

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 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'

McKay Public School and Port Colborne High School choirs will sing 'O Canada',
via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Sue Barnett

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

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Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 27, 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
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Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

a) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)

J. OLD BUSINESS

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. 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 next meeting of the Board scheduled for September 27, 2016, with such amendments to take effect thereafter:

G REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

G - 1 The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the ~~second and~~ fourth Tuesday of each month between September and June, save and except for the months of ~~March and~~ December when ~~there will only be one~~ the regular Board meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, and save and except for the month of June when the regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the ~~second Tuesday and the~~ fourth Monday of the month. Should any Tuesday or Monday fall on a statutory or civic holiday, the Board shall meet on the evening of the following day at the same hour, or as otherwise decided by the Board. Committee of the Whole shall commence at 6:15 p.m. and the regular Board meeting, public session, shall commence at 7:00 p.m.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Session

No information session scheduled.

3. **Correspondence and Communications**

a) Correspondence from the Town of Pelham

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4. **Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

5. **Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report**

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6. **Future Meetings**

The September and October calendars are attached.

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N. **ADJOURNMENT**

Recommended Motion:

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

**September 13, 2016 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Local

Welcome Back to Students and Staff

Excitement was in the air on September 6th as DSBN students and families arrived at school, full of smiles and energy! Teachers, administrators and support staff also featured wide grins as they warmly welcomed new and returning students.

This is the best time of year and I would like to thank everyone at the DSBN, from teachers and administrators, to support staff, senior leaders and trustees, for their commitment and dedication to student success.

Great Start Up to the New School Year

The old saying that “you never get a second chance to make a first impression” holds true and John Brant P.S. did not disappoint!

There was a great deal of excitement and anticipation in the school yard as students and families eagerly awaited the doors to open for the very first time!

The DSBN's newest school in Ridgeway is full of opportunities for our students. It is a school that everyone: students, staff, trustees, parents and the community, can be extremely proud of. One community member stated, “To say I was pleasantly surprised is an understatement. The new school is the talk of Ridgeway. It is new, but has a design that presents an historical context...You have done a fantastic job.”

I Matter

We have had tremendous feedback on the launch of DSBN's newly developed Strategic Plan and the **I Matter** campaign!

We strive to show every individual involved with our system how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. It will be very exciting to see **I Matter** come to life in our schools, departments and communities across the DSBN!

You can discover more about **I Matter** by visiting dsbn.org/imatter.



Welcome Centre

There has been an excellent start to the 2016-17 school year with many new families making their way to our Welcome Centre.

We have welcomed 160 new students to the DSBN over the summer months! 87 elementary students, 73 secondary students.

Sincere thanks to Stacy Turner and Welcome Centre staff for their excellent work and support of this important service for our newcomer families.

International Education

The International Education Office welcomed 46 international students from Korea and 16 from China to participate in a two week summer camp at the DSBN over the period of July 18-28. The Korean program involved students from Grades 3-12 and was held at A.N. Myer S.S. while the Chinese program involved all Grade 10 students and was held at Sir Winston Churchill S.S.

Five DSBN teachers acted as the facilitators delivering a variety of curriculum involving ecology, geography, physical activity, leadership skills, ESL, and the arts. 14 DSBN students acted as student ambassadors to the international students, assisted in the classrooms and on full-day excursions around Niagara Falls and Toronto, all while earning their required volunteer community service hours toward their diploma.

This international summer camp program provided DSBN staff and students the opportunity to learn about other cultures and provided the international students with the opportunity to explore the beauty of the Niagara Region and DSBN schools in the hopes that some of them will return for full-year academic studies.



DSBN Students Take Gold!

Grace Tennant and Trinity Tuttle both returned from the National Youth Legion Track and Field Championships in Quebec this past August with medals in hand.

The pair compete with team GRUNT (Gaining Respect Utilizing Niagara Throwers) and both had an outstanding season.

Grace, a student at South Lincoln H.S. dominated the 1-kilogram discus throw by setting a new meet record with a distance of 46.14 meters, while also earning a bronze medal in the 400g javelin throw.

Trinity, an Eastdale S.S. student, also set a new meet record in the 3kg shot put with a distance of 15.87 meters. She also placed second behind Grace in the youth discus throw.

Earlier in the summer, while competing at OFSAA, Grace won gold for discus and shot put in her division, while Trinity took gold in her division for shot put.

Congratulations to both of these outstanding athletes!

June 21, 2016

District School Board of Niagara
191 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7P4

Attention: Dale Robinson, Chair

Dear Ms. Robinson

Renaming of E. W. Farr Elementary School

As you are aware, a number of residents from the Fenwick community in Pelham have expressed their desire to preserve the name of the E. W. Farr Elementary School following the completion of construction to consolidate the Pelham Centre Public School and E.W. Farr as a K-8 facility. While it is recognized that a municipal Council does not have jurisdictional authority over this issue, Pelham Council deemed it worthwhile to lend support to maintaining the historically significant name of E. W. Farr and as such, at their regular meeting of June 21st, 2016, Council of the Town of Pelham approved the following resolution:

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the District School Board of Niagara requesting that the DSBN reconsider the change in the name for the E. W. Farr Elementary School, due to the feedback received from the community and given the historical and heritage significance of Mr. Farr as a local educator in the Village of Fenwick, Town of Pelham; and

THAT the DSBN be invited to make a presentation to Council should they decide to proceed with renaming the school to Wellington Heights to inform how the name E. W. Farr will be recognized within the school.

We trust that the views of the community will be taken into consideration in this matter as part of the DSBN's collaborative accommodation review process which incorporate meaningful community dialogue and input.

DSBN

From the Clerk's Department



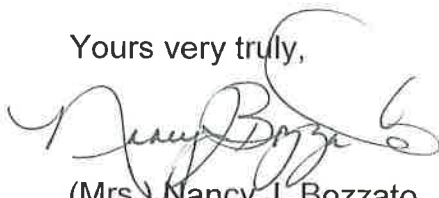
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June 21, 2016
DSBN re E.W. Farr
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As noted in Council's resolution, should the school be renamed, Council has invited the Board to present to Council information as to how the historically significant name of E.W. Farr will be preserved.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,



(Mrs.) Nancy J. Bozzato, *Dipl.M.M., AMCT*
Town Clerk

✓ c.c. W. Hoshizaki, Director of Education and Secretary

From the Clerk's Department



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September 2016

Trustee Calendar

Aug 2016							Oct 2016						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
4	5	6 All Day Event First Day of Classes	7 3:00 PM Properties Disposal Committee	8 6:00 PM SEAC	9	10
11	12 5:30 PM Audit Committee Meeting	13 6:15 PM Board Meeting	14 5:30 PM PIC	15	16 12:00 PM Early Release Day	17
18	19	20 9:30 AM Student Trustee Senate - Full Day Retreat 6:00 PM Program and Planning Committee	21 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27 6:15 PM Board Meeting	28	29	30	Oct 1

October 2016

Trustee Calendar

Sep 2016							Nov 2016								
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 25	26	27 6:15 PM Board Meeting	28	29	30	Oct 1
2 1:00 PM John Brant P.S. Grand Opening Celebration	3	4 6:00 PM Program and Planning Committee	5 1:00 PM SAL Committee 5:30 PM PIC	6	7	8
9 All Day Event Thanksgiving Holiday	10	11 6:15 PM Board Meeting	12	13 6:00 PM SEAC	14	15
16	17	18 6:00 PM Student Trustee Senate	19 6:00 PM Finance Committee	20	21	22
23	24	25 6:15 PM Board Meeting	26	27	28	29
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