

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Tuesday, June 1, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual - MS Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Trustee Committee Members: Nancy Beamer, Doug Newton for Kevin Maves, Jonathan Fast, Shannon Mitchell and Dave Schaubel (Chair)

Trustee Guests: Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam
Student Trustees: Salony Sharma and Karina Tavernese

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education
Helen McGregor, Area 5 Supt. of Curriculum & Student Achievement (9-12)
Mary Anne Gage, Area 4 Supt. of Education, Curriculum & Student Achievement (K-12)
Simon Hancox, Area 1 Supt. of Education
Marian Reimer Friesen, Area 4 Supt. of Education, Curriculum & Student Achievement (K-8)
Leanne Smith, Area 6 Supt. of Curriculum & Student Achievement
Michael St. John, Supt. of Special Education & Mental Health and Well-Being

Guests: Roy Smith, Consultant – Technology and SHSM

Recording Secretary: Trish Beaudoin, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Kevin Maves

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 Newton, 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**Summer Learning Programs and Support** – *Superintendents, Leanne Smith, Mary Anne Gage and Michael St. John*

Superintendent Gage shared that the DSBN is offering summer learning opportunities for students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 who would benefit most from three weeks of literacy and numeracy learning. The Summer HEAT program will run in person at thirteen schools for three weeks in July. Niagara Nutrition Partners have offered to supply all thirteen Summer Heat sites with nutritional food items that will be available to all students. As well, DSBN students in grades 5 to 8 will have four programs to help further their knowledge in literacy, numeracy, and technology skills through a project-based program. This is a non-credit program and it will be offered in two three-week sessions for either in-person or remote learning.

Superintendent Smith shared that the DSBN will be offering two Summer School sessions at two main sites. Students can choose to register for in-person or eLearning credits. A variety of programs are available including new credits, credit recovery, bootcamp, cooperative learning and Summer Link (dual credit with Niagara College). Adult programs are also available including a summer entry PSW program. New this year is a Cooking Challenge, that is offered as a reach ahead credit. There are over 1200 registrations for summer learning as of June 1st, 2021.

Superintendent St. John presented that the DSBN Special Education team will be offering elementary and secondary summer programs in-person to focus on social skills, transitions, and technology for students with learning needs. Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) will be supported through a variety of programs that will focus on social skills through problem solving, play and movement.

The Mental Health and Well-Being Team will be offering summer help to both elementary and secondary students through the summer. DSBN social workers will provide individual students and families support to help re-engage students with attendance concerns.

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

“That the Summer Learning Programs and Support Report be received.”

CARRIED

Specialist High Skills Major Update - *Superintendent, Leanne Smith, and Roy Smith Consultant*

Superintendent Smith along with Roy Smith, Consultant – Technology and SHSM provided an update on the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program. DSBN has offered SHSM programs for over 15 years with 1,400 students enrolled. This year 500 students will graduate with their red seal in June. DSBN is excited to add four new programs in the fall: Agriculture at Westlane Secondary, Transportation at A.N. Myer and Construction at Laura Secord Secondary and St. Catharine’s Collegiate. DSBN has been awarded additional funding to add 22 new sections for Technology and Cooperative Education that will support student enrollment and increase

SHSM completion rates. DSBN continues to be a leader in providing student opportunities to develop their skills, innovation, entrepreneurship, and creativity.

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Fast

“That the Specialist High Skills Major Update be received.”

CARRIED

Software Application for Student Use Privacy and Security - Superintendent, Simon Hancox

Superintendent Hancox explained that the DSBN Application and Security Task Force (APS) was formed to review current practices in place to review privacy and security standards for software applications for student use. The task force includes members from: Information Technology, Special Education, curriculum, legal department and both elementary and secondary administrators. The directive of the committee is to develop a more efficient process to assess educational software and applications to ensure they have pedagogical value and are in compliance with privacy legislation. The committee also aimed to create a process that is user friendly for school, central staff and for parents. The task force has developed a Web-Portal, so educators have easy access to applications that are Board approved for students to use and can request a review of new applications for approval. The committee has also created an efficient parental consent form with a link for parents to see the approved applications their child(ren) can use.

Moved by Trustee Newton, seconded by Trustee Fast

“That the Software Application for Student Use Privacy and Security Report be received.”

CARRIED

Virtual Art Show - Superintendent, Helen McGregor and Marian Reimer Friesen

Superintendents Reimer Friesen and McGregor presented the DSBN Virtual Art Show. DSBN annually displays elementary and secondary student’s art at the DSBN Education Centre. This year three different Virtual Art Shows were launched on the DSBN Website to showcase the creativity and skills of our students. The Elementary Virtual Art Show Webpage had approximately over 2,100 pieces of art that was displayed in the month of May. In secondary, the Off the Wall Art Show took place at the end of March with over 100 students, teachers, and community members in attendance. The Grad Art Show was held on June 10th and celebrated artwork from this year’s graduating students across DSBN Secondary Schools.

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Beamer

“That the Virtual Art Show Report be received.”

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Fast

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.