

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Tuesday, May 4, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual - MS Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Trustee Committee Members: Nancy Beamer, Kevin Maves, Doug Newton for 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)
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)
Stacy Veld, Supt. Of Business Services & Board Treasurer

Guests: Jill Russell, Secondary Consultant

Recording Secretary: Trish Beaudoin, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Jonathnan 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 Beamer, seconded by Trustee Maves

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS**Elementary and Secondary Boundary Changes – Holloway Bay Road, Fort Erie and Port Colborne Municipal Boundary** – Superintendent, Stacy Veld

Superintendent Veld brought forward a request to change the municipal boundary line between Fort Erie and Port Colborne that runs along Holloway Bay Road. This is a rural area outside of the urban areas of Fort Erie and Port Colborne with few rural residences that reside for the most part on the south side of Highway 3.

Niagara Student Transportation has stated that this boundary change will decrease ride times and will maximize the number of students on a vehicle travelling to school. This will also decrease the requests to attend an alternate school, as families prefer to have their children attend the same school as their neighbours across the road.

The proposed boundary change will bring into consideration the school environment, will increase transportation efficiency and will bring coherence to this rural area regarding the boundary situation at the Fort Erie and Port Colborne municipality line.

Moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Maves

“That the Board of Trustees approve the elementary boundary change to transfer the area shown as Zone A on Appendix B from Dewitt Carter PS to Stevensville PS; and,

Transfer the area shown as Zone B on Appendix B from Dewitt Carter PS to John Brandt PS; and,

Transfer the areas shown as Zone A and Zone B from Port Colborne HS to Greater Fort Erie SS; and,

That the approved boundary changes take effect on the day after the Board of Trustees approval and apply to all future students in Zones A and B. Existing Dewitt Carter PS students in Zone B, as described in this report, are grandfathered from the boundary changes and have the option to attend either elementary, and later secondary, school; and,

That the school boundaries be updated accordingly.”

CARRIED

Try A Trade Report - Superintendent, Mary Anne Gage and Jill Russell

Superintendent Gage along with Jill Russell, Consultant - OYAP & Technological Education presented the “Try A Trade” program. Try A Trade was created to give grade 7 and 8 students an awareness of the trades and apprenticeship programs that are available to them in secondary schools.

Students were given five different activities to choose from that are connected to a skilled trade: Baking, Carpentry, Automotive Services, Instrumentation and Control and Electricity. Each student was provided a kit that had an activity sheet and the tools and supplies needed to complete their activity at home.

This was very successful with over 960 grade 7 and 8 students signing up and receiving kits. DSBN learned through a combination of interviews and surveys, that students felt more informed about skill trades and cooperative education with the majority interested in taking these courses in secondary school.

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Newton

“That the Try A Trade Report be received.”

CARRIED

Music Monday Report - Superintendent, Marian Reimer Friesen and Helen McGregor

Superintendents McGregor and Reimer Friesen shared our DSBN Music Monday virtual project. DSBN participates in Music Monday every year and wanted to ensure safety protocols didn't stop our students from enjoying the opportunity to participate in a shared music experience.

This year Laura Secord students in the District of Niagara Arts Program created music and wrote lyrics to a song they called “Music Lives Within Me”. This song is about the importance of music in our lives and the ability it has to bring us together. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 recorded themselves singing this song and staff used the individual videos to create a virtual chorus. The video was shared at the meeting and has been shared with the community on our DSBN website and social media. Special thanks go to the Teachers and Consultants for their collaboration to create this Music Monday experience for students of DSBN.

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Maves

“That the Music Monday Report be received.”

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Beamer, seconded by Trustee Mitchell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.