

## PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



**Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
6:00 p.m.  
Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Dave Schaubel (Chair), Sue Barnett (alternate for Helga Campbell), Lora Campbell (alternate for Diane Chase), Linda Crouch, Kevin Maves

**Administration:** Paula MacKinnon, JoAnna Roberto, Michael St. John

**Guests:** Cheryl Keddy-Scott, Lisa Mooney

**Regrets:** Helga Campbell, Diane Chase, Helen McGregor

**Recording Secretary:** Terri Cook

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dave Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

***“That the agenda be approved as presented”.***

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Lora Campbell

**CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

***“That the minutes of the November 7, 2017 Program and Planning Committee meeting be approved as presented”.***

Moved by Linda Crouch, Seconded by Kevin Maves

**CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Chair Schaubel asked if there was business arising from the minutes, and there was none.

**NEW BUSINESS****Educational Research Committee**

Superintendent Paula MacKinnon updated the Committee on one newly proposed research project.

Proposal: ***The Development of Young Children's Spatial Reasoning and its Role in Mathematics Learning*** (also known as Math for Young Children) - Principal Investigator: Dr. Cathy Bruce, Professor, Dean of Education, Trent University. Spatial reasoning is a predictor of mathematics achievement and is relied upon across the mathematics curriculum yet very little is known about how to explicitly support children's spatial reasoning. The research project is supported by an Instructional Coach who will work with a few schools' elementary teachers and students (JK-Gr 1), through interview and survey. The project is designed as a component to a professional learning cycle of inquiry.

Moved by Kevin Maves, Seconded by Sue Barnett

***"That the report of the Educational Research Committee of November 16, 2017 be received".***

CARRIED

**2018-2019 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars**

Superintendent Michael St. John reviewed the 2018-2019 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars report for the Committee and provided a summary of the process in creating the School Year Calendar. The calendar is aligned with Ministry of Education Act 304 and provides 194 school days which includes seven Professional Activity days – three are designated as mandatory provincial priority days and four are Board designated Professional Activity days. The calendar aligns 100% in every aspect with our coterminous Board which is of great benefit with respect to our transportation consortium.

Moved by Linda Crouch, Seconded by Sue Barnett

***"That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars - 2018-2019 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education by May 1, 2018."***

CARRIED

**Secondary School Program Review for the Current School Year 2017-18**

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendent Paula MacKinnon on behalf of Superintendent Helen McGregor in her absence, to review the report with the Committee. She reported that all five program areas were 100% successful in meeting the minimum requirements for their program area. There is a net decrease of 38 courses across all 17 secondary schools. Arts and Canada & World Studies have the greatest decrease and English has the greatest increase. Some of the decrease is impacted by the change/removal of Ministry course codes, courses with new curriculum offerings and student interest changes. Overall, DSNB continues to provide a wide range of course offerings for students participating in all destination pathways.

As requested, clarification will be shared at the Board meeting with further details regarding the statistics of courses running in 2017-18 compared to 2016-17 with respect to particular courses cancelled, new courses and combined courses. Information will be shared about the course offerings this year at the new Greater Fort Erie Secondary School compared to what was offered the previous year at Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School.

Moved by Lora Campbell, Seconded by Linda Crouch

***“That the Board receive the Secondary School Program Review for the Current School Year 2017-18”.***

CARRIED

### **Secondary School Program Review for the Subsequent School Year 2018-19**

Superintendent MacKinnon reviewed the report with the Committee. In the fall of 2017, data is gathered in collaboration with principals, superintendents of Area 7 schools and the student achievement leader (9-12) to make a determination based on Board-wide trends, about what course offerings are going to be available for students to select from. The majority of increases and decreases in course offerings that students can select from are as a result of changes to curriculum course codes. Net course offerings will increase by a total of 23 courses across the 17 schools. Overall, DSNB has met the minimum requirements and maintained the breadth of program offerings to meet the students’ learning needs.

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Linda Crouch

***“That the Board receive the Secondary School Program Review for the Subsequent School Year 2018 -19”.***

CARRIED

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair asked if there was any other business and there was none.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Grimsby Lincoln Room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Lora Campbell, Seconded by Kevin Maves

***“That the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee adjourn”.***

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.