



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

October 9, 2012

6:45 – 7:30 p.m. (Private Session)

7:30 – 11:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kevin Maves (Chair), Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam, Dalton Clark, Jonathan Fast, Ed Fulford, Cheryl Keddy, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)

Student

Trustees: Mackenzie Ceci and Tara Lundy

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), John Dickson, Sue Greer, Wesley Hahn, Cam Hathaway, Sue Mark, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, Kelly Pisek, Carol Purcer, JoAnna Roberto, John Stainsby, Joe Weinberg, Peter Doan, Brett Sweeney, Marian Lamb, Karen Bellamy

Regrets: Trustee Lora Campbell

Recording

Secretary: Irene Foster

Technical

Support: Linda Gonschior and Wendy Coit

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Kevin Maves called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:45 p.m.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves welcomed Brock University Faculty of Education students who were observing the Board meeting. Chair Maves also welcomed Acting Superintendent Carol Purcer to her first Board meeting.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued:

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Maves reported that Trustees Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam, Ed Fulford and Dale Robinson declared conflicts of interest in Committee of the Whole (Private Session).

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Barbara Ness
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

CARRIED

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Dalton Clark

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:35 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by students from Prince Philip Public School, Niagara Falls, on video clip.

D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Cheryl Keddy opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 25, 2012, 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 Dale Robinson
Seconded by Dalton Clark

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

CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Director's Report****(a) Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Crystal Lynn McDougall**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Crystal Lynn McDougall, a parent at Rose Seaton Public School, for being an exemplary Volunteer at the school who genuinely cares about the needs of all children at Rose Seaton. Director Hoshizaki noted that since taking charge of the school's much needed breakfast program, the number of participants has grown to more than 40 students who enjoy a variety of nutritious foods. Through her extreme couponing she has been able to extend the program's grant money. In addition to the breakfast program, Crystal also spearheaded the school's annual Christmas dinner which served the entire school a traditional dinner at no cost to the school. Not only did she cook all the turkeys, she worked diligently to enlist local businesses to donate to the meal.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**Director's Report****(a) Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Crystal Lynn McDougall**

Director Hoshizaki and Superintendent Roberto presented Crystal with a token of the Board's appreciation of her commitment to students.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Robinson thanked Crystal for supporting students and for making the breakfast program at Rose Seaton such a success.

(b) Minister's Provincial Reference Group

Director Hoshizaki reported that Secondary Principal Paula McKinnon has been selected by the Ministry of Education to sit on the Minister's Provincial Reference Group (MPRG). The MPRG will provide an opportunity for Principals from across the Province to offer insight, feedback, advice and recommendations to the Ministry on various aspects of the role of the Principal, as well as feedback on Ministry initiatives affecting schools, students, and the role of Principals. The Ministry's goals of this reference group are to increase the voice of Principals and Vice-Principals, to provide them with the opportunity to discuss the implications of policy and program initiatives, and to share effective practices on managing challenges.

(c) EQAO Recognizes Westlane Secondary School

Director Hoshizaki congratulated the Westlane Secondary School staff and students who will be recognized in November at the Bette Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Gala in Toronto for the school's innovative practices that are making a positive impact on student learning. Westlane Secondary School's Math Department drew the attention of the EQAO for its Multi-Subject Instructional Program which responds to the needs of many students who are unable to do their homework because of after-school family and job commitments. Westlane teachers also participate in transition planning for students coming from feeder schools.

For more information, log onto

www.eqao.com/Success/Stories.aspx?Lang=E&gr=09&yr=12.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**Director's Report****(d) ETFO Provincial Writer's Award**

Director Hoshizaki reported that Teacher Lori Schuyler has been recognized by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario as the recipient of the 2011-2012 Writer's Award-Women's Program (published) for her work supporting the teaching of Mathematics. Lori's contributions to Mathematics will directly benefit many teachers and students in the future.

(e) Bryan Honsinger, Teacher of the Year Award for Smarter Science Ontario

Director Hoshizaki reported that Vineland Public School Teacher Bryan Honsinger is the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award for Smarter Science Ontario in recognition of his innovative lesson designs, critical challenges, and overall dedication to the discipline. Bryan also helped run the July 2012 Brock Science Camp, and is a Brock University Faculty of Education Alumnus who has guest lectured in the Concurrent Education Program at Brock University.

2. United Way Kick Off

Superintendent Cam Hathaway introduced the showcase.

Frances Hallworth, Executive Director of the United Way of St. Catharines & District, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak about the annual United Way Campaign which supports many students in the community through a variety of agencies and programs. Ms. Hallworth commended Principal Lorne Gretsinger, DSBN Campaign Chair, for his enthusiasm. The Board viewed a video clip which highlighted the United Way's participation in the Niagara Nutrition Partners program which supports breakfast programs in schools.

Principal Lorne Gretsinger, DSBN Campaign Chair, noted that last year the District School Board of Niagara raised over \$172,000 with a 32% participation rate. The goal of this 2012-2013 DSBN Campaign is to raise \$180,000 with a participation rate of 35%. The DSBN Campaign runs from October 9th to November 9th.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked Ms. Hallworth and Principal Gretsinger for their presentation and he added that the Board is proud to be a supporter of the United Way.

Trustee Dave Schaubel arrived at 8:00 p.m.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no reports.

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 Sue Barnett

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1064 – 1078 for the month of August 2012 totalling \$15,211,395.03 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Ed Fulford
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated September 25, 2012, be received and the recommendations adopted;” and

“That Trustee Barb Ness assume the role of Vice-Chair be approved;” and

“That the French Immersion Program Expansion and Grade One Pilot Information Report be received;” and

“That the Senior Team review details outlining interests, community partnerships, and further usage of schools with current and future ARCs for School Support Services, French Immersion, DSBN Academy, and Brock University and provide updates at future meetings.”

CARRIED

Trustee Ed Fulford reported on the meeting of September 25th noting that good discussion took place on the French Immersion Program and on usage of schools with current and future Accommodation Reviews.

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

Moved by Dale Robinson

Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated October 3, 2012, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Dale Robinson encouraged the Trustees' attendance at the Parent Involvement Conference being held on November 7, 2012, at Eden High School. The focus of the conference is “Parenting in the 21st Century: Raising the Whole Child.” Registration information is available at www.dsbn.org/pic.

4. VERBAL REPORT ON THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE RETREAT

Student Trustees Mackenize Ceci and Tara Lundy provided a verbal update on the Student Trustee Senate Retreat which was held at Woodend on Wednesday, September 26, 2012. The Retreat was well attended and the students enthusiastically participated in the activities. The members of the Student Trustee Senate brainstormed on project ideas for fundraising, and also enjoyed an informative presentation on Student Success initiatives.

5. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING (SAL) COMMITTEE

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee dated October 2, 2012, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam reported that 17 cases were reviewed and approved by the Committee. In addition, 13 cases were renewed for the 2012-2013 school year. Trustee Bradnam commended Superintendent McGregor, staff and the Committee members for their dedication to students.

Superintendent McGregor explained that “School-in-a-Bag” represents independent learning options which allow students to learn at their own pace. Each student has a mentor who is in constant contact with the student. Superintendent McGregor explained that through the SAL Committee, students can access multiple modes of learning to meet their individual needs.

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

Prior to the Board Meeting Trustees participated in an Information Session on the recent CACE (Canadian Association of Communicators in Education) Conference. Lorraine Randall, the Board's Visual Communication Designer, provided an overview of her presentation at the Conference entitled, "Bringing a Concept to Life: The Principles of Good Design."

Trustee Robinson commended Lorraine on an excellent and informative presentation.

3. Correspondence and Communication

- (a) Letter from CUPE asking the Board to endorse a day of recognition for Early Childhood Educators

**Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy**

"That the District School Board of Niagara recognize Wednesday, October 24, 2012, as Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day."

CARRIED

- (b) Letter from the Near North District School Board to The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Education

- (c) Letter from the Grand Erie District School Board to The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Education

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:**Correspondence and Communication**

Chair Maves noted that the letters to the Minister of Education are provided for information purposes only.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- (a) Trustee Keddy reported that she and Superintendent McGregor attended Beamsville District Secondary School's recent and well attended graduation ceremony. Trustee Keddy commended the organizers for a great job and she also congratulated the students on their achievements.
- (b) Trustee Barnett gave a reminder that registration is open for the upcoming anti-bullying presentation entitled, "Bullying is Not a Game." The presentation will be held at various locations within the Board in October and November. Further information and registration is available at www.nobully.ca.
- (c) Trustee Barnett gave a reminder of the "DSBN Beat the Brainiacs Trivia Night" being held on Friday, October 12th at the St. Catharines Collegiate.
- (d) Trustee Clark reported that he recently attended memorial services for Jim Smith, long serving former Teacher, Principal, and Superintendent of Education who served the former Lincoln County Board of Education with distinction; and for Dr. Jean Hunt, who was the first female Chair of the former St. Catharines Board of Education in the 1960's. Trustee Clark commended them for their dedication and service.
- (e) Trustee Bradnam reported that he attended Laura Secord Secondary School's recent Honour Awards Breakfast where students were recognized for their achievements. Trustee Bradnam noted that he also enjoyed a tour of the newly renovated facilities.
- (f) Trustee Bradnam reported that he still has tickets for the Caribbean Cruise fundraiser in support of Woodend. The draw will take place on February 28th, 2013.
- (g) At Trustee Bradnam's request, Trustee Robinson provided an update on today's presentations at Thorold Secondary School and Richmond Street Public School where descendants of Sir Roger Scheaffe donated artifacts significant to the War of 1812. Sir Roger Scheaffe was the officer who took command when Sir Isaac Brock was killed in the Battle of Queenston Heights. Trustee Robinson recognized Thorold resident and businessman, John Henderson, for personally supporting these individuals who came from Australia to commemorate the War of 1812. The artifacts which include the jacket worn by Sir Roger Scheaffe, his sword, documents, and watch have been presented to the office of the

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

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and will be on display at the Niagara Historical Society Museum in Niagara-on-the-Lake during October and November. Trustee Robinson added that each student who attended the presentations were given a package of art work pertaining to the military event of 1812.

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 Cheryl Keddy reported that a special meeting will be held this coming weekend in Waterloo, where the election for the position of President of the Central West Region will take place.

6. Future Meetings

The revised calendar of November 2012 meetings was provided. The following revisions were made:

November 28 Parent Involvement Committee – 5:30 p.m.

N. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Barbara Ness
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

KEVIN MAVES, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer