



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

June 9, 2015

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Sue Barnett (Chair), Dale Robinson (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Ajandi, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase, Linda Crouch, Jonathan Fast, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Kevin Maves

Student Trustees: Nick Molkoski and Vinay Sharma

Regrets: Trustee Dave Schaubel

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

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Linda Gonschior

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

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

Chair Barnett noted the absence of Trustee Schaubel.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued:

2. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Helga Campbell

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

CARRIED

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Diane Chase

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:49 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Westlane Secondary School Choir, on video.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of Tyler Grummett, a DSBN student who recently passed away.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Student Trustee Nick Molkoski opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

Chair Barnett welcomed students, staff and parents who were present for the meeting from the school communities of Greendale, Orchard Park, Diamond Trail, James Morden, Gracefield, Simcoe Street, and Applewood Public Schools, and A.N. Myer Secondary School.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

**Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

**Moved by Linda Crouch
Seconded by Kevin Maves**

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated May 26, 2015, 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 Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

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

CARRIED

Chair Barnett announced that, as part of the business of the Committee of the Whole, there will be no redundancies in either the Elementary or Secondary teaching panels this year and that the Board will be hiring both elementary and secondary teachers for the 2015-16 school year.

Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session) – continued:

Chair Barnett recognized Student Trustees Nick Molkoski and Vinay Sharma and commended them for their hard work and commitment during their term.

Chair Barnett, Vice-Chair Robinson and Director Hoshizaki presented Student Trustees Molkoski and Sharma with gifts as a token of the Board's appreciation for their service to the Board.

Student Trustees Molkoski and Sharma shared their experiences as Student Trustees and the positive impact that being a Student Trustee has had on their lives. Student Trustee Molkoski thanked the Board for its dedication to students.

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director's Report and Recognition

a) Recognition of Rose Colombe, Volunteer, Diamond Trail Public School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Rose Colombe for her 33 years of dedicated service as a volunteer for the Board, currently as the Nutrition Coordinator at Diamond Trail Public School. In addition to coordinating the Nutrition Program, Ms. Colombe is also the hot lunch Coordinator, an office volunteer, pediculosis volunteer, a reading volunteer, a relief lunch room supervisor, a School Council member and the School Council fundraising Chair. Director Hoshizaki added that due to Ms. Colombe's commitment to the Nutrition Program, other schools have adopted the program as a model for their school. Niagara Nutrition Partners and The Breakfast for Learning Programs have also recognized the success of Diamond Trail's program and have used it as a show case.

Director Hoshizaki presented Rose Colombe with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

b) Recognition of Tutors Hannah Daley, Carly Jonovich and Kimi Pfielsticker, Leveled Literacy Intervention Program, Simcoe Street Public School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Hannah Daley, Carly Jonovich and Kimi Pfielsticker, Tutors in the Levelled Literacy Intervention Program. Hannah, Carly and Kimi are DSBN graduates who are currently attending Brock University's Pre-Service Teacher Education Program.

Director Hoshizaki commended Hannah, Carly and Kimi for their commitment to students and for their professionalism, teamwork and collaboration to support the learning needs of the students at Simcoe Street Public School through the Levelled Literacy Intervention Program.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**1. Director's Report and Recognition****b) Recognition of Tutors Hannah Daley, Carly Jonovich and Kimi Pfielsticker, Leveled Literacy Intervention Program, Simcoe Street Public School**

Director Hoshizaki presented Hannah Daley, Carly Jonovich, and Kimi Pfielsticker with a token of the Board's appreciation for their extraordinary contributions to students.

c) Director's Update to Trustees**i. OPBSA Scholarship Award to DSBN Student**

Charmaine Holland, a Fort Erie Secondary School student, has been selected by The Ontario Public Schools Boards' Association (OPSBA) to be a co-recipient of the 2015 Jack A. MacDonald Award of Merit. The award is given annually to an exceptional student for exemplary achievements in academics, leadership and community service.

ii. DSBN Student Success at Skills Canada Competition

Congratulations to the DSBN students who represented our Board and the Province at the recent Skills Canada National Competition which took place May 27-30 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Eli Schonewille, SHSM Manufacturing and Co-op student from Port Colborne High School has taken all the Gold Medals in Welding, from the local, Provincial and National Competition. Eli is now a two time Gold Medal winner at all levels.

Fort Erie Secondary School student Katrina Waters, SHSM Hospitality and Co-op student, won a Gold Medal in Baking in the DSBN Challenge, followed by a Gold Medal in the Provincial Competition and captured the Bronze Medal in the Skills Canada National Competition.

Congratulations to John Sherk, Resource Teacher, and Roy Smith, Technology Consultant, for an outstanding year and thank you to Vic Barker, Afshin Keyvani and the School Administration Teams at Fort Erie Secondary School and Port Colborne High for their support.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(c) Director’s Update to Trustees****iii. Pride Niagara’s 2nd Annual Niagara Unity Awards**

The Niagara Unity Awards showcases the important successes of individuals and groups that have made an impact for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community here in the Niagara Region. Congratulations to the following DSBN winners!

The Volunteer Excellence Unity Award

Betsy Tauro - Teacher Advisor of Beamsville District Secondary School’s Gay-Straight Alliance

The Outstanding School/Gay-Straight Alliance Award

Grimsby Secondary School GSA, supported by Teacher Advisor, Kim Palios

Additional nominees in this category: Stamford Collegiate and Beamsville District Secondary School.

iv. Relay for Life

On May 29th, Grimsby Secondary School (GSS) and the Grimsby community came together to participate in the schools 6th Annual Relay for Life event, which raises money for the Canadian Cancer Society. This year’s theme was ‘Hope Has No Curfew.’ GSS organized and hosted this community event. This year, over \$72,000 was raised, for an overall total of more than \$460,000!

Congratulations to Grimsby Secondary School and special thanks to staff advisors Russ McBride and Joedy Ebert and student leaders Mike Swanson, Rebecca Judd and Laura Andreychuk.

v. 2015-16 Minister’s Student Advisory Council

Congratulations to Hannah K a Grade 8 student at Central Public School, James D a Grade 10 student at EL Crossley Secondary School, and Parween T a Grade 8 student at Dalewood Public School, who have been appointed to the 2015-16 Minister’s Student Advisory Council. In addition to learning about strategic planning and the formation of government policy, programs and practices, these 3 students will be provided the opportunity to increase their leadership and skills development.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(c) Director’s Update to Trustees****vi. Students Win OFSAA Gold Medals**

Congratulations to DSBN students Trinity Tutti and Grace Tennant, who were both triple gold medal winners at OFSAA track and field last week. As well as winning three gold medals in their respective zones, both students set record breaking throws in javelin, shot put and discus. Trinity actually broke the 31 year old record by almost 3 meters in the discus throw. Grace has qualified for shot put and discus with Team Canada for the world youth track and field championship in Columbia and will be participating later this summer.

Chair Barnett commended Rose Colombe for her leadership and role in bringing the merging school communities together at Diamond Trail Public School.

Chair Barnett recognized the positive impact the Levelled Literacy Intervention Program has on students across the Board. On behalf of the Board, Chair Barnett thanked volunteers throughout the Board for the difference they make in the lives of students.

2. Educational Showcases**(a) Save the Monarch – James Morden Public School**

Superintendent Roberto introduced the showcase which featured the Grade 2 and 3 students from James Morden Public School and teacher Melissa McKinney-Lepp.

A short video called “Butterfly Inquiry” highlighted “Team Monarch” and the message that they brought to neighboring public schools on June 3.

Students explained the challenges that monarch butterflies face and how we can encourage the restoration of the monarch habitat by creating our own butterfly gardens. The students recognized the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for making a grant available to purchase milkweed for their butterfly garden. The students also recognized The City of Niagara Falls for providing a bus to transport them to deliver milkweed and support other schools in creating butterfly gardens. Student presented chair Barnett with a milkweed plant.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**2. Educational Showcases****Save the Monarch – James Morden Public School**

Trustees commended the students and thanked them for their presentation.

(b) Joan Crowe Award – Bronwyn Hildebrandt

Superintendent Dickson introduced the showcase which recognized Bronwyn Hildebrandt as the 2014-15 recipient of the Joan Crowe Award. Superintendent Dickson added that the award is given annually to an Educational Assistant or Child Care Worker at the DSBN who demonstrates outstanding commitment to their profession and the students they serve and who exemplifies the qualities of Joan Crowe, a former Educational Assistant with the District School Board of Niagara.

Superintendent Dickson introduced Bronwyn Hildebrandt and provided an overview of her accomplishments and experience in supporting students.

Deb Dennis, daughter of Joan Crowe, presented Bronwyn Hildebrandt with the 2014-15 Joan Crowe Award.

(c) Technology and Partnerships

Superintendent MacKinnon introduced the showcase which recognized Technology and Partnerships within the District School Board of Niagara SHSM Regional Construction Program.

Kevin Graham, Team Leader – Experiential and Technology Education gave an overview of the Board's Experiential and Technology Program which began 10 years ago when the Ministry of Education approved the Board's Specialist High Skills Major Regional Construction Program.

Kevin Graham commended Ken Willms, Lead for the SHSM Regional Construction Program, for his role in the success of the program,

Kevin Graham introduced students Blake Dale and Sam Osborne, and former student Rebecca Williams who spoke about their experiences in the SHSM Regional Construction Program and the positive impact the program has had on their career goals.

Kevin Graham introduced representatives from Dehaan Homes, Habitat for Humanity Niagara, Hageman Construction, Mountainview Homes, Walker Environmental, Park Lane Homes, Phelps Homes, and the Global Village International Building Program and thanked them for their dedication and commitment to skilled trades.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:

Educational Showcases

(c) Technology and Partnerships

Trustees thanked the community partners for their support and thanked Kevin Graham and his team for their dedication to students.

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. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the report of Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated May 27, 2015, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Keddy Scott reported that 13 cases were reviewed by the Committee and strategies were developed for the students’ success.

2. REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Dale Robinson
Seconded by Linda Crouch

“That the report of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated June 3, 2015, be received.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued:**2. REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Vice-Chair Robinson provided an update on the work of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee.

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That any recommendations from the Ad Hoc Governance Committee come forward to the Board Meeting of September 8, 2015, at the earliest, rather than June 22, 2015.”

CARRIED

The trustees discussed the recommended motion prior to voting on the motion.

3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated June 3, 2015, be received”; and

“That \$70,000 be included in the 2015-16 Budget for Education Foundation of Niagara funding to support staffing of the Executive Director and the Program Assistant;” and

“That \$35,000 be included in the 2015-16 Budget for School Career Connections projects through the Business Education Council”; and

“That \$90,000 be included in the 2015-16 Budget for Primary/Junior/Intermediate/Senior Basic Math Additional Qualification Courses”; and

“That \$100,000 be included in the 2015-16 Budget to support the DreamBox Interactive Math Computer Program”; and

“That \$220,000 be included in the 2015-16 Budget for the salting and sanding of DSBN parking lots”; and

“That \$17,000 be included in the 2015-16 Budget for 0.17 FTE Secondary Teacher to support a Grade 11 Native English course”; and

“That \$50,000 be included in the 2015-16 Budget for Staff Professional Learning”; and

“That \$200,000 be included in the 2015-16 Budget for 2.0 FTE Social Workers”; and

OLD BUSINESS – continued:**3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

“That the 2015-16 Revenue and Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$432,075,342 be approved, subject to Ministry of Education approval, and the estimate forms be submitted to the Ministry of Education.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a summary of the report and recommended motions.

Director Hoshizaki commended Superintendent of Business Services Stacy Veld, Chief Financial Officer Rick Werezak and staff, and the Finance Committee for bringing forward a well-developed budget.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of and by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS**Notice of Recommended Motion**

Take notice that in accordance with By-Law Q – 2, a recommendation that the following amendments to the By-Laws and Rules of Order of the District School Board of Niagara will come forward for consideration at the first meeting of the Board scheduled for September 8, 2015, with such amendments to take effect thereafter.

- G-9 a) The Board will post the Board agenda with supplementary materials on the Board’s website at least 24 hours prior to the Board meeting, exclusive of matters to be considered in Committee of the Whole – Private Session, for access by the public.
- b) The Board meeting minutes, without supporting material, shall be posted on the Board’s website once they are approved by the Board (exclusive of matters considered in a closed session).
- c) The Board will post the Committee meeting agenda with supplemental materials on the Board’s website at least 24 hours prior to a Standing or Statutory Committee meeting, exclusive of matters to be considered in a Closed Session, for access by the public.
- d) Committee meeting minutes, without supplementary materials, shall be posted on the Board’s website once they are approved by the Board (exclusive of matters considered in a closed session).

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

There were no staff reports.

2. Trustee Information Session

Prior to the Board meeting, Trustees participated in an information session on “Health and Physical Education Curriculum / Mental Health.”

3. Correspondence and Communication

There was no correspondence and communication.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Superintendent Dickson reminded the Board of the DSNB Special Olympics scheduled for Wednesday, June 10.
- b) Student Trustee Sharma recognized trustees and Board Officials, thanked them for their support of students, and wished them the best.
- c) Student Trustee Molkoski thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as a Student Trustee. Student Trustee Molkoski suggested that it would be helpful to develop strategies on how to connect the initiatives of the Board to the work of the Student Trustee Senate.
- d) Vice-Chair Robinson reported results of a Participation survey on physical activity. Vice-Chair Robinson will provide the survey result link to Trustees.
- e) Chair Barnett reported on recent events that were highlighted in local newspapers, including Gold Medal winner Eli Schonewille from Port Colborne High School, and the Welland Centennial Cougars.
- f) Trustee Maves reported that the Education Foundation of Niagara recently hosted the Greater Niagara District Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event in the Atrium of the Education Centre. Trustee Maves shared positive feedback and comments of the Board.

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:

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

There was no report.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of June 2015 meetings were provided.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

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