PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE



Tuesday, April 16, 2019 5:00 p.m. Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

MINUTES

Present:

Trustee Committee Members: Dave Schaubel (Chair), Nancy Beamer (left meeting at 6:45pm), Jonathan Fast

(arrived at 5:15pm), Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Lora Campbell (alternate for Jonathan Fast until his arrival, alternate for Nancy Beamer after her departure).

Trustee Guests: Sue Barnett, Elizabeth Klassen, Doug Newton, Keeley Smith, Student Trustee

Administration: Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education

JoAnna Roberto, Area 1 Supt. of Curriculum and Student Achievement (K-8) Helen McGregor, Area 7A Supt. of Curriculum and Student Achievement (9-12)

Lora Courtois, Superintendent of Human Resources Marian Reimer Friesen, Superintendent of Area 5 Schools Michael St. John, Superintendent of Area 6 Schools

Guests: Lisa Nazar, Secondary Principal, DSBN Academy

Andrea Grieve, Elementary Principal, DSBN Academy Maggie Bernier, DSBN Academy, Secondary Student

Jennifer Currie, Principal, Prince of Wales PS Brandie Lancione, Vice Principal, Jeanne Sauvé PS Stacy Turner, Consultant, Equity & Inclusion

Susie Palumbo, Principal, Well Being

Recording Secretary: Tamara Lockhart, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 5:01pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Moved by Lora Campbell, seconded by Nancy Beamer

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

DSBN Academy Presentation

Superintendents Marian Reimer Friesen and Helen McGregor presented information about the DSBN Academy together with Lisa Nazar, Secondary Principal, Andrea Grieve, Elementary Principal and DSBN Academy secondary student Maggie Bernier. DSBN Academy opened in 2011 and is a grade 6-12 school with a mission to prepare first generation students for post secondary education. 100% of the graduates have received acceptances to college and university. The presentation included an overview of the steps taken to open the DSBN Academy, the school's key strategies and the positive impact the school is having in students' lives.

DSBN Equity and Inclusive Education

Superintendent Lora Courtois along with Jennifer Currie (Principal, Prince of Wales), Keeley Smith (Student Trustee), Lisa Nazar (Secondary Principal, DSBN Academy), Brandie Lancione (Vice Principal, Jeanne Sauvé), and Stacy Turner (Consultant, Equity & Inclusion) presented the DSBN Equity and Inclusive Education Report to the committee. The Ontario's Education Equity Action Plan states that "every student should have the opportunity to succeed personally and academically regardless of background, identity or personal circumstance." DSBN's policy E-11 was framed by the eight areas of focus in the Ministry document, Equity and Inclusive Education.

The following areas were highlighted in the report: Special Education, Curriculum Support Services, Mental Health and Well Being and Equity and Inclusion. Additionally, Developing our LGBTQ+ I.Q., Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Creating Safe Space and the School Climate Survey were presented. Information about the annual Student Voice Forum was shared, and the data will be collected, analyzed and presented to the Board in the future.

Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education, shared the Board's role and responsibility to adhere to human rights by ensuring safe, inclusive and equitable learning environments for everyone. The Director has invited Nicole Bonnie to share her knowledge and experience to both experienced and new administrators to the Board. Nicole Bonnie is currently the Director of Diversity, Anti-Oppression and Community Development at Toronto Children's Aid.

Lora Courtois presented the Equity Audit. Many of our administrators and staff participate in the audit. There were over 1000 people that participated in the Equity Audit. The audit was shared and a report will be forth coming.

It is recommended that the first Monday in June be dedicated to supporting Equity and Inclusion by displaying the Pride flag in a way that best supports the school community, whether that is on a flag pole or in a prominent place within the school.

Moved by Jonathan Fast, seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the DSBN Equity and Inclusive Education Report by received."

CARRIED

Nancy Beamer left the meeting at 6:45pm. Lora Campbell acted as the alternate.

Educational Research Committee

Superintendent Michael St. John updated the committee on the newly proposed research project.

Proposal: Exploring Mathematical Proofs in Elementary Classrooms.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Cathy Marks Krpan, University of Toronto OISE

Objectives/Rationale/Purpose: This project will examine the use of mathematical proofs, and their impact on student discourse in mathematics. Teachers will voluntarily meet 4-6 times a year on school sites. This will be competed June 2019.

Moved by Lora Campbell, seconded by Kevin Maves

"That the report of the Educational Research Committee of April 11, 2019 be received."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

The next Program and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 6:00 pm in the Grimsby Lincoln Room at the Education Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Shannon Mitchell, seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.