

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Private Session: 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 p.m. – 8:21 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### BOARD

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

#### STUDENT TRUSTEES

Tiya Patel, Julianna Marcel, Kya Steinbach-Parker

#### OFFICIALS

Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, Simon Hancox, Ann Gilmore, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Maryam Safdar Ali, Kim Sweeney, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

#### RECORDING SECRETARY

Jennifer McGugan

#### TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Nate Burns and 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.

#### 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 Elizabeth Klassen

“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 Oakridge Public School Choir, via video.

## **D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Lora Campbell shared a reflective reading.

## **E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Agenda be adopted as amended.”

**CARRIED**

Chair Barnett requested that the agenda be amended to include a Student Achievement Report, item G.1.  
The 2021-2022 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report.

## **2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

**Moved by Lora Campbell**

**Seconded by Kate Baggott**

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 27, 2022, 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 Alex Bradnam**

**Seconded by Kevin Maves**

“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**

There were no Director’s Recognition.

#### **b) Director’s Report**

Director Hoshizaki provided information highlights on the following:

- **Elementary Teacher Professional Development**
- **Spotlight on the Skilled Trades**

### **2. Educational Showcases**

There were no education showcases.

## G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

### 1. 2021-2022 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report

Moved by Shannon Mitchell  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the Board receive the 2021-2022 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report, dated November 8, 2022.”

**CARRIED**

Superintendents Reimer Friesen and Gilmore provided a summary of the 2021-2022 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report. Despite the challenges of a new curriculum, a new test, and disruptions in learning due to the pandemic, DSBN elementary students scored above the province in all six measures and secondary students performed above the provincial average in both the Grade 9 Math EQAO and the OSSLT. Students with special education needs and language learners performed well above the province in all cases. The EQAO and OSSLT results, along with other assessments, have informed plans that are already underway to support DSBN learners in Math and Literacy, as well as the plan for board and school improvement.

In response to questions about English Language Learners, Superintendents Reimer Friesen and Gilmore noted that the Welcome Centre, the work of Multi-Language Resource Coaches, and knowing each learner all contribute to student success.

## H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

## I. BOARD RECESS

There was no recess.

## J. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Report of the Finance Committee

Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated September 28, 2022, be received.”

“That the Award of Contracts Summary Report for the period ended August 31, 2022, be received.”

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of June, July and August 2022, totaling \$82,701,973, be received.”

“That the Annual Report on DSBN Investments, as at August 31, 2022, be received.”

“That the District School Board of Niagara provide one-time funding to the Education Foundation of Niagara in the amount of \$60,000.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Maves shared that the committee reviewed the Award of Contracts Summary Report for the period April to August 2022 of which nine contracts represent ventilation and accessibility projects at various schools and the other two contracts represent additions at Peace Bridge and Smith Public Schools. Also, presented was the Annual Report on DSBN investments noting that the last long-term investment is set to expire in October 2022 and DSBN will continue to maximize investment income through short-term investment strategies already in place. Finally, information was received on the background of funding support for the Education Foundation of Niagara.

In response to questions, Director Hoshizaki confirmed DSBN will request a report from EFN outlining how the financial support was used.

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen**  
**Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the Board enter into a 15-minute recess.”

**CARRIED**

The Board recessed at 7:34 pm. The meeting resumed at 7:45 pm. Trustees Schaubel and Bradnam did not return after the Board recess.

## **2. Report of the Program and Planning Committee**

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

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated October 4, 2022, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Beamer shared that the committee received updates on Summer Learning and the Learning Renewal support plan. Over 8000 students from kindergarten to Grade 12, including adult learners, engaged in summer learning opportunities. Also, Learning Renewal Teachers and Tutors were hired and

trained to support students in both elementary and secondary. DSBN learning recovery action plans will empower elementary and secondary schools to address critical gaps, while supporting student success.

### 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 5, 2022, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Newton provided a summary of the meeting which included an update on the annual PIC Chair Information Session for School Council Chairs, the PIC speaker series planning and upcoming presentations, the review of the DSBN’s Learning Renewal Plan, and updates about current events in schools.

### 4. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

Moved by Lora Campbell

Seconded by Kate Baggott

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated October 5, 2022, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed and approved six applications. The Committee reviewed six active cases from the previous school year and determined that five will be renewed as the students are compliant with their SAL Plan. One case will not be continued as the student has not been compliant with their plan.

### 5. Report of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee

Moved by Shannon Mitchell

Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the report of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee dated October 12, 2022, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Mitchell shared that the committee was provided with a verbal update from the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Committee on Committee membership, Working Group for Human Rights policy, and a review of the scope and intent of the community advisory committee.

During the Trustee Advisory Committee meeting, two new student initiatives were introduced, first was the launch of the DSBN Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Student Alliance, and the second was the DSBN Anti-Racism Student Conference which will be held on May 4, 2023. In addition, updates were provided on the DSBN Equity Action Plan and the School Culture Survey.

## **6. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee**

**Moved by Shannon Mitchell**

**Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated October 13, 2022, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Mitchell provided a summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, which included a presentation from a Grade 4 Jeanne Sauvé French Immersion Public School student with a learning disability, and an update about Ministry funding to support math learning for students with special learning needs, upcoming professional development, IEPs, as well as a video presentation highlighting the June 2022 DSBN Special Olympics.

## **7. Report of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee**

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen**

**Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

“That the report of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee dated November 3, 2022, be received.”

“That the DSBN Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Report be approved.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Klassen shared that the committee received an update on the Report for the new Strategic Plan 2023-28. Through the stakeholder meetings with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community partners over 1200 ideas and statements were shared, recorded, and reviewed by the working committee. The new Mission statement “Learning and Growing Together”, and the new Vision statement were developed directly from the input of stakeholders. The five Strategic Priorities are Learning and Growth; Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights; Mental Health and Well-Being; First Nation, Inuit, and Metis Education and Voice; and The Learning Environment. The Strategic Plan will be fully launched in February 2023 and will act as a foundational document that will guide decision-making, impacting the lives and future of our students, staff, families, and the wider community.

In response to questions, Director Hoshizaki noted that the working committee will continue to formalize the Strategic Plan which will be launched throughout the DSBN community in February 2023. Director Hoshizaki shared that operational plans will align with the Strategic Plan vision and mission and the impact will be reflected through staff reports and student success.

## **8. Report of the Student Trustee Senate – Verbal Report**

**Moved by Julianna Marcel**

**Seconded by Tiya Patel and Kya Steinbach-Parker**

“The verbal report of the Student Trustees be received.”

**CARRIED**

Student Trustee Steinbach-Parker provided an update on the Student Trustee Senate Retreat held on October 18, 2022, at the Walker Living Campus. Student senators engaged in team-building activities, networking, and professional development. Student Trustee Marcel shared details about subcommittee breakout discussions on equity and inclusion, communications, and student success. Student Trustee Patel provided an update on Student Trustee Governance and the OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting. OSTA-AECO is working with OPSBA on a request to the Ministry of Education to amend the Education Act to give Student Trustees the right to move and second motions. More information will be brought to the Board at the December meeting.

## **K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

In response to a question, Director Hoshizaki stated that the DSBN and Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) would be willing to partner with any municipality that determines there is a traffic hazard around a school.

## **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 received.



#### **4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON**

There were no trustee communications.

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

Trustee Baggott shared that there was an OPSBA Board of Directors meeting held on September 30, 2022, where there was learning and discussion about Truth and Reconciliation, and increased advocacy for student mental health.

#### **6. Future Meetings**

The calendars of November and December 2022 meetings were provided.

The November and December Days of Significance calendars were provided.

#### **N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING**

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Kevin Maves

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on November 8, 2022, 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**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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**SUE BARNETT**  
Chair

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**WARREN HOSHIZAKI**  
Director of Education and Secretary