



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

October 22, 2019

6:17 – 6:28 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 8:13 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam, Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Lora Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Elizabeth Klassen, Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton, Dave Schaubel (Vice Chair)

**Student
Trustee:** Keylee Smith and Karina Tavernese

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Helen McGregor, Marian Reimer Friesen, Kelly Pisek, JoAnna Roberto, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, 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 Barnett opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests 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 Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Doug Newton**

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole.”

CARRIED

**Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Kate Baggott**

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:28 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

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

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Newton shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

**Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

**Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 24, 2019 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Ad Hoc Governance Committee

**Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Kevin Maves**

“That the committee’s mandate will be to address the Board’s decision to appoint an Indigenous Student Trustee in the Board’s By-Laws and any other housekeeping items as recommended by the committee to the Board.”

CARRIED

Chair Barnett announced that the committee membership will include:

Trustee Baggott	Trustee Newton
Chair Barnett	Vice Chair Schaubel
Trustee Klassen	

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

**Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

“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

a) Director’s Recognition

i. Kris Banga, Educational Assistant, Ross Public School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Kris Banga, Educational Assistant at Ross Public School for his work with his students in a Structured Strategies Program, his after-school literacy clubs, and for his extraordinary relationships with students and educators at the school.

Director Hoshizaki presented Kris Banga with a token of the Board’s appreciation for his extraordinary contributions.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED**Director's Report and Recognition****b) Director's Update to Trustees**

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- GFESS Global Climate Initiative
- Technovation 2019
- Good Deeds
- Port Colborne High School Students Present at User Conference

Director Hoshizaki added that Student Trustee Smith was recently awarded the Youth Citizen of the Year Award by the Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding dedication and work in the community.

2. Educational Showcases**a) Connaught Public School – Baseline Technology Report**

Superintendent Reimer Friesen introduced the showcase and described what the baseline technology allocation model is.

Principal Kelly Diorio explained that Connaught Public School was one of the first-year recipients of baseline technology and listed some of the items that were provided as a result of allocation funding model.

Shannon Caesar, Chelsea Beckett, and a Connaught student shared examples of the positive impact that the additional technology has had on students at the school.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**1. 2018-2019 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report**

Superintendent Roberto shared the 2018/19 EQAO results for grade 3 and 6 reading, writing, and mathematics for DSBN and the province. Superintendent Roberto also shared the English Language Learner and Special Education results.

Superintendent Roberto listed factors that are being attributed to Board success, spoke to specific initiatives that are making a positive impact on student learning, and explained next steps based on the data collected.

Superintendent McGregor highlighted Grade 9 Mathematics EQAO results, as well as the OSSLT test that is traditionally written in Grade 10. Superintendent

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS – continued**2018-2019 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report**

McGregor summarized the results and spoke to next steps in supporting student success.

In response to a question from a trustee, Superintendent Roberto described some of the specific strategies that lead to the successes seen in the English Language Learner results.

2. DSBN and Provincial Graduation Rate Report

Superintendent McGregor presented the DSBN and Provincial Graduation Rate Report and explained how the graduation rate is calculated by the Ministry of Education. The five-year graduation rate for DSBN is has increased by 2.3% to 86%. The efforts of DSBN staff has resulted in the improvement in the percentage of students graduating with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. A breadth of innovative programming, targeted interventions, as well as supports for student mental health and well-being are leading to the increases in achievement.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS**1. ACCOUNTS**

**Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of August and September 2019, totaling \$40,889,232.55 be received.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued

2. REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

“That the report of the DSBN Strategic Plan Advisory Committee dated September 24, 2019 be received.”

“That the process for the DSBN 2020-2025 Strategic Plan be approved.”

CARRIED

Trustee Klassen provided an overview of the steps the DSBN Strategic Plan Advisory Committee will take.

3. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

**Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Doug Newton**

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated October 2, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Beamer provided an overview of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included a presentation from Greater Fort Erie Secondary School Principal Fred Louws, an overview of the updated funding model for PRO Grants, and PIC Conference planning.

4. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

**Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Doug Newton**

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated October 9, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed a total of eight cases, and of the eight cases heard, seven were approved.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**5. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated October 10, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam provided a summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, which included a student voice presentation and a presentation from Superintendents Smith and Hahn of EQAO results for students with special education needs. The Special Education Advisory Committee will be reviewing the polices up for vetting on the DSBN website.

6. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

Moved by Keylee Smith
Seconded by Karina Tavernese

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated October 15, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Tavernese reported that Senators received a presentation from Carson Welychka about the Education Foundation of Niagara. Senators had the opportunity the share activities being planned at their school to fundraise for EFN.

Student Trustee Smith added that she and Trustee Tavernese attended the OSTA-AECO Fall General meeting that was held on October 17-20, 2019 in Toronto.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

In response to a question from a trustee, Director Hoshizaki explained that senior leadership team has discussed the move that some school boards have made to make the Indigenous curriculum mandatory. If this is the direction that DSBN decides to take, a report will come to the Program and Planning committee.

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 a Conflict vs. Bullying session prior to the Board meeting.

3. Correspondence and Communication

There was no correspondence or communication.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Campbell reported that the Education Foundation of Niagara will hold a Compost Giveaway on October 26th, 2019 at DSNB Academy. Donations are appreciated.
- b) Trustee Baggott reported attending the Traditional Pow Wow at Montebello Park on October 5, 2019 where many DSNB students were in attendance.
- c) Trustee Baggott reported attending the 100th Anniversary of Edith Cavell Public School.
- d) Trustee Bradnam reported that the Eden Spiritual Life Centre Annual Banquet will be held on November 1, 2019.
- e) Chair Barnett spoke about the Welland Centennial Secondary School football team and attributed its growth to the new artificial turf field.

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

Trustee Baggott provided highlights from the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting on September 27-28, 2019. Trustee Baggott added that OPSBA Directors are preparing for the Day of Advocacy being held at Queens Park in November. Trustees were asked to send any issues that they would like raised to Trustee Baggott by November 18, 2019.

In response to a question from a trustee, Trustee Baggott explained that the Day of Advocacy gives OPSBA Directors the opportunity to speak about local priorities as well as the general state of education in the province as a whole.

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 November 2019 meetings was provided.

Superintendent Roberto informed trustees that DSBN will be sponsoring a Speaker Series featuring Award Winning Journalist, Tanya Talaga. The first session takes place at the Americana Conference Resort on November 18, 2019.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

**Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on October 22, 2019 be now ratified by the Board.”

“That the Chair and proper officials of the District School Board of Niagara are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the business as decided by the Board of Trustees this day.”

CARRIED

O. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary