

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

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 Trustee Linda Crouch

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Pages 6-20

Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 6, 2016 be confirmed as submitted; and

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 6, 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 21-24

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

- a) Director’s Recognition – Justin Rideout, Student, Laura Secord S.S.
- b) Director’s Recognition – Rossi Raymond, Head Caretaker, Fort Erie S.S.
- c) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

- a) Niagara Regional Police Service

B Stokes Verworn

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. **DELEGATIONS**

I. **BOARD RECESS (Optional)**

J. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **ACCOUNTS**

S Veld
Page 25

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1829 to 1858, for the months of November and December 2016 totalling \$38,761,309.09 be received.”

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

H Campbell /L Campbell
Pages 26-28

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated December 7, 2016 be received.”

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

S Alazzam/K Luciani
Pages 29-33

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated December 7, 2016 be received.”

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

L Campbell
Pages 34-42

Recommended Motion:

“That the reports of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated December 7, 2016 and January 11, 2017 be received.”

5. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

D Robinson / J Ajandi
Pages 43-50

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated December 8, 2016 be received.”

6. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

C Keddy Scott
Pages 51-65

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated January 17, 2017 be received; and

That Policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools be approved as amended and adopted; and

That Policy G-32: Fees for Learning Materials and Activities be approved as amended and adopted; and

That Policy E-17: Performance Appraisal be approved as received and adopted; and

That Policy F-03: Facility Access and Intrusion Alarms be approved as amended and adopted; and

That Policy D-01: Digital Technology Use By Students be approved as amended and adopted; and

That E-05: Digital Technology Use By Staff be approved as received and adopted; and

That Policy E-16: Electronic Social Media be approved as amended and adopted.”

7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

K Maves
Pages 66-83

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated January 18, 2017 be received; and

That the International Education 2015-16 Financial Report be received and that \$224,000 be allocated to support the Board’s strategic initiatives as directed by the

Finance Committee; and

That the 2016-17 Interim Financial Report, reflecting updated enrolments for October 31, 2016, and the resulting changes in revenues and expenditures, be received; and

That staff be directed to implement the recommended fee structure for the community use rentals of natural and synthetic turf fields; and

That Borrowing Resolution 2017-01, authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$23,584,329 for the short-term financing of Ministry funded capital projects, pursuant to the provisions of section 243(1) of the Education Act, be approved.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Session

3. Correspondence and Communications

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

D Chase

6. Future Meetings

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The February 2017 calendar is attached.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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

**January 24, 2017 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Justin Rideout, Student, Laura Secord SS

Justin Rideout is a grade 12 student at Laura Secord Secondary School. As well as achieving the Honour Roll each year, Justin also earned the instrumental music award in grades 9 and 10.

Through his participation in Laura Secord's Drumline in grade 11, Justin has earned recognition from both the City of St. Catharines and the Provincial Drumline Battle Champions.

Justin has had a variety of experiences that have made him an expert in sound, lighting, and technology. He is reliable, dependable and is the "go to" person when staff is in need of support. Justin always gets the job done and has been hired by DSBN Auditorium Rentals - Tech Crew.

He has been involved in many extra-curricular activities including: junior band and jazz band, concert choir, tubarama, batterie, music council, the Anything Goes orchestra and tech crew, gig choir and is also a Jump mentor.

Justin is also very involved in the community by: being a member of the Salvation Army Brass Band where he is the principle trombone player, and The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign as the assistant counting coordinator. Although Justin's schedule is extremely busy, he has maintained employment at FreshCo., Wendy's Restaurant, Riothill Studios and Live Sound, Detour Music Hall and Warehouse Music Hall.

Thank you Justin for your tremendous contributions to the students and staff at Laura Secord Secondary School. You are most deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions!

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Rossi Raymond, Head Caretaker, Fort Erie SS

Rossi Raymond is the Head Caretaker at Fort Erie Secondary School (FESS). She has worked for the DSBN for 18 years in various caretaking roles. Rossi is being recognized for her positive effect on school culture as a whole but particularly to the lives of the students in the Specialized School to Community (SSTC) program. Although she joined FESS only 11 months ago, she has become an integral part of the school and her daily contributions have a positive effect on both staff and students alike. Rossi's actions embody the DSBN's "I Matter" belief.

It goes without saying, for anyone who knows Rossi, that she is extremely hardworking, dedicated, and full of initiative. Rossi regularly goes above and beyond her regular duties to make sure that the school is clean, safe, and ready for learning. She leads her team with positivity, humour, and pride and everyone that works with her recognizes her dedication. Rossi's extraordinary contributions, however, are not only in the form of her caretaking work, but also in the bonds that she forms with the students at FESS, in particular the students in the SSTC program.

In the short time that Rossi has been at FESS, she has gotten to know each of the students in the SSTC program and regularly spends her own time and money to enrich their lives. Recently, for example, Rossi knew that one of the students had a particular interest in constructing items from everyday household materials. Rossi spent her own time tracking down some library books, through two different librarians, to bring in and share with this student. Another time the FESS pool was closed on a day the students were scheduled to swim. Rossi knew that the students would be very disappointed at this unexpected closure, so decided to bring in a laser light show to lift their spirits. Most recently it was one of the student's birthday. Rossi knew the student is a big fan of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie, so created a birthday card for him that had his face on Jack Sparrow's body. Needless to say the student was thrilled!

Enough cannot be said about Rossi's contributions to enrich the lives of the students of Fort Erie Secondary School, both through her work and her caring heart. Rossi, thank you for all you do on a day-to-day basis to make FESS an amazing school. You are most deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions!

Local

Burleigh Hill Community Care Toy Drive



For the past 18 years, the staff, students and parents of Burleigh Hill Public School have conducted a Community Care Campaign during the holidays. Each November, teacher coordinator Maria Carfagnini, invites students, parents, family members and alumni, to volunteer to collect Canadian Tire money and cash donations. She coordinates the volunteers, scheduling them to be present outside the Canadian Tire store every Thursday through Sunday until the wrap up of

the campaign in mid-December. The campaign culminates with a team of students and volunteers walking to the Glendale Canadian Tire store to spend the funds raised. This year each student volunteer had \$140.00 to spend on Christmas gifts for those in need in our community. Maria has worked with Canadian Tire managers Todd and Chris who discount items to make the funds go even farther. This year 14 shopping carts full of gifts, valued at over \$6000, were brought back to the school to be donated to Community Care on behalf of the Burleigh Hill P.S. community.

A Christmas Carol Production

E.L. Crossley's recent production of A Christmas Carol was a big success! Students were proud to perform in the school's newly renovated drama studio. Carollers were carolling in three-part harmony, musicians were accompanying them, and actors and actresses were giving it their all! The artistic talents of the students and staff was outstanding!



Hour of Code

DSBN schools participated in Hour of Code for the second year in a row. Hour of Code is a global movement that celebrates and highlights computational thinking each year during the first week of December.

A target was set to achieve 1 million minutes of coding during the week and far surpassed this goal, reaching an impressive 1,925,446 minutes in 89 schools across all grades. Central Public School in Grimsby was the leader, logging 296,000 minutes.



Schools were busy coding throughout the entire week participating in “high-tech” and “unplugged” activities. For example, the Technovation Challenge involved over 140 female students and teachers. Teams started the process of creating an “app” to solve a problem or address a social issue. The Code Mobile visited two schools: James Morden in Niagara Falls and Diamond Trail in Welland. The enthusiastic Code Mobile staff helped 80 primary students learn the programming language called “Scratch.”



Kindergarten at the DSBN!

Kindergarten Open Houses are just around the corner on February 2. Schools will be open for new students and their parents from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm in order to accommodate as many people as possible.

Thank you to administrators and school staff for providing a welcoming atmosphere for our newest learners and their families.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Background and Rationale:

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 1829 to 1858, for the months of November and December 2016, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 16,003,137.19
Transportation	3,837,671.41
Utilities	1,624,842.91
Other	<u>17,295,657.58</u>
Total	<u>\$ 38,761,309.09</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1829 to 1858, for the months of November and December 2016, totaling \$38,761,309.09 be received.”

Supporting Data:

A computer listing of all cheques and electronic fund transfers, issued by the Board for the months of November and December 2016, will be in the Recording Secretary’s office during the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of January 24, 2017

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

February 2017

Trustee Calendar

Jan 2017						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 29	30	31	Feb 1 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM PIC	2 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Trustee Retreat	3	4
5	6 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Program and Planning	7	8 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM SAL 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM DSBN Winter Gala	9 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM SEAC	10	11 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Denim Diamonds and Diplomas
12	13	14 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Special Board Meeting	15 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Finance Committee n Timeg	16	17	18
19 All Day Event Family Day	20	21	22 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Student Trustee Senate Retreat - Half Day	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Board Meeting - Closed Session 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Board Meeting - Public Session	Mar 1	2	3	4