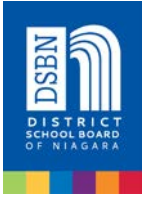


## PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Tuesday, February 2, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual - MS Teams

## MINUTES

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### **Present:**

Trustee Committee Members: Nancy Beamer, Jonathan Fast, Shannon Mitchell and Dave Schaubel (Chair)

Trustee Guests: Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam, Elizabeth Klassen and Doug Newton  
Student Trustee: Karina Tavernese

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education  
John Dickson, Superintendent of Education, Elementary  
Helen McGregor, Area 5 Supt. of Curriculum & Student Achievement (9-12)  
Marian Reimer Friesen, Area 4 Supt. of Education, Curriculum & Student Achievement (K-8)  
Mary Anne Gage, Area 4 Supt. of Education, Curriculum & Student Achievement (K-12)

Recording Secretary: Debra Dinga, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Kevin Maves, Trustee

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Fast

***"That the agenda be approved as presented."***

**CARRIED**

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS****2021 – 2022 School Year Calendar** – *Superintendent, John Dickson*

Superintendent Dickson, explained that each year the School Year Calendar is brought forward for approval as per Reg. 304 which requires the preparation and submission of the School Year Calendar to the Ministry of Education for Ministry approval.

DSBN would like to present a modified 2021-22 school year calendar to the Ministry of Education as the Education Act does permit a School Board to designate a school year and school holidays different from those prescribed by the Ministry. DSBN proposes designating two Professional Activity Days at the beginning of September, (Sept. 1 & 2, 2021) to prepare for the new school year. Also, December 24<sup>th</sup> would be designated as a board holiday and the two-week Winter Break would be moved from December 20-31, 2021 to December 27, 2021 – January 7, 2022

Therefore, the 2021-2022 school year will run from September 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022 with 194 school days and includes seven professional activity days. The calendar was vetted through the calendar committee with both the Elementary and Secondary calendars meeting all the requirements and regulations of The Ministry of Education.

Moved by Trustee Bradnam, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

***“That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2021-2022 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education.”***

**CARRIED**

**Forest of Reading Update** - *Superintendents, Mary Anne Gage & Helen McGregor*

Superintendent Gage shared that The Forest of Reading program is the largest recreational reading program in Canada where children and young adult select the winners by voting on their favourite books. For elementary students, the program encourages a love of reading for all ages and promotes family engagement and early literacy for our youngest readers. Forest of Reading continues to be a valuable opportunity for all DSBN students. Different than in previous years, the DSBN has adapted the approach for continued participation in Forest of Reading in a virtual environment that utilizes many e-books in all categories to support instruction and reading for enjoyment and includes opportunities for asynchronous book club discussions and synchronous book club meetings with author visits and real time discussions facilitated by dedicated student ambassadors and educator champions.

Superintendent McGregor explained that in DSBN Secondary Schools students are able to participate virtually in Forest of Reading in both English and French this year.

Video clips were presented highlighting two secondary students' impressions and reviews of their student-selected books they had independently studied for #DSBNreads in Spring of 2020.

The Forest of Reading event will conclude with a week-long culminating celebration entitled "A Week in the Forest" virtual events during the first week of May.

Moved by Trustee Fast, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

***"That the Forest of Reading Update be received."***

**CARRIED**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Fast, seconded by Trustee Beamer

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.