

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Education Centre

St. Catharines

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. [Private Session]

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. [Public Session]

A G E N D A

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory
2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Motion to Move to Committee of the Whole (Private Session)
2. Motion to Return to Open Board (Public Meeting)

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

Westlane Secondary School choir will sing 'O Canada', via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Vice Chair Diane Chase

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Pages 7-21

Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated April 26, 2016 be confirmed as submitted.”

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole

Recommended Motion:

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

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director’s Report and Recognition

W Hoshizaki
Pages 22-25

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

- a) Director’s Recognition – Max Ingrao, Drama Teacher, Stamford Collegiate
- b) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

1. DSBN and Provincial Graduation Rate

H McGregor
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H. DELEGATIONS

I. **BOARD RECESS (Optional)**

J. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **ACCOUNTS**

S Veld
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Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1729 to 1742, for the month of April 2016 totalling \$17,776,678.79 be received.”

2. **REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

J Ajandi / H Campbell
Pages 28-29

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated May 4, 2016 be received.”

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

C Keddy Scott
Pages 30-33

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated May 12, 2016 be received.”

4. **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

J Ajandi / D Robinson
Pages 34-42

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated May 12, 2016 be received.”

5. **REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

J Dubé / K Hilborn
Pages 43-47

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated May 17, 2016 be received.”

6. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

D Schaubel
Pages 48-55

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated May 17, 2016 be received; and

That the report of the Educational Research Committee of April 14, 2016 be received; and

That the Board direct Senior Administration to prepare an Initial Staff Report and School Information Profile Reports for the group of schools that includes Beamsville District SS, Grimsby SS, and South Lincoln HS, for presentation to the Board of Trustees.”

7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

K Maves
Pages 56-93

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated May 18, 2016 be received; and

That the low bid received from TRP Construction, in the amount of \$2,126,000 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for the Addition and Renovations Project at Oakridge Public School; and

That as a condition of site plan approval for the Oakridge Public School Addition and Renovations Project, approximately 1.7 acres of identified Conservation/Natural Area lands be dedicated to the City of St. Catharines in accordance with the *Garden City Plan*; and

That a purchase order be issued to the Construction Manager, Mountainview Homes, for an overall value not to exceed \$550,000 for general conditions and various tendered work packages to sub-trades; and

That the low bid received from TAT Construction, in the amount of \$582,925 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for the Accessibility Improvements Project at Princess Margaret Public School; and

That the low bid received from Scott Construction, in the amount of \$699,450 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for the Accessibility Improvements / Boiler Replacement Project at Prince Philip Public School, Niagara Falls; and

That the low bid received from STF Construction, in the amount of \$584,295 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for the Science Labs Renovation Project at Westlane Secondary School; and

That staff be directed to increase the annual budget allocation for sports fields in the 2016-17 Multi-Year Capital Plan, to support an investment in synthetic turf fields and tracks, in the amount of \$2,500,000. The construction must include a capital partnership with the municipality or community organization; and

That the Multi-Year Capital Plan, dated May 18, 2016, as amended to include the investment of \$2,500,000 to support the installation of identified synthetic turf fields in 2016-17, be received and that staff be authorized to proceed with all identified projects up to and including the 2016-17 year.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

(a) DSBN Academy Advisory Committee

K. Pisek
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(b) The naming of the West Pelham Elementary school. Trustees will be asked to choose the name, via ballot, from the names recommended by the Naming Committee. (Handout)

W Hahn

2. Trustee Information Session

No information session scheduled.

3. Correspondence and Communications

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

J Ajandi

6. Future Meetings

The June calendar is attached.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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

**May 24, 2016 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Max Ingrao, Drama Teacher, Stamford Collegiate

Max Ingrao went above and beyond his duty as an LTO teacher to advocate for Mental Health Awareness through the Arts.

Last year, he worked with his grade 9 drama class to write and direct Stamford's Sears Drama Festival Entry, *Invisible Wounds*. The play won the coveted top prize and was invited to the next level in competitions. Max placed less focus on the competitive component of the play and more on the purpose of the play - which was to help end the stigma around mental health, particularly Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Max reached out to the Niagara Falls Community and was able to arrange a free public performance at the Scotiabank Convention Centre. The play was seen by an organizer for the Southern Ontario Youth Theatre Festival and after connecting with Max, the students were on the road to perform to a larger audience in Windsor. Max then organized a special evening titled, *Mental Health Awareness*, and invited all DSBN staff, youth counsellors and social workers to see the play at no cost. It was an incredible journey that ended with a twist at Stamford's 2015 Remembrance Day Assembly.

Invisible Wounds was a physical performance piece inspired by a book of poetry written by a Canadian soldier who was honourably discharged due to PTSD and is now living in British Columbia. The project went beyond just a performance when the students were able to connect with the soldier/author (Ed Brown) over Skype. Ed sent free copies of his poetry to sell as a fundraiser at every performance - but he wished with all of his heart that he could afford to travel to Niagara Falls to see the play. Max took up that challenge and reached out to a charity organization titled, *Wounded Warriors*. *Wounded Warriors* paid for Ed's flight and accommodations and Stamford was able to have a very special guest at their Remembrance Day assembly this past November. Ed was able to see the play and meet the students face to face.

Max's dedication to his students, to DSBN and to challenging our perceptions about mental health make him a worthy recipient of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions. Congratulations Max!

Local

CONNECT 2016

CONNECT is about developing partnerships, showcasing products and making real connections between education and technology leaders. Most of all, it supports and encourages innovative technology solutions for the classroom that enhance student learning.

This year's conference was a huge success and attracted over 2000 attendees.

Thank you to Dino Miele, DSBN's Chief Information Officer, and his team for their outstanding efforts in organizing and presenting the conference. As well, thanks to the many community and industry partners who contributed to CONNECT 2016's success.

EXITE (Exploring Interests in Technology and Engineering)

During the week of CONNECT 2016, over 100 grade 6-8 girls participated in EXITE, a Girls for Tech Camp, aimed at sparking their interest in math and science and raising their awareness of the exciting possibilities a career in IT can present.

Several female IBM staff volunteered to share their knowledge and facilitate activities to explore the wonders of technology and engineering. Their mission was to show the girls that STEM is fun, with endless career possibilities. New this year, grade 9 and 10 girls participated in the first day then shared their knowledge and mentored the grades 6-8 girls that attended on day two. Thank you to our staff for organizing a wonderful learning opportunity.

CONRAD Spirit of Innovation Challenge

Yoon Shin, a grade 12 student at St. Catharines Collegiate, has received high accolades for an innovative project that he and his team (Team Noodle) entered into the CONRAD Spirit of Innovation Challenge 2016.

The CONRAD Spirit of Innovation Challenge is one of the largest competitions in the United States in the aerospace, aviation, environment and computer science category and is sponsored by NASA, Kennedy Space Center, Space, X, US Navy and others.

Yoon, the lead engineer of Team Noodle, an aerospace team composed of five students from South Korea and Canada, developed a space helmet called the "Sixth Sense Helmet." They manufactured, assembled, tested, wrote a 150 page report, and then presented their product in front of judges made up of astronauts, navy pilots and venture capitalists. Unlike conventional space helmets, the product serves to transmit various information about the outer environment to the astronauts in a revolutionary way. For example, the helmet senses surrounding and approaching objects and forms unique white noise using its surrounding speaker, making the astronauts feel the objects in the directions they cannot see!



Yoon and his team are the proud gold medal winners in the Aerospace and Aviation category and are also recipients of the Pete Conrad Scholarship! Team Noodle placed first in a field of 300 international teams. They also had the opportunity to meet the Director of NASA, and are working with them to develop and patent their design for commercial space travel. Congratulations to Yoon Shin!

2016 Graduate Visual Arts Exhibition

Winners of the art exhibition:

Best in Show: **Ben Kruck**, *Suffocation*, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

Best Drawing: **Dyani Hay**, *People's Bodies*, A.N. Myer Secondary School

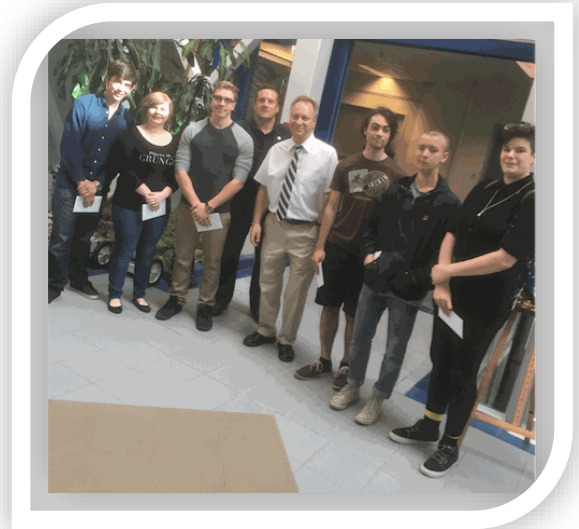
Best Painting: **Noah Hoffman**, *Untitled Abstract*, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School

Best Mixed Media: **Eric Block**, *#27*, Governor Simcoe Secondary School

Best Sculpture: **Skylar Allati** and **Wynne Reicheld**, *Cultural Transistor*, Welland Centennial Secondary School

Best New Media: **Kim Desharnais**, *Breaking Point*, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

(Adjudicators from Brock University: Shawn Serfas and Peter Vietgen)



DSBN Giving

Children, no matter how big or small, have a tremendous capacity to make a difference in the world. I am always delighted and proud to hear of the many ways in which our students and staff try to support those who are in need, and the ways in which they rally around a cause that is important to them. Whether it's organizing a community walk to help raise mental health awareness, or organizing a school pep rally to help raise funds for new playground equipment, the student leadership shown within our schools is always inspiring. Recent examples include:

Orchard Park PS Students Raise Funds for Fort McMurray Residents

Staff and students at Orchard Park Public School have learned a lesson in caring as the wildfires rage in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Wanting to help, they decided to organize a car wash at the school to help raise money for the Red Cross, knowing the federal government plans to match any funds raised. And before the car wash even started the students themselves were quick to respond and donations of \$245 were brought in! Congratulations to Orchard Park Public School for their team building efforts and for giving back to a community in need.

Helping Syrian Refugees

On Friday April 22, 2016 Governor Simcoe Secondary School hosted a grade 7/8 fundraising dance for Syrian refugees.

Several members of the "Simcoe Outreach Society" and the "Helping Syrian Refugee Committee" organized the dance to help families in our community. The dance had 160 students from over 15 different elementary schools. The theme of the dance was NEON. The fundraiser made \$1582. Well done!



Fundraising for Leukemia

Two grade six students at Cherrywood Acres Public School, Mackenzie and Mariah, took the initiative to raise funds and spread awareness about Leukemia amongst their school community. These two students created and implemented a school-wide fundraiser for Leukemia and raised \$459.88 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Mackenzie and Mariah were recognized on May 10 at Cherrywood Acres' School Celebration Assembly where they presented a cheque to a member of the Canadian Cancer Society. Funds raised will go specifically towards child Leukemia research.



Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (O.A.M.E.) Math Olympiad

On April 21st, 2016 intermediate students from across the DSNB represented their schools in co-ed teams of four to compete in O.A.M.E.'s Math Olympiad at Club Roma. The event included 72 teams from across the Hamilton-Niagara Region. Students were challenged to solve difficult math problems that tested their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum and the day consisted of three events: an Individual Event where students had to solve a series of 10 math problems on their own; the Paired Event where students worked in teams of two to solve problems; and finally a Relay Event where students came together as a group to solve a relay race of math problems where each new question was revealed after the one before it was solved correctly.

The team from Grapeview Public School represented by grade 8 students Elsa McKnight and Peter Pilling, and grade 7 students Juhee Park and Nathan Little were successful in finishing first in both the Paired and Relay competitions!

Grapeview teacher and coach for the team, Kyle Fraser was extremely impressed with how quickly and accurately Elsa, Peter, Juhee, and Nathan were able to answer the problems put in front of them. Kyle, along with help from teachers Angela Esau and Jen Wittig, has been helping prepare the team for their competition as they qualify to attend the Provincial Math Olympiad at the University of Toronto on May 27-28, 2016. Best of luck to the team!

Background:

A secondary school graduation is an important milestone in a student's life and provides an important foundation for reaching their future goals and aspirations. This is the second year that the Ministry of Education has released graduation rates for each school board.

Calculation:

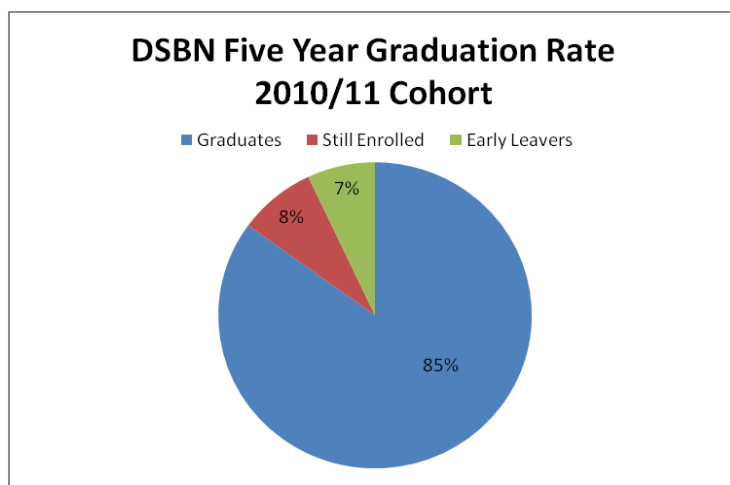
This year's graduation rate was calculated by the Ministry based on the group of students who started Grade 9 in the 2010/11 school year. These students form the basis of each school board's graduation rate. Their progress is tracked by the Ministry of Education at any school they are attending across Ontario. Students who have moved out of Ontario are removed from the cohort calculation. This cohort's graduation status after five years is reported in the school board where the students started their grade nine year.

