

## PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
5:30 p.m.  
Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Trustee Committee Members: Dave Schaubel (Chair), Shannon Mitchell, Lora Campbell (for Nancy Beamer), Kevin Maves, Jonathan Fast

Trustee Guests: Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education  
JoAnna Roberto, Supt. of Curriculum and Student Achievement  
Wes Hahn, Supt. of Special Education  
Helen McGregor, Supt. of Curriculum & Student Achievement (9-12)  
Marien Reimer Friesen, Superintendent of  
Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business

Recording Secretary: Debra Dinga, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Nancy Beamer

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Trustee Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

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

**CARRIED**

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Elementary School Boundary Change Report – E.I. McCulley and Carleton Schools**

Superintendents Stacy Veld and Marian Reimer Friesen presented the Elementary School Boundary Change Report for E.I. McCulley and Carleton Schools.

Superintendent Veld explained that enrollment and accommodation pressures at E.I. McCulley have resulted in the need for a boundary change to reduce the school's capacity which is currently projected to exceed 120-130% in the next five years. Superintendent Veld also noted that the proposed boundary change does not create misalignment with any secondary schools as these schools are both boundaried to Laura Secord Secondary School.

Superintendent Reimer Friesen noted that these two schools are both K to 8 schools which are in close proximity to each other. A boundary change provides a desirable and natural solution that will have good uptake and produce a decline in population at E.I. McCulley. Carleton School is well situated to receive additional students as they have useable classroom spaces as well as available furniture and supplies for the increased student population. This is a positive step for both schools and a change that families can naturally embrace while allowing us to welcome more new families and appropriately direct kindergarten students toward their new school for September.

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Maves

***“That the Board of Trustees approve the elementary boundary changes to transfer Zone A, as shown on Appendix C, from E.I. McCulley P.S. to Carleton P.S. and,***

***That the approved boundary changes take effect on the day after the Board of Trustees approval and apply to all future students in Zone A, except existing E.I. McCulley P.S. JK to Grade 7 students in Zone A, as described in this report, which are grandfathered from the boundary changes and have the option to attend either school; and,***

***That the school boundaries be updated accordingly.”***

**CARRIED**

#### **School Screening Association Report**

Superintendent Wes Hahn presented an overview of the School Screening Association (SSA) Report. He noted that hearing and vision problems can go undetected affecting overall student achievement. The SSA, a non-profit organization, can provide JK to Gr. 8 students with professional in-school hearing and vision screening clinics which require minimal school administration of the program.

Screening results provide valuable feedback to classroom teachers, administration and parents in order to make student accommodations as well as provide referrals where applicable.

There is no cost for schools and families are asked for a small fee of \$15 to cover the cost of the hearing screening. However, no student is prevented from participating due to lack of funds. Free clinics can also be arranged. It is expected that it will take one full year to work through DSBN schools.

Moved by Trustee Maves, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

***“That the School Screening Association Report be approved.”***

**CARRIED**

**Research Committee Report**

Superintendent JoAnna Roberto presented an overview of the Educational Research Committee's Proposal Report and Summaries from September 11, 2019 and October 15, 2019.

Two proposals were highlighted:

- Niagara Pilot of the Middle Years Development Instrument  
– for Gr. 4-7 student participation in all DSBN schools– as proposed by Dr. Amanda Sherman, District School Board of Niagara and Natalie Edgar, Niagara Region Children's Services
- Impact of One-to-One Classroom Technology using the EDWIN Suite on Middle Performance  
– for 300 DSBN Gr. 7/8 students as proposed by Dr. Christine Porter, Independent Research Director and Educational Consultant

Moved by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Maves

***"That the Educational Research Committee of September 11, 2019 and October 15, 2019 be received."***

**CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Grimsby Lincoln Room at the Education Centre.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Mitchell , seconded by Trustee Campbell

***"That the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee adjourn."***

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.