



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

December 5, 2017

6:25 – 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: Emily Hilborn and Amal Qayum

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

Regrets: Trustee Helga Campbell and Trustee Jonathan Fast

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Linda Gonschior

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 noted the absence of Trustee Jonathan Fast and Trustee Helga Campbell.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

Chair Robinson welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Sue Barnett

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

CARRIED

Moved by Linda Crouch
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:35 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Lora Campbell opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 28, 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 Linda Crouch
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“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) Director’s Recognition

There was no Director’s recognition.

b) Director’s Update to Trustees**i. Treaty Recognition Week**

In honour of Treaty Recognition Week, all secondary schools were given a framed Two Row Wampum replica and poster with the teaching of the Two Row Wampum for display in the main entry of their school. The teaching of the Two Row Wampum by Sheila Maracle, Indigenous Advisor, was shared with staff and in classrooms during Treaty Recognition Week.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director's Update to Trustees****ii. FRAMES**

Every year almost 100 secondary DSBN students gather for the DSBN Frames Short Film Festival at the Shaw Festival to celebrate the spirit of filmmaking and inquiry learning.

The DSBN Frames Short Film Competition brings DSBN secondary writers, actors and directors together with cinematographers, editors and technicians with the goal of creating an original short film in only 10 hours! The teams are given one thinking prompt at the beginning of the day that they use as the inspiration for their stories. This year the thinking prompt was "Silver Linings."

A public showing of each short film is held at the end of the night. This year students met with a professional filmmaker before the event in an effort to develop some extra background knowledge to help them succeed in this high inquiry-learning environment. Frames culminates with a student-led critical thinking session two days later where students use all of their learning to co-create the criteria that they will use to select the Student Choice Award for best film. In addition to the Student Choice Award, there is also a Critic's Choice award that is selected by a professional filmmaker.

This year, congratulations goes out to Laura Secord Secondary School. Their team was awarded with both the Student Choice Award and the Critic's Choice Award for their film titled "Glasses Half Full."

Laura Secord Secondary School's film "Glasses Half Full" was played for the Board.

2. Educational Showcases**a) Director's Holiday Card Contest**

Brett Sweeney, Acting Chief Communications Officer, presented the showcase, which recognized the winners of this year's annual DSBN Director's Holiday Card contest. Participating students were asked to create holiday cards that show what this special time of year means to them and their family. The following students were recognized for their submissions.

Mya B.	Grade 8	College Street Public School
Aleah C.	Grade 9	Indigenous Pathways Program
Treyvon C.	Grade 2	Prince Philip Public School (SC)
Emir E.	Grade 5	Pine Grove Public School
Brooke F.	Grade 9	Laura Secord Secondary School

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director’s Holiday Card Contest**

Emma G.	Grade 4	John Brant Public School
Ness G.	Grade 10	Laura Secord Secondary School
Asante H.	Grade 5	Grand Ave. Public School
Mya H.	Grade 7	Oakwood Public School
Emily I.	Grade 2	Dalewood Public School
Evan K.	Senior Kindergarten	Princess Margaret Public School
Tyler L.	Grade 8	Prince Philip Public School (NF)
Stephanie M.	Grade 6	Forestview Public School
Nargis T.	Grade 6	Princess Margaret Public School
Cadence W.	Grade 1	Dalewood Public School
Caleb W.	Grade 3	Senator Gibson Public School
Mei Mei Y.	Grade 12	Governor Simcoe Secondary School

Each student was presented with a package of their own printed holiday cards and a certificate of appreciation for their artwork.

The holiday cards are available electronically at www.dsb.org.

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 Diane Chase
Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 2007 to 2019, for the month of October 2017 totalling \$17,372.025.10 be received.”

CARRIED

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

There was no Trustee information session.

3. Correspondence and Communication

There was no correspondence or communication.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Barnett reported that on December 2, 2017, DSBN employees and retirees held a concert in Welland to help raise funds for DSBN breakfast programs.

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 Board of Directors meeting on December 1 - 2, 2017.

Trustee Chase provided a verbal report of the meeting and shared updates on many items. Trustee Chase advised that nominations for Trustee elections has been changed to May 1, 2018, and that nominations close on July 27, 2018. Trustee elections will be held on October 22, 2018, with the term starting on December 1, 2018.

Upcoming meetings:

January 25-27, 2018	Public Education Symposium
February 23-24, 2018	Board of Directors
April 12-13, 2018	Summit Children and Youth Mental Health
April 26-27, 2018	Education Labour Relations & Human Resources Symposium

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of December 2017 and January 2018 was provided.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary