



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

October 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 (present for Public Session); Cheryl Keddy Scott, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

Student Trustees: Nick Molkoski, Vinay Sharma

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

Recording Secretary: Irene Foster

Technical Support: Ezeldin Ebadalla

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 Lora Campbell**

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:45 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Beamsville District Secondary School Orchestra, on video.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of Tom McMahon, Teacher, Governor Simcoe Secondary School; Corporal Nathan Cirillo, Canadian Forces; and Patrice Vincent, Warrant Officer, Department of National Defence.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Cheryl Keddy Scott opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

**Moved by Ed Fulford
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Barbara Ness
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated October 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 Steven Klimczuk, Network Supervisor – DSBN Information Technology Services Department**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Steve Klimczuk for his service to the Board. In his 23 years with the Board Steve has become an ITS leader and innovator for both school and business areas of the Board. Steve is noted for his client focused service, experience and exemplary knowledge of computer servers and mobile technologies. Students and staff are of utmost importance to Steve and he is known for his caring and high expectations and for working collaboratively with all divisions in the Board and with community based partners and vendors. Steve is also recognized amongst his peers in Ontario School Boards as a leader in bringing together critical infrastructure which has made a significant impact for our staff and students.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(a) Recognition of Steven Klimczuk, Network Supervisor – DSBN Information Technology Services Department**

Director Hoshizaki presented Steve Klimczuk with a token of the Board’s appreciation for his extraordinary work and service to students and the Board.

(b) Director’s Update to Trustees**i. DSBN Teacher Honoured**

Congratulations to Robert Dunlop on receiving a 2014 Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence, Certificate of Achievement. Mr. Dunlop was recognized for his commitment to student achievement and for helping to create a culture where all students develop and express their opinions about the world around them. Mr. Dunlop was also recognized for his efforts in honouring the memory of Terry Fox, and for helping to create an Intramural Sports Program to increase opportunities for students to engage in extra-curricular sport activities.

ii. DSBN Student Trustee Recognized

Congratulations to Vinay Sharma for receiving the Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce *Youth Citizen of the Year Award*. Vinay was recognized for his tremendous involvement in the community, for volunteering his time and skill to many committees, and for demonstrating commitment and a positive attitude.

iii. Cop Shop Event

Community Care is partnering with the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Pen Centre for the upcoming 7th Annual Cop Shop Event. This is a nationwide community initiative that provides children a unique opportunity to take part in a Christmas shopping spree while spending time in a positive way with local Police Officers. This year, students from schools in St. Catharines have been invited to participate.

iv. “Getting To Great” in Fort Erie

Congratulations to Fort Erie Secondary School’s Parents’ Council for hosting the recent 2nd Annual “*Getting To Great*” workshops for teens and parents in the Fort Erie area. Over 85 guests participated in the beneficial and positive event.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**1. Director’s Report and Recognition**

Vice-Chair Barnett commended Steve Klimczuk and the IT Department for their support and service to the Board. Vice-Chair Barnett also commended Student Trustee Sharma for his recognition.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves commended Steve Klimczuk and everyone recognized in the Director’s Update.

2. Educational Showcase**(a) Eksperimenta 2014**

Superintendent Paula MacKinnon introduced the presentation which showcased the Board’s participation in Eksperimenta 2014.

St. Catharines Collegiate Principal Zonneveld introduced Visual Arts Teachers Ms. Lancaster and Ms. Falls, and students Bruin Pol, Tim Williamson and Jasmine Singleton, who were selected to exhibit their Art at Eksperimenta 2014 in Estonia. Principal Zonneveld explained that Eksperimenta is an international contemporary Art event which provides high school level students an experience of participating in an International Art event. This year’s theme was “Exploring Technology Through Art and Science.” Brock University’s Dr. Peter Vietgen addressed the Board, recognizing Brock’s partnership with the Board on this project, and providing background on Eksperimenta which, this year, displayed the works of students from eleven countries. Dr. Vietgen played a video clip of St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra’s recent comments in the House of Commons where he congratulated St. Catharines students Bruin Pol, Tim Williamson and Jasmine Singleton who were selected to exhibit their Art to the world. Dr. Vietgen read the artist statements of Bruin, Tim and Jasmine followed by video clips of the students’ projects.

Vice-Chair Barnett and Trustee Robinson commended the students on the quality of their projects and international achievement.

Director Hoshizaki presented the students with Certificates in recognition of their achievements.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked the students for their presentation and commended them for bringing international recognition to the City of St. Catharines and the Board.

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. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the reports of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated October 1, 2014, and October 9, 2014, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Ness reported that 17 cases were reviewed at the October 1, 2014, meeting and strategies were developed for alternative learning. Trustee Schaubel reported that 9 cases were reviewed at the October 9, 2014, meeting and strategies were developed for alternative learning. Trustee Schaubel commended the Committee members, Committee resource staff, and parents for their ongoing commitment in support of students.

2. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated October 9, 2014, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam commended Board staff and the Committee members for their commitment to SEAC and for bringing forward important information for the benefit of students.

