



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

March 27, 2018

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, Brett Sweeney, 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.

Chair Robinson welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Robinson noted the absence of Trustee Fast.

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 Dave Schaubel

“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 6:46 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Chase shared an inspirational video with the Board.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Sue Barnett

Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated February 27, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes**a) Appointment of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee**

Chair Robinson advised the Board that she, Trustees Lora Campbell, Diane Chase, Linda Crouch, and Cheryl Keddy Scott will form the membership of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee.

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

Moved by Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

Chair Robinson added that, as part of the business transacted in Committee of the Whole, the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario had received complaints related to the Board’s election of the name Wellington Heights for the consolidated elementary school in Pelham.

The Office of the Ombudsman advised that:

Our review indicates that the school board formed a naming committee and solicited suggestions for names from the school community and members of the public in accordance with its policy. As outlined by the policy, the naming committee reviewed the names submitted by the school community and the public and selected three names, which were presented to the trustees for voting. Our review indicates that the school board considered the concerns raised by the complainants with our Office.

The Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario has confirmed to the DSBN that it will not be taking further action regarding these complaints about the DSBN.

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. a) Director's Report and Recognition****i) Recognition of Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society, Community Partner**

Director Hoshizaki recognized the Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society, which consists of five Brock University students who embody leadership, citizenship, and academic excellence. Through volunteer-based fundraisers, awareness campaigns, and outreach initiatives, this passionate and exceptional group show that they are dedicated to improving communities both locally and abroad.

In partnership with the Education Foundation of Niagara, these students have gone above and beyond with their time and dedication in planning, organizing, and executing the Denim, Diamonds, and Diplomas event. This year's Denim, Diamonds and Diploma event raised \$23,783 bringing the three-year total to \$66,283.

Funds from this annual event provide bursaries to graduates of DSBN Academy who will be the first in their family to attend college or university in the pursuit of a degree. DSBN Academy held its first graduation in June 2017 and thanks to the Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society and their fundraising efforts, twenty students received a \$250 bursary to assist them with the many out of pocket costs of attending a college or university program. At this year's graduation, 40 students will receive this bursary totaling \$10,000.

Director Hoshizaki presented members of the Brock Leaders' Citizenship Society, MacKenzie Ceci, Zachery Harrietha, Aynsley Maves and Lauren Saly with a token of the Board's appreciation for their extraordinary contributions. Meagan Gloor was unable to attend.

ii) Recognition of Joshua Gautier, Student, A.N. Myer Secondary School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Joshua Gautier, who despite being challenged with muscular dystrophy, maintains an engaging enthusiasm, growth mindset and sense of humour that make him stand out in Myer's halls. In the time that he has been at the school, Joshua's spirit and perseverance in the face of adversity have made him an invaluable part of the school's culture and a model of resiliency for students and staff alike.

Joshua is determined to excel in his studies and lets no obstacle divert him from this goal. He has maintained an average of 92% in all his classes to date despite medical related absences. His teachers consistently report that Joshua is an enthusiastic participant, diligent scholar and leader in all classroom activities.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

In addition to his academic excellence, Joshua is an accomplished boccia player. He is currently ranked fourth in the nation by Boccia Canada and regularly competes with - and defeats - Olympians. Joshua is not content to compete as an individual. At the end of his grade 9 year he approached Principal Johanna Provost with the desire to start a boccia club so that others in the Myer family could experience the fun, competitiveness and social benefits of the sport he loves. Principal Provost supported Joshua in this endeavor and the A.N. Myer Boccia Club, comprised of students and staff, now meets, competes and has fun on a weekly basis.

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

b) Director's Update to Trustees**i) DSBN Welcomes the Passage of Rowan's Law**

The District School Board of Niagara welcomes the passage of Rowan's Law as an important step forward in student safety.

On March 6, the Ontario Legislature passed the concussion safety legislation, which was developed to protect students and other amateur athletes in the province. The legislation is named Rowan's Law in memory of Ottawa student Rowan Stringer who passed away after receiving multiple concussions playing high school rugby.

The law standardizes important practices related to the prevention and management of concussions and provides schools with more tools to support students. The law also mandates increased concussion education for students, teachers, and coaches. With additional education, students will be more aware of their safety when playing, and more likely to report an injury when it occurs.

The intent with Rowan's Law is to ensure that what happened to Rowan Stringer never happens to another young person in Ontario.

DSBN's Concussion Summit will take place on May 3-4, 2018 in Niagara Falls. An expert panel will provide insight into the newly passed legislation.

ii. Drama Festival

This year's National Theatre School Drama Festival (formerly Sears Drama Festival) welcomed 140 drama students from six DSBN secondary schools. Seven productions were showcased over four nights and this year the awards banquet was hosted by Greater Fort Erie Secondary School. The students were thrilled to be in such a beautiful school and to be celebrating the culmination of four days of problem

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Drama Festival**

solving, learning and sharing through drama. This year, three of the productions entered into the Drama Festival were entirely student-led.

Congratulations to the productions from Governor Simcoe Secondary School and from Grimsby Secondary School for being selected to represent the District School Board of Niagara at the NTS Regional Drama Festival in Hamilton this April.

iii. Ontario Volunteer Services Awards

The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards ceremony was held last week at Club Italia. 117 Niagara residents were honoured at the event. The awards recognize people who have put in from five to 65 years of continuous service with an organization.

Many DSBN volunteers have been recognized over the years. This year, Judy Ingram at Harriet Tubman Public School was recognized for her 15 years of volunteer service in both Alexandra and Harriet Tubman's breakfast programs.

Thank you to Judy, and to all those who volunteer in our schools, for your dedication and support of student success

2. Educational Showcases**a) Gordon Public School – STEAM**

Superintendent Pisek introduced the showcase, which highlighted the Olympic Family STEAM night at Gordon Public School last month. The evening consisted of cross-curricular activities that encouraged student and parent engagement.

Trustee Fast entered the Board room at 7:29 p.m.

Gordon Public School teacher, Ms. Moore explained that the Parent Council applied for a Parents Reaching Out Grant to support the curriculum night that focused on science, technology, engineering, the arts and math.

Students described their favorite activities from the Winter Olympic themed event and added that the students enjoyed showing their parents what they learned at school.

Ms. Moore explained that over 200 people participated in the evening. Parents and high school students volunteered, and local businesses supported the event. It was a reflection of community coming together, learning together, and enjoying the Gordon PS celebration.

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 Dave Schaubel

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 2068 to 2084, for the month of February 2018, totaling \$21,632,639.30 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Linda Crouch

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated March 7, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Lora Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed a total of seven cases during the March 7, 2018 meeting, and seven cases were approved.

3. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 8, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Trustee Ajandi reported that the Special Education Advisory Committee received a student voice presentation from a grade 6 student and his family who shared their experience with assistive technology. The committee also met the DSBN ABA Facilitators who presented the principles of ABA Facilitation and how they help students succeed.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent Dickson explained that DSBN has a number of staff members who are trained in applied behaviour analysis. Superintendent Dickson added that depending on the needs in the classroom, this could include teachers, educational assistants, and/or early childhood educators.

4. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated March 22, 2018 be received.”

And

“That, effective March 28, 2018, the elementary boundary change to transfer Zone A from Harriet Tubman PS to Connaught PS, as shown on Appendix C of the Report, be approved and apply to all future students in Zone A, including students pre-registered at Harriet Tubman PS for the 2018-19 school year. Existing Harriet Tubman PS JK to grade 7 students in Zone A, as described in this report, are grandfathered from the boundary changes and have the option to attend either school; and,

That the school boundaries be updated accordingly.”

And

“That the Board adopt a Naloxone Administrative Procedure and place naloxone kits in all secondary schools, some alternative education sites and any other site deemed necessary.”

And

“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of February 15, 2018 be received.”

And

“That the following grade changes for North Niagara Falls Elementary Schools be approved, effective June 30, 2018 for implementation for the 2018-19 school year:

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

- Martha Cullimore PS grade structure be expanded to include grades 7 and 8 to create a regular track K-8 school;
 - Martha Cullimore PS students will remain at Martha Cullimore PS to complete their K to 8 elementary education;
 - Victoria PS students be redirected from Prince Philip PS to Martha Cullimore PS for grades 7 and 8;
 - Prince Philip PS regular track grades 7 and 8 be eliminated and students redirected to Martha Cullimore PS;
 - John Marshall PS French Immersion grades 1 to 3 be relocated to Prince Philip PS to create a single track, grades 1 to 8 French Immersion program;
- and

That the school boundaries be updated accordingly.”

And

“That the Board receive the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review Initial Staff Report; and,

That the Board initiate the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review for William E. Brown PS and Winger PS; and,

That an Accommodation Review Committee be created to consider the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review; and,

That the composition of the Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review Committee be approved as outlined in this report and in accordance with Policy F-2; and,

That Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott be appointed as the Trustee representative from another jurisdiction; and,

That staff be directed to provide notice of initiation as set out in Policy F-2; and, That staff be directed to make an application to the Ministry of Education for Joint-Use Seed Funding Program with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel provided a summary of the items reviewed during the Program and Planning Committee meeting, and added that the Program and Planning Committee meeting planned on April 3, 2018 has been cancelled.

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) Determination and Distribution of Board Trustees 2018 Report**

Moved by Linda Crouch
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

"That the Report on the 2018 Determination and Distribution of District School Board of Niagara Trustees be received."

And

"That the District School Board of Niagara not designate any municipality within the Board's area of jurisdiction as a low population municipality."

And

"That the distribution of District School Board of Niagara Trustees for the October 2018 elections be confirmed, as follows:

Erie / Port Colborne	1
Grimsby / Lincoln	1
Niagara Falls	2
Pelham / Thorold	1
St. Catharines / Niagara-on-the-Lake	4
Welland	1
West Lincoln / Wainfleet	1."

CARRIED

Cheryl Morgan distributed a proposal that was prepared by Trustee Chase regarding the possibility of changing the Trustee distribution. Trustee Chase outlined the 2 options.

Discussions took place around the proposed options, with Trustees expressing whether they were opposed to or in favour of the proposals.

Superintendent Veld and Director Hoshizaki provided clarification around the process for determining Trustee distribution based on the electoral quotient

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**Determination and Distribution of Board Trustees 2018 Report**

and the possibility of changing the number of schools that a Trustee represents.

2. Trustee Information Session

There was no Trustee information session.

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

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

b) Correspondence from Halton District School Board

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

**Moved by Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the Board of Trustees authorize the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education in support of Bill 191, The Education Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder), 2017 copying all Ontario MPPs and school boards; and

That Halton District School Board’s correspondence be referred to DSBN’s Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for their information.”

CARRIED

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that schools have received information regarding Parent Reaching Out Grants.
- b) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that the Ministry of Education is hosting a Parent Involvement Committee Symposium on April 20 – 21, 2018.
- c) Trustee Barnett reported that Quaker Road Public School will be hosting a variety show on April 29, 2018.
- d) Trustee Barnett reported that Welland Centennial Secondary School will be performing the musical “Bring it On” from April 19 – 27, 2018.

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

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 advised that she would not be able to attend the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting on April 20 – 21, 2018.

**Moved Diane Chase
Seconded Lora Campbell**

“That Trustee Cheryl Keddy Scott be appointed the OPSBA Director for DSBN at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting on April 20– 21, 2018.”

CARRIED

Discussions took place around hosting an event for OPSBA Trustees during the OASBO Annual General meeting in Niagara Falls.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of April 2018 meetings was provided.

Program and Planning Committee – cancel April 3, 2018
Finance Committee – moved to April 17, 2018.
Student Trustee Senate – April 18, 2018

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

