



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

September 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: 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, 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 7:29 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 Diane Chase
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Linda Crouch

“That the Board return to Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”

CARRIED

The Board returned to Committee of the Whole (Private Session) at 8:44 p.m.

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:51 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

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

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Barnett opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 26, 2017 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

Trustee Helga Campbell requested that section j) under Trustee Communication and School Liaison be amended as follows:

j) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that A.N. Myer Secondary School will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on September 22-23, 2017. For every online registration received, \$5 will be donated to the Education Foundation of Niagara.

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)

This item was deferred until after the business conducted in the Committee of the Whole was completed at 8:52 p.m.

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Diane Chase

“That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued**Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)**

Chair Robinson reported that during the Committee of the Whole session, Trustees declared the properties of former Fort Erie and Ridgeway Crystal Beach Secondary Schools surplus. The Board also approved a proposal submitted by the City of St. Catharines to purchase the Glen Ridge Public School property. In regards to the sale of the Parliament Oak Public School property, Trustees have approved a request from a community group to wait 30 days to enable the group to work out a plan with the Town of Niagara on the Lake. After the 30-day period, if a plan has not been secured by the community group, DSBN will proceed with the sale of the property.

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Director's Report and Recognition****Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective:****a) Recognition of Bill Aida, Angelo Lillo, and Deanna Ward, Secondary Program Leaders**

Director Hoshizaki noted that Deanna Ward was unable to attend this evening and will be recognized at the next Board meeting.

Director Hoshizaki recognized Bill Aida, Program Leader of Numeracy and Specialized School to Work Program at St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School and Angelo Lillo, Program Leader of Mathematics at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, for being leaders in the DSBN Mathematics community and for their use of the Teacher Learning Leadership Program (TLLP).

These teachers have chosen to apply for funding to lead a project-based professional learning opportunity for experienced classroom teachers. The application process involves doing preliminary research, planning budgets, and organizing a team. As a group, these teachers have successfully secured close to \$200,000 in funding to support teacher learning, resources, and student learning in DSBN's secondary schools.

In addition to sharing their learning with colleagues within the Board, each team has represented DSBN at the provincial level, sharing their learning at conferences. These teachers all looked at the leadership role as an opportunity to collaborate with others, to push their own learning forward, to incorporate current research, and ultimately to find the best ways to support their students.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Recognition of Bill Aida, Angelo Lillo, and Deanna Ward,
Secondary Program Leaders**

In 2015-16 Bill led a team of colleagues in a focus on developing best practices for English Language Learners in Numeracy and Literacy. In 2016-17 Angelo's team focused on spiraling and interleaving in secondary math classrooms. Their leadership in the system has made a difference for DSBN students and DSBN teachers. Thank you

Director Hoshizaki presented Bill Aida and Angelo Lillo with a token of the Board's appreciation for their extraordinary contributions.

b) Director's Update to Trustees**i. DSBN Teachers Receive Award at Fusion 2017**

Rob Dunlop and Jim Reschke, part of the DSBN IT4 Learning team, received an Innovation award at this year's Fusion conference in July for their work supporting the use of Desire to Learn (D2L) in classrooms. D2L is an online tool used to support student learning and extend learning to the home. DSBN currently has over 2,000 teachers and over 22,000 students using D2L.

ii. Outdoor Education at DSBN

DSBN Outdoor Education Campuses are off to a great start! The Intermediate Team Building and Leadership programs kicked-off on September 7, 2017 and will run until the end of October. Over 1,800 grade 7 and 8 students from 46 elementary schools will take to the woods at the Walker Living Campus.

The 2nd Maker in Arts - Drawn to Life animation series, in partnership with local artist Mike Cope and the Ontario Arts Council, will run throughout the months of September, October, and November. 840 grade six students from 28 DSBN schools will be inspired by the natural learning environment as they hone their drawing skills and learn the principles of animation.

2. Educational Showcases**a) Summer HEAT**

Superintendent Roberto introduced Shelley Fehrman, Principal of Grapeview Public School and Summer HEAT Coordinator. Superintendent Roberto introduced Grade 1 student Cheyenne Haynes who attended the Summer HEAT program at Edith Cavell Public School this year, and her grandmother, Frieda Fowler.

Shelley Fehrman shared programming highlights and learning focuses with Trustees and explained that over 1,000 students attended the Summer HEAT

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Summer HEAT**

program at 13 sites this past summer. 92 students helpers were an integral part of the program and they earned over 4,000 community service hours over the 3-week program.

Mrs. Fowler spoke to the significance of the Note Tote program that encouraged Cheyenne to bring home a new book each day to read. Cheyenne became a very motivated and proficient reader because of this.

A short video was shown that highlighted the activities that students took part in during the Summer HEAT program.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**a) 2016-2017 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report**

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

“That the 2016-2017 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report dated September 26, 2017 be received.”

CARRIED

Director Hoshizaki introduced the report, and explained that the outcomes seen in this report are a result of great support from DSBN staff, and from Trustees who supported initiatives through budget allocation.

Superintendent Roberto highlighted increases seen in the 2016-2107 EQAO report in reading, writing and mathematics in both grades 3 and 6, as well English Language Learner and Special Education categories. Superintendent Roberto added that DSBN students show a continued upward trend in reading, writing and mathematics in grade 3 and 6, which indicates that DSBN is making a positive impact.

Superintendent McGregor shared results of the OSSLT Secondary School Literacy Test and secondary EQAO results. Superintendent McGregor shared strategies that are being used to ensure continued progress and successes, and thanked educators and support staff for the collaboration and dedication that has led to these successes.

b) Summer Learning 2017 Report

**Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

“That the Summer Learning Report dated September 26, 2017 be received.”

CARRIED

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS – continued**Summer Learning 2017 Report**

Superintendent Roberto explained that the District School Board of Niagara offers a variety of summer learning opportunities, beyond traditional summer school, for both elementary and secondary school students. In 2017, over 3,500 students participated in summer learning and improved their knowledge and skills in numerous areas. 1,000 students took part in the Summer HEAT program, which was offered at 13 sites over a 3-week period.

Superintendent MacKinnon highlighted summer learning opportunities for secondary school students, and added that the programs continue to grow because DSNB is providing programs that are innovative, creative, and fun.

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 Diane Chase

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1939 to 1977, for the month of June and July 2017 totalling \$43,645,730.19 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the report of Audit Committee dated September 11, 2017 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Fast provided a brief summary of the Audit Committee meeting, and added that the next planned audit will be regarding repairs and maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**3. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated September 13, 2017 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Helga Campbell provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting and shared discussions took place around the benefits of having co-chairs. The committee received a presentation from DSBN Communications Officer Brett Sweeney, and planning discussions took place around the Annual PIC Conference, which will be held on November 1, 2017 at Eden High School.

4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

“That the verbal report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated September 14, 2017 be received.”

CARRIED

Chair Robinson provided a brief summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting which included discussions around topics for future SEAC agendas and a number of committee reports.

5. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

**Moved by Emily Hilborn
Seconded by Amal Qayum**

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated September 19, 2017 be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Qayum reported that the Student Trustee Senate retreat was held at the Woodend Outdoor Centre. Attendees learned about the role of a Student Trustee and discussions took place around goals for the upcoming school year, which includes holding the senators accountable to a monthly mental health initiative.

Student Trustee Hilborn added that the hope is that students will be able to identify and help people in crisis, and to be able to give all secondary students resources to continue to improve mental wellness in DSBN schools.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated September 20, 2017 be received; and

That the report on the Award of Contract for the Renovation Project at South Lincoln High School, approved under the 2017 Delegation of Authority, be received; and

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

That the Investment Services Request for Supplier Qualifications report be received for information.”

CARRIED

Vice Chair Maves reported that the Finance committee received a report from Superintendent Veld regarding the award of contract for the South Lincoln contract, and added that College Street Public School students will move to the new location in January 2018.

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.

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

- a) Trustee Barnett thanked those who attended the DSBN BBQ Reunion that was hosted by the Education Foundation of Niagara, and reminded the Board that all of the funds raised support poverty relief for students.
- b) Trustee Barnett provided a reminder of EFN's upcoming Beat the Brainiacs Trivia Night, which will be held on November 9, 2017.
- c) Trustee Barnett reported that she attended Diamond Trail Public School's Open House, where a number of community groups were on hand to make parents aware of programs that are offered in their community.
- d) Trustee Barnett reported that she attended the cross-country meet at Chippewa Creek Conservation Area on September 25, 2017, and commended staff who organized an excellent event.
- e) Trustee Keddy Scott thanked Superintendent St. John for touring a number of schools with her and for the opportunity to learn about initiatives taking place in schools.
- f) Trustee Helga Campbell and Vice Chair Maves highlighted events that took place at AN Myer's 60th Anniversary celebration.

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 provided highlights from OPSBA's Board of Director's meeting that was held on September 22-23, 2017.

- Michael Coteau, Minister of Children and Youth Services and Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism, spoke about Anti-racism strategy and Middle Years strategy.
- Discussions took place around Student Trustee involvement in OPSBA.
- The Equity Education Action Plan was released on September 7, 2017, and can be accessed on the Ministry website. OPSBA will be preparing a response to the plan. Trustees and staff are being asked to forward suggestions to Trustee Chase.
- The Ministry has established a Staff Well-Being Advisory Committee and has created a video featuring Clara Hughes to support staff well-being.
- October 24, 2017 is Dress Purple Day to recognize that October is Child Abuse Prevention month.
- The Ministry of Education is looking for feedback on a discussion guide for School Board Governance Supports including the following topics:
 - Integrity Commissioner and Trustee code of conduct
 - Trustee honoraria
 - Electronic participation in Board and committee meetings

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

- Student Trustee term of office and election process
- Broadening the Director of Education qualifications
- Trustee Chase noted that DSBN appears to be the only Board that does not have a Trustee code of conduct. Trustee Chase requested that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to discuss a Trustee Code of Conduct.
- Discussions took place around OPSBA resources for Directors.
- The next Regional Meeting will be a joint meeting with Western Region, on November 4, 2017 in Guelph. This meeting will be focusing on providing mental health professional development for Trustees.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be December 1- 2, 2017 at the Sheraton Centre.

Trustee Keddy Scott explained that she, and a number of other Trustees, previously participated in an committee where a great deal of deliberation took place around a Trustee code of conduct. Trustee Keddy Scott offered to share information and outcomes of that committee prior to forming a new committee.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of October 2017 meetings was provided.

**Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Linda Crouch**

“That the Board return to Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”

CARRIED

The Board returned to Committee of the Whole at 8:44 p.m.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary