



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

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**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**January 28, 2014**

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Kevin Maves (Chair), Sue Barnett (Vice-Chair), Alex Bradnam, Lora Campbell, Dalton Clark, Jonathan Fast, Ed Fulford, Cheryl Keddy, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

**Student  
Trustees:** Tara Lundy and Courtney Steingart

**Officials:** Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, John Stainsby, Stacy Veld, Joe Weinberg, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Marian Lamb

**Regrets:** Trustee Barbara Ness

**Recording  
Secretary:** Karen Bellamy

**Technical  
Support:** Wendy Coit

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**1. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

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

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Prince Philip Public School (Niagara Falls) Choir, on video clip.

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Alex Bradnam opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded Cheryl Keddy

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated January 14, 2014, 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 Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Dale Robinson

“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****(a) Recognition of DSBN Technology and Experiential Team**

Director Hoshizaki recognized the DSBN Technology and Experiential Team, consisting of Colleen Fast, Roy Smith, John Sherk and Carrie Thwaites, who have been working together on a variety of programs over the past several years. The Team’s accomplishments include:

- Expansion of Co-op Education placements within our community;
- Expansion of the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) from 1 to 42 different programs across the DSBN in just 7 years;
- Expansion of opportunities for students to be involved in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program;
- Responsible for Technological Education Programs and for hosting over 30 Tech Challenges each year - with overwhelming results at the Provincial and National Competitions;
- Volunteering their time and talents to host and participate in the DSBNi program - where we have built six homes Internationally;
- Working to raise over 2 million dollars for the Woodend Legacy Project - the Walker Living Campus.

Director Hoshizaki commended the team for raising the bar for each of these programs and for being recognized as leaders in the Province of Ontario by the Ministry of Education for their success and ingenuity. Director Hoshizaki added that thousands of students across the DSBN have benefited from the effectiveness of this Team.

Director Hoshizaki presented members of the Team with a token of the Board's appreciation for their hard work, commitment and excellence and for their outstanding efforts on behalf of DSBN students.

(b) **Recognition of Roy Olsen, Peace Bridge Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Head Custodian, Roy Olsen, for his extraordinary contributions to Peace Bridge Public School, particularly throughout the 10 months construction phase. Roy is known for his respectful, professional and gentle demeanour not only in his custodial position but in how he interacts with children.

Director Hoshizaki presented Roy with a token of the Board's appreciation for his nearly 28 years of service to the Board.

(c) **Recognition of Marian Lamb, Executive Assistant to the Director, Education Centre**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Marian Lamb, Executive Assistant to the Director, for her extraordinary support of The Director's Office and for her continuous support of staff and students across the DSBN. Marian's skills as an Executive Assistant are outstanding and are only over-shadowed by her consistent values and beliefs that learning and children should always be at the centre of all decisions.

Director Hoshizaki presented Marian with a token of the Board's appreciation for her commitment to students and schools.

(d) **Director's Update to Trustees**

i. **Laura Secord Secondary School – 2013 Award of Excellence Contest**

Last November 2013 approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Laura Secord Secondary School student body participated in a contest based on the video "Youth Culture in Berlin" as part of the 2013 Award of Excellence Contest which was organized by the Goethe Institute New York. Lukas Koch, a Grade 10 student at Laura Secord Secondary School, was one of the grand prize winners and he will be travelling to Germany this summer to participate in the school opportunity. Seven years ago a Laura Secord student won the grand prize making Laura Secord the first school to win this prize twice in such a relatively short time. Congratulations to Lukas on this accomplishment and best wishes for an exciting and engaging learning experience.

ii. **Bring Your Own Device or Technology**

Recently, Dino Miele - DSBN Chief Information Officer, presented a webinar entitled "BYOT: New Opportunities, New Challenges in K-12 Education. The webinar is part of the Follett Challenge Rewarding Innovation Program. Dino was commended for offering his technical expertise and knowledge to support teachers in their learning and to enhance

Trustees thanked all recipients for their hard work and dedication to students.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves congratulated all recipients and noted the Board is fortunate to be able to recognize tremendous individuals at the Board meetings.

2. **Educational Showcases**

(a) **Peace Bridge Public School**

Superintendent JoAnna Roberto introduced the showcase.

Principal Cindy Kohinski, along with staff and students presented a video which highlighted numerous events and activities that have taken place at the newly renovated school. Everyone has been committed to making the transition into Peace Bridge PS as smooth as possible. Students also showcased the new school banner which has been well received by all.

