

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5:45 p.m.
Director's Meeting Room

PRESENT: Dave Schaubel (Chair), Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Diane Chase, Kevin Maves

ADMINISTRATION: Lora Courtois, John Dickson

GUESTS: Lora Campbell, Student Trustee Justin Dube, Jonathan Fast

SECRETARY: Erin DeRosario

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 5:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Helga Campbell, Seconded by Diane Chase

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2016

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Kevin Maves

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of January 19, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Schaubel invited Superintendent Lora Courtois to discuss her report.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2016-2017

Superintendent Lora Courtois reviewed the report for the Committee, providing a background of the School Year Calendar parameters as set out by the Education Act, the current School Year Calendar Committee members, and the consultation process that was involved in the creation of the draft Elementary and Secondary school year calendars. She drew attention to the additional PD Day, and noted that a key term of the recent settlements that were negotiated with ETFO and OSSTF is the provision of an additional PD Day each school year. The amended regulations now require school boards to designate three PD days, and the authority for boards to designate up to an additional four PD days per school year remains unchanged, thus

increasing the total maximum number of possible PD days per school year from six to seven. The requirement for every school year to include a minimum of 194 school days remains unchanged. As a result, the minimum number of instructional days per school year is reduced by one. Superintendent Courtois noted that the proposed school year calendars have been modified from the Ministry standard, with the Christmas break being pushed back by one week. It was realized through the vetting process with the various union and employee groups that the proposed (modified) Christmas Break has been very well received. She noted that the draft DSBN Elementary and Secondary calendars are both currently in line with the NCDSB's draft calendars. The significance of ensuring this alignment is the transportation cost savings realized due to the sharing of transportation services through the NSTS harmonized consortium.

Superintendent Courtois further explained Regulation 304 of the Education Act, which guides the placement of the Christmas Break for the standard calendar as set out by the Ministry of Education.

Moved by Helga Campbell, Seconded by Diane Chase

"That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2016-2017 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education by March 1, 2016."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Schaubel asked if there was any other business and there was none.

NEXT MEETING

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the Grimsby Lincoln Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Kevin Maves

"That the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.