



**THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

April 26, 2016

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Jennifer Ajandi, Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase (Vice Chair), Jonathan Fast, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Dale Robinson (Chair), Dave Schaubel

Student Trustees: Justin Dubé and Katelynn Hilborn

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Paula MacKinnon, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, Stacy Veld, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Bujacz

Regrets: Trustee Kevin Maves and Trustee Linda Crouch

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Wendy Coit

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Chair Robinson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Robinson called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Robinson welcomed guests from the Walker Living Campus, Eden High School, and Orchard Park Public School who were in the gallery.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Robinson noted the absence of Trustee Maves and Trustee Crouch.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”

CARRIED

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Board do now return to open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:47 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Forestview Public School boys’ choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Lora Campbell opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

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

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Director’s Report and Recognition****Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective:****(a) Recognition of Albino Pereira, Program Leader for Physical Education, Eden High School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Albino Pereira, a student/athlete graduate of Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School, who went on to honour his coaches and mentors by becoming a teacher and coach himself.

Mr. Pereira 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. Mr. Pereira’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 Sportsperson of the Year.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Recognition of Albino Pereira, Program Leader for Physical Education, Eden High School**

Mr. Pereira 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, Albino Pereira's lunch time is spent volunteering to supervise the gym so that students can play the sports they love. He spends countless hours in the gym coaching, on road trips to tournaments, and on fundraising. Mr. Pereira has left a legacy of success at Eden and he will be greatly missed when he retires at the end of this year.

Director Hoshizaki presented Albino Pereira with a token of the Board's appreciation for his extraordinary contributions to students.

Superintendent Courtois introduced members of Eden High School's volleyball team. Two students spoke to their experiences under Mr. Pereira's leadership, the lessons they learned, and the friendships that were formed.

A short video was shown with students who are involved in the volleyball programs at Eden High School thanking Mr. Pereira for his guidance.

Chair Robinson thanked the students for their moving tribute to Mr. Pereira and wished him best of luck in his retirement.

b) Director's Update to Trustees**i. Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair**

DSBN students once again had an excellent showing at the recent Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

A Grimsby Secondary School student won *Best in Fair*. Three DSBN students, two from Grimsby Secondary School and one from Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, 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.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director's Update to Trustees****ii. 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.

iii. Leader in Me

On April 19th, 2016, 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!

A short video of Ruby Hill's presentation was shown.

iv. DSBN International Concussion Summit

On April 21 and 22, 2016 the DSBN hosted the 4th Annual International Concussion Summit. Keynote speakers included former professional football player Thurman Thomas, Minister of Education Liz Sandals, and several other speakers who shared a wealth of information about concussions.

Director Hoshizaki thanked Kevin Graham, Team Leader of SHSM, Technological and Outdoor Education, and his team for organizing the well-attended event.

v. Twenty Valley Public School Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of Twenty Valley Public School took place on April 22, 2016. Many dignitaries were on hand, including the Minister of Education Liz Sandals, MPP Jim Bradley, and several Trustees. An Aboriginal drummer lead over 500 students, staff, and families in a friendship dance.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director's Update to Trustees****vi. DSBN Road Race**

The 13th Annual DSBN Road Race was hosted by the Education Foundation of Niagara on April 24, 2016. The Education Foundation of Niagara partners with Niagara Nutrition Partners to promote active and healthy lifestyles. Each year 1,000 participants from DSBN Schools and the Niagara Community race and have fun promoting "success in motion".

2. Educational Showcases**a) Outdoor Education Programming**

Superintendent MacKinnon introduced the showcase, which highlighted Outdoor Education at the DSBN and introduced Kevin Graham, Team Leader of SHSM, Technological and Outdoor Education.

Kevin Graham highlighted programming and events from the first year of the Walker Living Campus and thanked the Board for supporting the program. Kevin Graham introduced Collen Fast, Supervisor, Walker Living Campus and St. John's Outdoor Centre.

Collen Fast introduced the four Outdoor Adventure Guides from the Walker Living Campus. A presentation followed that included the different outdoor adventures available for students who take part in programming at the Walker Living Campus, including a low ropes course, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and wilderness survival skills. The WildZone is a natural learning environment within one of the forested areas at the Walker Living Campus, where students enjoy unstructured free-play which is important because it encourages students to assess risks, test boundaries, and resolve conflict.

A short video was shown highlighting the full day programs available for kindergarten to grade 12 students at the Walker Living Campus and the positive experiences had by students.

Kevin Graham added that Regional Construction SHSM students are now working on the St. John's Outdoor Centre, which will open in 2016, giving more students the opportunity to play, explore, and discover.

Chair Robinson thanked Kevin Graham and Colleen Fast for their presentation.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Educational Showcases****b) “Sound of Music” presentation by Orchard Park Public School**

Superintendent Roberto introduced the showcase which highlighted the “Getting to Know the Sound of Music” presentation by Orchard Park Public School, which will take place on April 28 & 29, 2016 at St. Andrew’s Church in Niagara Falls. Superintendent Roberto explained that 70 students from grades 2 to grade 8 are involved in the production in acting and production roles. Students, staff, and parents, have been working hard preparing for the performances. Admission to the performances is a donation of non-perishable food for Project SHARE or a donation to the school’s musical fund.

Superintendent Roberto introduced Orchard Park Public School students who performed 2 pieces from their upcoming performance for the Board.

Chair Robinson thanked students for their moving performance and wished them best of luck with their production.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS**1. ACCOUNTS**

**Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi**

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

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued**2. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

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

CARRIED

Trustee Ajandi provided highlights from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on April 14, 2016, which included a presentation from a Grade 8 student who recently participated in the Raise the Flag for Autism Day at Grapeview Public School. Trustee Ajandi reported that Superintendent Dickson presented Kindergarten Play-Based Learning and Ontario Student Information System to the committee. Trustee Ajandi also spoke to the committee about a Ministry initiative that aims to reduce wait times for Behavioural Intervention Services for children on the autism spectrum.

3. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

**Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

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

CARRIED

Student Trustee Dubé reported that during the Student Trustee Senate meeting on April 19, 2016, students reviewed the organization for Student Trustee walk, Step Past the Stigma.

Student Trustee Dubé added that elections took place for Student Trustees with Samir Alazaam and Karling Luciani being elected as Student Trustees for the 2016/17 school year.

Student Trustee Dubé Introduced Karling Luciani, a grade 11 student at Welland Centennial Secondary School, and highlighted her experiences and accomplishments at school and in the community.

Student Trustee Hilborn introduced Samir Alazaam, a grade 11 student at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, and highlighted his experiences and accomplishments at school and in the community.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

Student Trustee Dubé reminded the Board that the Step Past the Stigma Walk will be held on May 7, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the DSBN Education Centre. Registration forms can be submitted on the day of the walk.

Chair Robinson welcomed Student Trustees Alazaam and Luciani.

4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

**“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.”

CARRIED

Trustee Barnett spoke to the importance of the motions brought forth during the Finance Committee meeting.

Superintendent Veld spoke to the Interim Financial Report for the period ending February 2016.

In response to a question, Superintendent McGregor clarified that Chromebook is a small laptop style computer and is a type of device being used by students in classrooms.

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

**Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE AD HOC STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

CARRIED

Trustees were provided with a handout prior to the start of the Board meeting.

Trustee Helga Campbell explained that the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Advisory Committee has been in the process of developing a new 5 year strategic plan. Trustee Helga Campbell provided an overview of the process to-date and emphasized the many opportunities that stakeholders had to take part in the process. The Strategic Plan is an authentic document that reflects the needs of the school community at all levels.

Superintendent Roberto clarified that a link will be added to the DSBN website from *Thought Exchange* that will allow the opportunity for those interested to look at feedback and the process that occurred. The *I Matter* campaign will move forward in the 2016/17 school year.

Trustee Helga Campbell clarified that I Matter is the focus of the Strategic Plan and that it pays attention to the individual and individual needs.

Chair Robinson thanked committee members and staff for the time and hard work that went into this project.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS**1. BY- LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER**

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

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

NEW BUSINESS – continued**BY- LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER****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.

Trustee Barnett proposed an amendment to the motion, to change the first sentence of by-law R7 to read - Such notice shall be put in the hands of the Secretary on or before 12:00 noon **one week** prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. The rest of the motion to remain as is.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – continued**BY- LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER**

After a brief discussion, trustees accepted the proposed wording change.

Chair Robinson re-read the motion with the amended wording and the motion carried.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**1. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

2. Trustee Information Session

There was no trustee information session.

3. Correspondence and Communication

- a) Correspondence from Bluewater District School Board can be found in the Board package.
- b) Correspondence from the Ministry of Education re: Math AQ can be found in the Board package.

Trustee Lora Campbell questioned whether the DSBN would be supporting the letter from Bluewater District School Board, and if this is an issue the DSBN is currently facing.

Superintendent McGregor clarified that current conditions have not drawn any concerns at DSBN schools that have been brought to her attention.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Barnett reported attending a Bowl-a-thon for Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Welland on March 16, 2016.
- b) Trustee Barnett reported attending a talent show on April 26, 2016, that included students from kindergarten to grade 8.
- c) Trustee Barnett recognized the Education Foundation of Niagara for their hard work with the DSBN Road Race, and thanked Niagara Nutrition Partners and Meridian Credit Union for sponsoring the event.
Trustee Barnett reported that Welland Centennial Secondary School will hold their production of Guys and Dolls on May 5 and 6, 2016.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- d) Trustee Barnett reported that the Rotary Club of Welland will hold their Bootleg BBQ event on May 4, 2016 in support of education for three Welland schools.
- e) Trustee Barnett reported that the DSBN Heritage Fair will be held on May 3, 2016 at the St. Catharines Museum.
- f) Trustee Barnett reminded the Board that Silver Birch will be held on May 6, 2016 at Club Roma.
- g) Trustee Keddy Scott reported attending the Twenty Valley Public School Grand Opening on April 22, 2016 and congratulated all those involved, including Principal Lorne Gretsinger.
- h) Trustee Keddy Scott reported attending the musical Seussical at Lakeview Public School with Superintendent Pisek.
- i) Trustee Keddy Scott reported that Central Public School has been working with Trout Unlimited Canada by taking part in the Yellow Fish Road program. Part of the program includes students painting yellow fish next to storm drains as a reminder that only rainwater is supposed to go down the drains.
- j) Trustee Keddy Scott thanked West Niagara News for recognizing DSBN schools and providing highlights to the community.
- k) Vice Chair Chase reported that West Lincoln schools continue their speaker series.
- l) Vice Chair Chase reported that Eastdale Secondary School will be holding a 55th reunion celebration on May 20, 2016.
- m) Trustee Schaubel reported that the Hollywood North fundraiser will take place on May 14, 2016 at Fort Erie Leisureplex in support of the new theatre at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.
- n) Chair Robinson reminded the Board that the Connect Conference starts on the evening of April 27, 2016.
- o) Chair Robinson reported attending the DSBN International Concussion Summit and congratulated everyone involved with organizing the event.
- p) Trustee Barnett reminded that Board that the Education Foundation of Niagara will be holding a draw during the Connect Conference.

Further information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at www.dsbno.org and/or on the schools' websites.

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Trustee Ajandi provided updates on some of the areas that OPSBA is working on, including:

- The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services are conducting a consultation called, Strategy for a Safer Ontario that would ultimately see changes to the Police Services Act. Depending on feedback, OPSBA may be drafting a submission.
- On April 4, 2016, Bill 181 was introduced. The bill focuses on amendments to several key areas including: the election calendar, accessibility, third party advertising, campaign finance, and election administration. The area

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Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

receiving much of the media attention is the option for municipalities to use a ranked ballot system. Of significance is the shortened campaign period. The bill has been referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. OPSBA is reviewing the bill and will prepare a submission. OPSBA participated in last summer's review of the Municipal Election Act and can be found on the web site.

- On April 21, 2016 the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care announced expanding the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to all girls and boys in Grade 7 beginning next September 2016. Currently the HPV vaccine is offered free of charge to girls in Grade 8. Girls in Grade 8 next year will still be able to receive the two-dose HPV vaccine in school-based clinics.
- Treasury Board Secretariat President Deb Matthews announced the rollout of the second round of the Local Poverty Reduction Fund. This year funding will be diverted into two streams. Up to \$10 million will be available for projects related to homelessness and up to \$2 million will be dedicated to projects in Indigenous communities. A call for proposals is now open for that funding.
- Canada's next census will be conducted in May 2016.

Trustee Ajandi reminded the Board that the OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held in June 9-12, 2016 in Ottawa.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at www.opsba.org.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of May 2016 and June 2016 meetings was provided.

Add May 14, 2016 – Hollywood North Fundraiser for the Greater Fort Erie Secondary School Theatre.

N. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT – continued

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer