

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Education Centre

St. Catharines

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. [Private Session]

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. [Public Session]

A G E N D A

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory
2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Motion to Move to Committee of the Whole (Private Session)
2. Motion to Return to Open Board (Public Meeting)

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

Forestview Public School boys' choir will sing 'O Canada', via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Lora Campbell

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Pages 6-19

Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated April 12, 2016 be confirmed as submitted.”

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole

Recommended Motion:

“That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.”

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director’s Report and Recognition

W Hoshizaki
Pages 20-25

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

- a) Director’s Recognition – Albino Pereira, Program Leader for Physical Education, Eden High School
- b) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

- a) Outdoor Education Programming
 - b) “Sound of Music” presentation by Orchard Park Public School
- P MacKinnon
J Roberto

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

S Veld
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Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1712 to 1728, for the month of March 2016 totaling \$18,981,797.03 be received.”

2. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J Ajandi / D Robinson
Pages 27-58

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated April 14, 2016 be received.”

3. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

J Dubé / K Hilborn
Pages 59-63

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated April 19, 2016 be received.”

4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

K Maves
Pages 64-77

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated April 20, 2016 be received”; and

“That the low bid received from Serianni Construction, in the amount of \$906,700 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for the new main entrance and parking improvements project at Governor Simcoe Secondary School; and

That staff be directed to enter into a three-year contract with Lenovo for the provision of Chromebooks classroom technology, with an expiry date of January 17, 2019, with the option to extend the contract for three additional one-year periods;" and

That the Interim Financial Report for the period ending February 29, 2016, be received."

5. REPORT OF THE AD HOC STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (handout)

H Campbell

Recommended Motion:

"That the report of the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Advisory Committee dated April 26, 2016 be received and the recommendation adopted."

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

Recommended Motion:

"That Board By-Law R-7 and R-8.2 be amended as follows:

Delegations

R - 7 Such notice shall be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 12:00 noon of the ~~Tuesday~~ **Wednesday** prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. Before acceptance is granted, the Secretary shall confer with the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson to agree on the urgency of the request and the manner of effecting the necessary arrangements.

R - 8.2 To reduce the possibility of any misunderstanding, written copies of presentations must be received by the Director's Office by **noon on the Thursday prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend** ~~the morning of the Board meeting~~. Failure to do so would result in not speaking at that Board meeting."

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Session

No information session scheduled.

3. Correspondence and Communications

- a) Correspondence from Bluewater District School Board
- b) Correspondence to the Ministry of Education re: Math AQ

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4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

J Ajandi

6. Future Meetings

The May and June calendars are attached.

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N. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

"That this meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned."

**April 26, 2016 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions—Albino Pereira, Program Leader for Physical Education, Eden High School

A student/athlete graduate of Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School, Albino Pereira, went on to honour his coaches and mentors by becoming a teacher and coach himself. Albino began teaching at Eden High School in 1988. Since then, Eden's Program Leader for Physical Education has coached the Eden Senior Boys' volleyball team to an unprecedented nine OFSAA titles, the longest streak in OFSAA volleyball history. This father of three's, dedication to sport and building community also extends to the coaching of the Eden Senior Girls' volleyball team and the Niagara Rapids. In 2010, Albino was named the St. Catharines Sports person of the Year.

Albino has a reputation of being both a skilled teacher and an accomplished coach who is revered by colleagues and students as being a gentle, fair, and skilled mentor who never loses his temper. As a program leader and athletic coordinator for the school, this master organizer coordinates buses and referee fees for all Eden sports teams and knows exactly what is going on in the realm of Eden sports at all times.

In addition to full time teaching and countless hours of coaching, his lunch time is spent volunteering to supervise the gym so that students can play the sports they love. Eden student, Tom Whitty, sums up just how important Albino has been to Eden and the Niagara sports community: "It's amazing how much a person can affect your life. In sports, one of the most important aspects is the coach. It can make or break a love for the game. For myself and I'm sure many others, Albino Pereira aka Mr. P, made volleyball so much more than a sport! Although his winning ways have remained consistent for the past decade, he shouldn't just be remembered for that. We will choose to remember the countless hours spent in the gym coaching us, road trips to tournaments, and especially the time put in for fundraising. In the summer alone, he spends five hours a day, five days a week, for eight weeks running volleyball camps to make it possible for us to play. That's 200 hours of his spare time! He does all of this hard work for kids like me, who want to become great teammates and outstanding individuals. As Mr. Pereira retires at the end of this year I want everyone to know how kind hearted, caring, driven and passionate he is, because to me he is so much more than the best coach, he's a friend and a hero."

Albino has left a legacy of success at Eden and he will be greatly missed when he retires at the end of this year. Rumour has it that he may still be seen in the gym next fall - let's hope so!

Albino, you are most deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions! Congratulations!

Local

Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair



DSBN students once again had an excellent showing at the recent Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair. A list of all the DSBN students who participated in this Fair is attached for your information.

A Grimsby Secondary School student won *Best in Fair*. As well, three DSBN students, two from Grimsby SS and one from Sir Winston Churchill SS will represent Niagara at the Canada Wide Science Fair to take place in Montreal, Quebec in May.

Congratulations to these students on their outstanding accomplishments so far and we wish them continued success.

Students Interested in STEM

James Morden Public School started a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Club this year. Approximately 20 students in grades four through seven have joined the STEM club and are eager to work collaboratively to complete projects and experiments and to learn more about STEM careers. Club members meet every Tuesday after school to tackle a variety of education projects that encourage problem solving and critical thinking skills.



Leader in Me

On April 19th, Ruby Hill, a grade five student at Port Weller Public School was the opening speaker at the *Annual International Leader in Me Symposium* in Toronto. She spoke to hundreds of participants from all over North America about the impact that *Leader in Me* has had on her and Port Weller Public School so far.

Congratulations to Ruby who did an outstanding job and made the whole Port Weller school community, and the DSBN, proud!

2016 DSBN Science Fair Student Award Winners			
Canadian Forces Reserves – The Lincoln and Welland Regiment Award			
Johnny Meyer	Peyton Stonier	Gloves that glow	Gordon Public Elementary School
Isaac Bandi	Cooper MacJanet	Comment est-qu'on ameliore les temps de reaction? How can we improve reaction time?	Gordon Public Elementary School
Nicolaas Doyle		Microporous Silicon as an Alternative Battery Electrode	Grimsby Secondary School
Ridley College Engineering Award			
Johnny Meyer	Peyton Stonier	Gloves that glow	Gordon Public Elementary School
Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario (ETFO)			
Grace Rotchill		Water, What Are You Hiding?	Gordon Public Elementary School
Cameron Stapleton	Quinn Bendlis	La brosse-change	Gordon Public Elementary School
Keerthana Srikanth		Antioxidant Activity in Grains in Comparison to Fruits	Jacob Beam Public Elementary School
Aaron Friesen		ShamWow or ScamWow?	Power Glen Public Elementary School
Brock University Earth Science Award			
Riley Schellenberg		Riches Of The Ocean: 4 Steps	Lakeview Public Elementary School
Brock University Social Sciences Award			
Helen Qin		Examining Habitual Weight Training Behaviour as a Moderator of Psychobiological Responses to an Acute Social Evaluative Body Image Threat in University Men	Eden High Secondary School
Brock University Biology Award			
Amy Oliver		Experiments in Controlled Lipid Oxidation; Finding a Purpose for Vitamin E	Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School
Brock University Chemistry Award			
Dylan Perera		Synthesis of Bola-Lipids: Hunting for Lipid-Binding Proteins	A. N. Myer Secondary School
Brock University Physics Award			
Arrin Falk-Dotan		Instrumented Oarlock	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Ontario Institute of Agrology, Niagara Branch			
Ashley Spence		Improving the Methods of Detection and DNA Isolation of E. coli and S. aureus Bacteria in Milk	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Water Environmental Association of Ontario (WEAO)			
Kate Druzina		Glacé	Gordon Public Elementary School
Mancuso Chemical Award			
Dylan Perera		Synthesis of Bola-Lipids: Hunting for Lipid-Binding Proteins	A. N. Myer Secondary School
Statistical Science Award			
Senbo Fan		Correlation Testing For the Caribou Contests	A. N. Myer Secondary School

Niagara Electrical Association Award			
Johnny Meyer	Peyton Stonier	Gloves that glow	Gordon Public Elementary School
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			
Abbie Hebert	Amelia Upper	Is There A Way To Restore Plants After Being In Climate Change Conditions	Valley Way Public Elementary School
Canadian Federation of University Women - St. Catharines			
Ashley Spence		Improving the Methods of Detection and DNA Isolation of E. coli and S. aureus Bacteria in Milk	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Marijane Doyle Award			
Lucas Penny		Salivary microRNAs as a Novel Tool for Microfluidic Detection of Breast Cancer	Grimsby Secondary School
LifeLabs Award			
Cleo Tsakiridis		Effects of Music on Heart Rate and Blood Pressure During Exercise	Lakeview Public Elementary School
Ontario Horticulture Association - District 9			
Jordyn Parkes		Does wifi effect plants	Gordon Public Elementary School
Riley Hanna		Tantalizing Tomatoes	Power Glen Public Elementary School
Abbie Hebert	Amelia Upper	Is There A Way To Restore Plants After Being In Climate Change Conditions	Valley Way Public Elementary School
Hatch			
Lucas Penny		Salivary microRNAs as a Novel Tool for Microfluidic Detection of Breast Cancer	Grimsby Secondary School
CEO Niagara Chapter: Consulting Engineers of Ontario Award			
Nicolaas Doyle		Microporous Silicon as an Alternative Battery Electrode	Grimsby Secondary School
Arrin Falk-Dotan		Instrumented Oarlock	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
IEEE Prize for Basic Electricity and Magnetism			
Nicolaas Doyle		Microporous Silicon as an Alternative Battery Electrode	Grimsby Secondary School
Daniel Genkin		The Study of the Second Law of Thermodynamincs	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Club Richelieu Niagara Falls			
Taylor McCrae	Kassie Madsen	Les Vers de Farine Assistants Environnementaux	Gordon Public Elementary School
Gallea Environmental Award			
Abbie Hebert	Amelia Upper	Is There A Way To Restore Plants After Being In Climate Change Conditions	Valley Way Public Elementary School
James Draper Memorial Award			
Kyle Davis		Rankin Construction Submersible ROV	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

Vineland Research and Innovation Centre			
Keerthana Srikanth		Antioxidant Activity in Grains in Comparison to Fruits	Jacob Beam Public Elementary School
Dheiksha Jayasankar		Fruit-tricity: The Electric Potential of Rotten Fruits	Power Glen Public Elementary School
Athena Liu		Acid Rain-Its Effect on Plants	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Madeleine Pollock		Analysis of the Stony Hard Gene in Various Peach Cultivars and their Expressions of Various Marker Genes	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
University of Guelph Plant Science Award			
Athena Liu		Acid Rain-Its Effect on Plants	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Madeleine Pollock		Analysis of the Stony Hard Gene in Various Peach Cultivars and their Expressions of Various Marker Genes	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Niagara Peninsula Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association			
Riley Hanna		Tantalizing Tomatoes	Power Glen Public Elementary School
Ontario Tender Fruit Marketing Board			
Brandon Di Maurizio		G-force and Drop Height Correlation on Tender Fruit	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Professional Engineers of Ontario			
Nicolaas Doyle		Microporous Silicon as an Alternative Battery Electrode	Grimsby Secondary School
Kyle Davis		Rankin Construction Submersible ROV	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
A.E. Howey Physics			
Daniel Genkin		The Study of the Second Law of Thermodynamics	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
CATEGORY AWARDS (CERTIFICATES, MEDALLIONS)			
Riley Schellenberg		Riches Of The Ocean: 4 Steps	Lakeview Public Elementary School
Dylan Perera		Synthesis of Bola-Lipids: Hunting for Lipid-Binding Proteins	A. N. Myer Secondary School
Amy Oliver		Experiments in Controlled Lipid Oxidation; Finding a Purpose for Vitamin E	Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School
Kyle Davis		Rankin Construction Submersible ROV	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Ashley Spence		Improving the Methods of Detection and DNA Isolation of E. coli and S. aureus Bacteria in Milk	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School
Secondary School: Vale Award			
		Grimsby Secondary School	
Brock Entrance Scholarships (3)			
Amy Oliver		Experiments in Controlled Lipid Oxidation; Finding a Purpose for Vitamin E	Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School

