

## PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Tuesday, January 12, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual - MS Teams

### MINUTES

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#### **Present:**

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

Trustee Guests: Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam, Doug Newton  
Student Trustees: Kelee Howell and Sharma Salony

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education  
Helen McGregor, Area 5 Supt. of Curriculum & Student Achievement (9-12)  
Leanne Smith, 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)

Guests: Lisa Nazar, Principal, DSBN Academy;  
Jill Russell, Consultant OYAP, Communications, Computer, Robotics Technologies and Technology Design, Healthcare, Hairstyling and Aesthetics;  
Roy Smith, Consultant Technology & SHSM, Construction, Transportation, Horticulture, Culinary, Baking, Manufacturing and Welding.

Recording Secretary: Debra Dinga, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Trustee, Jonathan Fast

#### **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 Maves, seconded by Trustee Beamer

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

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS****DSBN Academy Presentation** – *Superintendent, Helen McGregor & Principal, Lisa Nazar*

Lisa Nazar provided an update of the DSBN Academy from a secondary perspective and reflected on the Academy's inception in October 2010, its opening in 2011 with the anticipated 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022.

Statistics indicate that the work done at the DSBN Academy has helped to close first generation student learning and achievement gaps through tireless and consistent staff and community support. The Mission, Vision and Values are integral strategies that are foundational in inspiring and enriching students to engage and achieve success at the Academy. As well, the commitment to regional transportation is a significant asset to Academy students in their ability to continually attend DSBN Academy regardless of where they reside in the Niagara Region. The impact of the Academy is evident through the success of four graduating classes as they were able to apply, be accepted and some students have already graduated from an extensive list of post-secondary institutions.

Several student success stories were shared highlighting the tremendous impact students have experienced during their time at DSBN Academy. Student stories included examples of happiness and gratitude in choosing to attend DSBN Academy; overcoming struggles and challenges through intensive intentional support and perseverance and their plans and aspirations of attending college or university. As well, students received support from caring adults who rallied around them to complete secondary school and gave guidance when completing their student profiles and were provided support during a very special time of applying for post-secondary entrances, bursaries and scholarships.

The stories of overcoming barriers, discovering interests and passions and realizing the potential to achieve goals of obtaining a post-secondary education were just a few examples of the positive outcomes students gained through the unique opportunity to attend DSBN Academy.

Currently DSBN Academy is striving to maintain a positive school culture through the continued implementation of effective strategies, even during a pandemic, to engage and inspire their students toward their goals and dreams.

Moved by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Beamer

***"That the DSBN Academy Report be received."***

**CARRIED**

**Technology Program Update** - *Superintendent, Leanne Smith with Jill Russell & Roy Smith*

Technology Consultants, Jill Russell and Roy Smith provided updates of the OYAP and SHSM programs. This included many creative virtual opportunities for students to experience technology both in-class and online to engage students in technology and the skilled trades. Some of the events targeted under-represented groups such as women in trades and Indigenous students.

Highlights included the Young Women's Conference, an Indigenous student activity of building model Metis Red River Cart kits while learning about entrepreneur opportunities, and a new series called "Tech Talks". Roy Smith stressed the importance of Skills Challenges that sharpens and expands students' skills using industry standard equipment. This will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of Challenges with this year's provincial competitions taking place in virtual environments. New community partnerships were highlighted through the Dig It program and Home Build.

The presentation concluded with a viewing of the new Dig It and Home Build videos.

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Maves

***"That the Technology Program Update be received."***

**CARRIED**

**Menstrual Equity Report** - *Superintendent, Leanne Smith*

Superintendent Smith shared details of DSBN's Menstrual Equity initiative that aims to remove barriers faced by those who are unable to access or afford hygiene products. DSBN's plan ensures that free menstrual products are made available in every elementary and secondary school. Posters and labels are posted in each schools to help students identify where free products can be obtained. Dispensing units will be installed in every DSBN school by the end of January 2021.

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Barnett

***"That the Menstrual Equity Report be received."***

**CARRIED**

**Secondary Programming Update** - *Superintendents, Leanne Smith & Helen McGregor*

Superintendents Smith and McGregor shared an overview of the secondary return to school in semester 1 and the plans for semester 2. DSBN continues to reassess and explore ways to improve student learning safely while engaging students and providing as many opportunities and experiences closer to conventional learning and normal school experiences. Stakeholders are consulted regularly in addition to weekly conversations with Niagara Region Public Health

Moved by Trustee Maves, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

***“That the Secondary Programming Update be received.”***

**CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Beamer

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.