Trustee Schaubel noted that students were involved in all aspects of planning for the new school and it has been a very successful and exciting year for the community.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked staff and students for their presentation.

(b) **FRAMES Video Competition**

Superintendent John Dickson introduced the showcase.

Gerda Klassen, Consultant, Arts K-12, presented the showcase which recognized Laura Secord Secondary School, the winning school of DSBN's first short film competition. FRAMES was created not only as a competition but also has an authentic learning opportunity for students. Teacher Eric Moccio noted the premise behind FRAMES was to provide students with the opportunity to create a film in whatever genre they saw fit. The competition featured teams of students who were given 12 hours to create a film from concept to completion, with very few guidelines. This included developing a concept, writing and planning a script, shooting and editing.

Local film experts attended the day to act as mentors and provided advice and expertise. Student Catherine Teichman noted that all participants were grateful for the opportunity to learn filmmaking and found it to be an invaluable and rewarding experience.

Gerda Klassen acknowledged and thanked the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake for hosting students for the day, the store merchants and the mentors who gave their time to work directly with students.

Students of Laura Secord Secondary School were presented with a FRAMES competition trophy and plaque. The top three winning films can be viewed at the Board's website <http://www.dsbn.org>

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves congratulated Laura Secord S.S. and thanked all participants for their outstanding productions.

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

There was no report.

**H. DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations.

**I. BOARD RECESS**

There was no Board recess.

**J. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. ACCOUNTS**

**Moved by Dalton Clark**

**Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1313 to 1322 for the month of December 2013, totalling \$12,725,693.32 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**2. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated January 10, 2014, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Schaubel reported that 13 cases were reviewed and strategies developed to meet the students’ needs.

**3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Jonathon Fast

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated January 15, 2014, be received;”  
and

“That the low bid received from Aldo Builders in the amount of \$592,000 (plus HST) be accepted and a contract awarded for the Education Centre – Data Centre Modernization Project;” and

“That the 2013-2014 Revised Estimates, reflecting updated enrolments for October 31, 2013, and the resulting changes in revenues and expenditures, as submitted to the Ministry of Education, be approved;” and

“That the Interim Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Dalton Clark provided a summary of the report and the recommended motions.

There were no questions or comments from Trustees.

**4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated January 16, 2014, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustees Bradnam provided a summary of the report and noted quorum was not met but the meeting carried on. A regular highlight of the meetings has been the Student Voice section of the agenda.

Trustee Keddy highlighted Bell Canada's "Let's Talk Day" initiative. As part of its "Let's Talk Day" event, for every text message and long-distance call made by its customers, Bell contributed 5 cents to mental health programs.

## **5. REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Sue Barnett**

**Seconded by Cheryl Keddy**

**"That the report of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated January 28, 2014, be received and adopted;" and**

**"That the District School Board of Niagara receive the report on the Determination and Distribution of Board Trustees – 2014;" and**

**"That the District School Board of Niagara not designate any municipality within the Board's area of jurisdiction as a low population municipality;" and**

**"That the distribution of Trustees for the October 2014 elections be confirmed, as follows:**

<b>Fort Erie/Port Colborne</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Grimsby/Lincoln</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Niagara Falls</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Pelham/Thorold</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Wainfleet/West Lincoln</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Welland</b>	<b>1</b>

**CARRIED**

Vice-Chair Barnett read a summary of the report which included a review and discussion on the Trustee Determination and Distribution for 2014.

## **K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

No questions were asked of and by Board members.



**L. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**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**

There was no Correspondence and Communication.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

(a) Trustee Barnett reminder trustees of EFN's Make Change for Children Campaign. She also noted the 'Rock'n for Ross' event which is a breakfast club fundraiser.

Further information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at <http://www.dsbn.org> and/or on the schools' websites.

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

Trustee Keddy reported that many trustees throughout the province offered their condolences with respect to the passing of Don Love, former DSBN trustee.

Trustee Keddy noted that planning for OPSBA'S AGM in July 2014 is underway. It will be held at the Sheraton on the Falls in Niagara Falls and keynote speakers will include retired Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield and former Prime Minister of Canada, Paul Martin.

Trustee Keddy advised that nominations are now open for the 2013-14 Premier's Awards for Accepting Schools and encouraged all DSBN to participate.

Further information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at <http://www.opsba.org>.

**6. Future Meetings**

The calendar of February 2014 meetings was provided.

Finance Committee                      February 25, 2014      5:30 p.m.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Dale Robinson  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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**KEVIN MAVES**, Chair

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**WARREN HOSHIZAKI**, Director of Education  
and Secretary/Treasurer