Results:

The five year graduation rate for DSBN has increased by 1% to 85%. This means that for the cohort of students who started Grade 9 in 2010-11, 85% had graduated by the end of the 2014/15 school year. Eight percent of these students are still attending a secondary school in Ontario. The remaining seven percent are considered early school leavers, meaning that they have not graduated and are not currently attending a secondary school in Ontario.

Provincially the five year graduation rate has also increased by 1% to 85%.

For the same cohort of students, 77% of our cohort of students graduated after four years, an increase of 2%. The Provincial four year rate was 78%.



	DSBN	Province
Graduation Rate - 4 years	77% (+2%)	78% (+2%)
Graduation Rate - 5 years	85% (+1%)	85% (+1%)

DSBN staff efforts have resulted in the improvement in the percentage of students graduating with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. A breadth of innovative programming and targeted interventions are leading to the increase in achievement. We continue to expand programming offerings to meet student interests and post-secondary pathways including: Specialist High Skills Majors, Dual Credits, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, cooperative education, eLearning, Alternative Programming, ESL/ELL supports, special education, summer reach ahead credits and FNMI programming. The increase in our credit accumulation in Grades 9, 10 and 11 are assisting our students attaining the required elements to graduate.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen McGregor
Superintendent of Education

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Background:

The Summary of Accounts is regularly presented to the Trustees in order to disclose the Board expenditures paid during the previous month. The Summary highlights the costs associated with employee benefits, transportation, utilities, and the total of all other non-salary expenditures.

Summary of Accounts:

A summary of accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1729 to 1742, for the month of April, 2016, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 10,041,808.14
Transportation	1,477,365.70
Utilities	688,041.97
Other	<u>5,569,462.98</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,776,678.79</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1729 to 1742, for the month of April 2016, totaling \$17,776,678.79 be received.”

Supporting Data:

A computer listing of all cheques and electronic fund transfers, issued by the Board for the month of April, 2016, will be in the Director’s office during the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of May 24, 2016

For further information, please contact Stacy Veld or the Director of Education.

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
REPORT TO BOARD
MEETING ON Tuesday May 24, 2016**

DSBN Academy Advisory Committee

Background:

On Friday May 13th members from the DSBN, Brock University, Niagara College, EFN, United Way, Niagara Nutrition Partners, Niagara Public Health, YMCA of Niagara and Port Cares met to hear and discuss updates from the DSBN Academy.

The DSBN Academy Advisory Committee was originally formed in 2011 to further support the learning needs of its' students. In June 2017, the DSBN Academy will celebrate its first grade 12 graduation. Therefore it seemed like the perfect opportunity to reinstate the committee and hold a meeting to discuss updates and plans for the future.

Overview:

The Academy's vision, values, advisory program and extended school day assist students in setting and achieving high academic goals. Evidence of this was shared with the committee. For example: In the first year of the expansion to Secondary school 26% of students were on the honour roll. This increased to 40% in the second year.

The Agenda Included:

Secondary Principal, Lisa Nazar and Elementary Principal, Andrea Grieve provided both a look back as well as highlighted new initiatives at the Academy.

Student and staff panel shared experiences as well as answered questions from committee members.

Members were provided pamphlets and information on admissions to share with their organization and the community they work with.

Next Step:

The goal of the committee will be to meet twice a year to support and contribute ideas and information to the DSBN Academy. All agreed that continued community engagement will enhance both the supports being offered and the overall success of our students.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Pisek, Superintendent of Education, Area 3 Schools
Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Education, Secondary

Date: May 18th

June 2016

Trustee Calendar

May 2016							Jul 2016						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29	30	31 5:00 PM Excellence in Education Banquet	Jun 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 6:00 PM Program and Planning	8	9 All Day Event OSPBA AGM 6:00 PM SEAC	10 All Day Event OSPBA AGM	11 All Day Event OSPBA AGM
12 All Day Event OSPBA AGM	13	14	15 6:00 PM Finance	16 9:00 AM SAL	17	18
19	20	21 5:30 PM Policy Committee	22	23	24	25
26 6:15 PM Board Meeting	27	28 All Day Event Last Day of School - Secondary All Day Event Secondary School Graduations - refer to schedule	29 All Day Event Last Day of School - Elementary All Day Event Secondary School Graduations - refer to schedule	30	Jul 1	2