OLD BUSINESS – continued:**3. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

**Moved by Nick Molkoski
Seconded by Vinay Sharma**

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated October 21, 2014, be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Sharma provided an overview of the meeting which included a report from Trustees, and a presentation by School Nurses from the Niagara Region on promoting mental health awareness in schools. Student Trustee Molkoski added that around the table discussions took place on Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Leadership, and Mental Health awareness initiatives that are being planned in schools.

4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (Handout)

**Moved by Dalton Clark
Seconded by Barbara Ness**

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated October 28, 2014, be received and the recommendations adopted.”

CARRIED

Trustee Clark provided highlights of the meeting and recommended motions which included the following matters.

Appointment of Architect – New Fort Erie Secondary School

“That Venerino V.P. Panici Architects Inc. be appointed Architects to the New Fort Erie Secondary School project.”

Policy B-01: Purchasing Policy

“That the revised Policy B-01: Purchasing Policy be approved.”

Policy B-04: Investment of Board Funds

“That the revised Policy B-04: Investment of Board Funds be approved.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions 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**(a) Town of Fort Erie Secondary School Naming Committee Report**

Superintendent McGregor explained that in September 2014, the Ministry of Education announced funding for a new 750 seat high school in the Town of Fort Erie to replace Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School and the Student and School Councils requested that a name for the new school be selected. Superintendent McGregor reported on the process to name the new Secondary School in the Town of Fort Erie which was conducted in accordance with Board Policy A-9: Naming/Renaming of Schools. Superintendent McGregor set out the criteria, Committee composition, and the consultation process and she reported that following the consultation process the Committee made the following recommendation.

“That the three choices as determined by the New School Naming Committee be received and that the Trustees vote by ballot to choose the name for the new Secondary School in the Town of Fort Erie.”

**Greater Fort Erie Secondary School
South Niagara Secondary School
Erie Shores Secondary School**

Trustee Schaubel spoke to the significance of the proposed names. Trustee Schaubel clarified for Trustee Clark that the names are listed in order of preference of the Naming Committee.

Karen Bellamy, Executive Assistant to the Director, and Cheryl Bujacz, Administrative Assistant to the Director, distributed the ballots to the Trustees and Chair Maves appointed Brenda Stokes Verworn, Board Lawyer, and Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business, as Scrutineers.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:**3. Correspondence and Communication****(a) Town of Fort Erie Secondary School Naming Committee Report**

Following a vote by ballot, which were collected and counted by the Scrutineers, Chair Maves reported that the Trustees voted to adopt the name, **Greater Fort Erie Secondary School**.

MOTION

**Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

“That the new Secondary School in the Town of Fort Erie be named Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, effective October 29, 2014.”

CARRIED

MOTION

**Moved by Barbara Ness
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

“That the ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- (a) Vice-Chair Barnett commended the Centennial Cougars for their tournament championship victory at the recent Tribune Girls Basketball Tournament and she recognized the members of the team who were selected for the All-Star Team.
- (b) Vice-Chair Barnett commended the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School Blue Devils and the Port Colborne High School Blue Bears on their consolation championship game at the recent Tribune Girls Basketball Tournament and she recognized the members of the teams who were selected for the All-Star Team.
- (c) Vice-Chair Barnett commended Board staff for opening the school at the site of the recent reenactment of the War of 1812 Battle of Cooks Mills to provide participants with shelter from the inclement weather.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (d) Trustee Bradnam reported that he and Trustees Campbell and Clark attended the recent tree planting at Laura Secord Secondary School. Seventeen trees were planted to replace trees that were lost to disease. Trustee Bradnam commended all the elementary and secondary students who participated, including students from the Dig It Program.
- (e) Trustee Bradnam reported that on Friday, October 24th, he and Trustee Campbell attended a fundraising banquet where \$14,000 was raised in support of The Spiritual Life Center at Eden.
- (f) Trustee Campbell reported that A.N. Myer Secondary School student, Lauren George, has accepted the position of Student Representative on the Education Foundation of Niagara.
- (g) Chair Maves reported that he attended A.N. Myer Secondary School's recent Honour Roll Banquet where 330 students were recognized.
- (h) Chair Maves commended A.N. Myer Secondary School's football team on their recent victory over Lakeshore Catholic High School.
- (i) Trustee Keddy Scott commended staff and students at Beamsville District Secondary School for organizing and hosting its recent three day leadership camp at Cave Springs.
- (j) Trustee Robinson recognized the Thorold Secondary School Golden Eagles football team on their recent victory over the Eden High School Flyers.
- (k) Trustee Schaubel commended members of the Naming Committee for the new Fort Erie Secondary School for their participation and collaborative decision making in recommending names for the new high school. Trustee Schaubel thanked Fort Erie Secondary School's Pomegranate Restaurant for doing a great job of providing refreshments for the Committee.

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

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

Trustee Keddy Scott had nothing to report.

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of November 2014 meetings were provided.

N. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Ed Fulford
Seconded by Barbara Ness**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

KEVIN MAVES, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer