

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

Private Session: 6:30 p.m. – 6:37 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 p.m. – 7:13 p.m. (Virtual Meetings)

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam (Vice Chair), Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Elizabeth Klassen, Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton, Dave Schaubel

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Tiya Patel, Salony Sharma, Kya Steinbach-Parker

OFFICIALS

Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Darren VanHooydonk, Stacy Veld, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

REGRETS

Lora Campbell and Jonathan Fast

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jennifer McGugan

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Wendy Coit, Sarah Skrydstrup

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.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

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

CARRIED

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:00 p.m.

C. SINGING OF ‘O CANADA’

The Board stood as ‘*O Canada*’ was performed by Diamond Trail Public School Choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Doug 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 Kevin Maves
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated ~~October~~ November 26, 2021 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 Dough Newton
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“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

There was no Director’s Report and Recognition.

2. Educational Showcases

There were no educational showcases.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Program and Planning Committee

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated November 30, 2021 be received.”

“That the Board of Trustees approve the boundary shown on Appendix A to transfer the Garrison Road PS Grade 1 to Grade 3 French Immersion program to McKay PS, as follows:

- All new French Immersion students registering for Grade 1 for the 2022-23 school year will attend McKay PS, with transportation; and,
- Grade 1 and Grade 2 French Immersion students currently enrolled at Garrison Road PS for the 2021-22 school year can choose to attend either Garrison Road PS or McKay PS for the 2022-23 school year, with transportation; and,

That the French Immersion program will no longer be offered at Garrison Road PS effective the last day of June 2023 and all students will be directed to McKay PS.”

“That the Diplôme D’études en Langue Française (DELF) Assessment be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel reported that due to declining enrolment, it was proposed to expand and strengthen the French Immersion(FI) program at McKay PS by directing newly enrolled students to McKay PS and allowing Grade 1 and 2 students currently enrolled at Garrison Road PS to choose McKay PS. It was reported that the FI program at Garrison Road PS will close June 2023. Trustee Schaubel shared that the Diplôme D’études en Langue Française (DELF) Assessment was presented and noted that DSBN Grade 12 students in French Immersion or Core French can challenge the DELF, at no cost. DSBN has had a success rate of 98% of those who have participated in DELF testing sessions.

Director Hoshizaki noted that the December 14, 2021 Program and Planning meeting has been cancelled.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions.

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

Director Hoshizaki noted that a former AN. Myer student, Tre Ford, has recently been named Canada's best university football player.

4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

Trustee Barnett shared that the draw tickets for the Education Foundation of Niagara "Porta Backyarda" will only be available until December 27, 2021.

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

There was no OPSBA report.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of January 2022 meetings was provided.
The January Days of Significance calendar was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Shannon Mitchell
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on December 7, 2021 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 Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

SUE BARNETT
Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI
Director of Education and Secretary