street Public School**

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That the request to begin the school naming process be authorized to begin in accordance with Board Policy A-9.”

CARRIED

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**Staff Reports**

Superintendent Pisek spoke to the schools' request noting that the school community at College Street Public School is eager to begin the naming process.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent Pisek explained that the community would be made aware of the naming committee and the process through a number of different avenues.

2. Trustee Information Session

There was no Trustee information session.

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

Correspondence from Waterloo District School Board can be found in the Board package.

b) Correspondence from Waterloo District School Board

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c) Correspondence from The City of Thorold

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d) Correspondence from Thames Valley District School Board

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g) Correspondence from Rainy River District School Board

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**Correspondence and Communication**

Correspondence from Rainy River District School Board can be found in the Board package.

h) Correspondence from Peel District School Board

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4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Barnett reported that the new Rose Queen for the City of Welland is Welland Centennial Secondary School student Meaghan Salmon.
- b) Trustee Barnett thanked all who participated in the EFN Golf Tournament and added that over \$28,000 was raised that will be used towards student bursaries.
- c) Trustee Barnett reported that she will be selling tickets for the Behind Closed Doors fundraiser at the Pen Centre on September 9, 2017. Tickets are \$5 each.
- d) Trustee Keddy Scott reported that Senator Gibson Public School recently unveiled their new score board, and thanked local sponsors who contributed.
- e) Trustee Keddy Scott reported that Jarden Down, a Smith Public School student, has been growing his hair for 4 years. He recently cut his hair at a school assembly to donate to cancer patients.
- f) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that Heximer Public School recently held a volunteer appreciation luncheon.
- g) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that on June 15, 2017, River View Public School invited Princess Margaret Public School students to attend a presentation made by a Holocaust survivor.
- h) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that Greendale Public School recently held a student of the month assembly.
- i) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that Stamford Collegiate Secondary School celebrated their 160th Anniversary on June 10, 2017, and thanked Stamford staff for organizing the celebration.
- j) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that A.N. Myer Secondary School will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on September 22-23, 2017. Registration fees of \$15 each or \$25 for a family will be donated to Education Foundation of Niagara.

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

- j) Student Trustee Luciani and Student Trustee Alazaam thanked Trustees for putting students first and for the opportunity to learn and grow this year.

Information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at www.dsbn.org and/or on the schools' websites.

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

Trustee Chase reported attending the OPSBA AGM and Board of Directors meetings on June 8-11, 2017. Trustee Chase shared highlights with the Board which included:

- Sandra Herbst spoke about Assessment in the Service of Learning.
- The Ombudsman, Paul Dube spoke about the role of the Ombudsman and reiterated that the Ombudsman's office works collaboratively with school boards to address systemic issues which are discovered as a result of analyzing trends/patterns of complaints. The Ombudsman will publish a report on June 27, 2017 and will list the complaints per board.
- During the panel presentation on Equity and Diversity, attendees viewed a video called "All that we Share."
- Attendees received a Labour Relations Update, which confirmed that all unionized central groups have extension agreements.
- Trustee Chase listed the results of the OPSBA elections.
- Trustees are reminded of the following upcoming dates:
 - September 22, 2017 – telephone meeting regarding Executive Compensation.
 - July 5-8, 2017 - Canadian School Board Association AGM.
 - September 22-23, 2017 - Board of Directors meeting.
 - November 4, 2017 - Central West Regional Meeting (Mental Health Professional Development).
 - January 26-27, 2018 - Public Education Symposium.
 - April 12-13, 2018 - Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health.
 - April 26-27, 2018 - Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium.
 - June 1-3, 2018 - OPSBA AGM.

In response to questions by Trustee Chase, Trustees indicated by show of hands that they support hosting the Canadian School Boards Association AGM in July of 2018 along with the OPSBA AGM in Ottawa.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of September 2017 meetings was provided.

Add: Audit Committee Meeting – September 11, 2017
EFN Welcome Back Social – September 20, 2017

N. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Helga Campbell**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

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