Ontario Power Generation Trophy			
Dheiksha Jayasankar		Fruit-tricity: The Electric Potential of Rotten Fruits	Power Glen Public Elementary School
Niagara College Trophy			
Nicolaas Doyle		Microporous Silicon as an Alternative Battery Electrode	Grimsby Secondary School
Brock Faculty of Mathematics and Science Award			
Lucas Penny		Salivary microRNAs as a Novel Tool for Microfluidic Detection of Breast Cancer	Grimsby Secondary School
Canada Wide Science Festival Award (Team)			
Nicolaas Doyle		Microporous Silicon as an Alternative Battery Electrode	Grimsby Secondary School
Lucas Penny		Salivary microRNAs as a Novel Tool for Microfluidic Detection of Breast Cancer	Grimsby Secondary School
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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Background and Rationale:

The Summary of Accounts is regularly presented to the Trustees in order to disclose the Board expenditures paid during the previous month. The Summary highlights the costs associated with employee benefits, transportation, utilities, and the total of all other non-salary expenditures.

Summary of Accounts:

A summary of accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1712 to 1728, for the month of March 2016, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 10,566,622.98
Transportation	1,988,793.77
Utilities	1,073,834.25
Other	<u>5,352,546.03</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,981,797.03</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1712 to 1728, for the month of March 2016, totaling \$18,981,797.03 be received.”

Supporting Data:

A computer listing of all cheques and electronic fund transfers, issued by the Board for the month of March 2016, will be in the Director's office during the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of April 26, 2016

For further information, please contact Stacy Veld or the Director of Education.



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April 13, 2016

Donna Howard, Executive Director
Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA)
3 Concorde Gate, Suite 204
Toronto, ON
M3C 3N7

Dear Donna Howard:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Bluewater District School Board, I am sending this letter to bring to your attention the following motion that was passed at our Regular Meeting of the Board on March 22, 2016:

Moved by D. Mason, Seconded by J. Thomson

THAT Bluewater District School Board write to the Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) requesting that OFSAA undertake a review of the exceptions allowed under the current regulations in regards to transferring student athletes between schools, and as part of this review reach out to student athletes, parents, coaches and school board trustees and school board officials for input, and further,

THAT the letter when written be copied to all school board chairs in Ontario.

We believe that the current OFSAA Transfer Policy, which does not allow students to resume involvement in their chosen athletics for a period of twelve months when transferring from one secondary school to another, to be restrictive and discouraging of student participation in school sports activities. It is our understanding that the policy was initially implemented to prevent schools from recruiting 'star' student athletes from each other. While we recognize the importance of ensuring that schools are not 'stacking their teams' so to speak, our concern is that such a blanket policy negatively impacts the broader student population by limiting participation in sports activities that can only serve to enhance student mental and physical health. We feel that the current policy exemptions are onerous and potentially problematic, especially for those students who are changing schools for very private reasons but must produce ample personal documentation as proof. The current policy also poses challenges for rural boards such as ours, where students may choose to transfer schools to access course offerings not available at their home schools.

Our board encourages OFSAA to undertake a review of this matter in consultation with its education stakeholders, which may result in a less restrictive and more balanced policy, thus enabling a greater inclusion of student athletes in school sports.

As always, our shared commitment remains focused on providing quality education for every student in a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

Ron Motz
Chair

cc: Ontario School Board Chairs
Ontario School Board Directors of Education

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April 22, 2016

The Honourable Liz Sandals
Minister of Education
Mowat Block, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Sandals,

Re: Mathematics Additional Qualifications (AQ) Course Subsidies

We are writing to ask if the Ministry might consider allowing the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) to continue to administer the Math AQ course subsidies. Please allow us to explain.

At the beginning of the 2013/14 school year, the DSBN initiated a Math AQ program in partnership with Brock University, free of charge. The program was, and continues to be, facilitated by DSBN mathematics teachers and our consultant, to encourage elementary teachers to enhance their skills in the teaching of mathematics. We believe that we were the only board in the Province to do so. The response from teachers was overwhelmingly positive, and to date, nearly 600 DSBN teachers have taken advantage of this opportunity, which represents almost ten percent of the 6000 teachers who have taken the course provincially.

The DSBN, in conjunction with Brock University, established a process that has worked extremely well. Teachers register online for the program and Brock University invoices the DSBN. Participation by our teachers has been significantly higher than those of other school boards, largely because many of our teachers have told us they would not have been able to take these courses if they had to pay upfront for the program, then wait for reimbursement.

Mathematics is an area of concern for most boards in the Province. We were very pleased when the Ministry of Education announced their plan to provide subsidies to teachers to take the Math AQ courses. However, the reimbursement process, through the Ontario Teachers' Federation, prohibited DSBN from accessing these funds as teachers were required to pay up front for the course.

During collective agreement bargaining and job action, when Boards were asked to administer these subsidies, the DSBN was able to access and utilize these funds as intended. We understand that the Ontario Teachers' Federation has once again agreed to assume full responsibility for administering the Math AQ courses. While we applaud them for doing so, DSBN trustees and staff would be extremely

disappointed if we were required to adopt this process. We would see a decline in teacher participation because many could not afford to pay the upfront expense.

This strategy to allow our teachers to take Math AQ courses has cost DSBN \$317,000 of which we were reimbursed only \$90,000 during job action.

We are asking that the Ministry of Education recognize the initiative of the DSBN and reimburse a portion of the Math AQ costs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Robinson".

Dale Robinson
Board Chair

May 2016

Trustee Calendar

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May 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	All Day Event Education Week	All Day Event Education Week	All Day Event Education Week 5:30 PM PIC	All Day Event Education Week 1:00 PM SAL	All Day Event Education Week	10:00 AM 'Step Past the Stigma' Mental Health Awareness Walk
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				1:00 PM SAL 6:00 PM SEAC	1:30 PM Harriet Tubman Grand Opening	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
5:30 PM Retirement Gala		6:00 PM Program & Planning 7:00 PM Student Trustee Senate	6:00 PM Finance			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
All Day Event Victoria Day		6:15 PM Board Meeting			12:00 PM SAL	
29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
		5:00 PM Excellence in Education Banquet				

June 2016

Trustee Calendar

May 2016						
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May 29	30	31 5:00 PM Excellence in Education Banquet	Jun 1	2	3	4
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12 All Day Event OSPBA AGM	13	14	15 6:00 PM Finance	16 9:00 AM SAL	17	18
19	20	21 5:30 PM Policy Committee	22	23	24	25
26 6:15 PM Board Meeting	27	28 All Day Event Last Day of School - Secondary	29 All Day Event Last Day of School - Elementary	30	Jul 1	2