

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Education Centre

St. Catharines

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. [Private Session]
6:00 - 6:15 p.m. [Organization Meeting]
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'

Forestview Public School boys choir will sing 'O Canada', via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee 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 5-18

Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 22, 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 19-20

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

- a) Director’s Update to Trustees

2. Educational Showcases

- a) The Director’s Holiday Card Contest

K Yielding

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

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 1815 to 1828, for the month of October, 2016 totalling \$18,288,247.95 be received.”

2. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

D Robinson / J Ajandi
Pages 22-34

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated November 17, 2016 be received.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Session

There is no information session scheduled.

3. Correspondence and Communications

a) Correspondence from the Toronto District School Board

Pages 35-37

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

D Chase

6. Future Meetings

The January 2017 calendar is attached.

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N. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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

**December 6, 2016 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Local

Exploring Trades and Technologies

On Thursday, December 1 the DSBN hosted its 1st Annual Exploring Trades and Technologies Conference. This half day conference empowered many of our grade ten students to explore the various technologies offered within their secondary school.

Over 200 students attended this event which was hosted by Niagara College at the Welland Campus. Six different areas were highlighted - Manufacturing, Motive Power, Construction, Energy and Electrical, Advanced Technology, Computer IT Technology and Media Production.



A.N. Myer Wins Third Straight OFSAA Title

The A.N. Myer Marauders senior football team defeated Jacob Hespeler S.S. to take the Central Bowl title, their third straight victory in an Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association (OFSAA) bowl game.

A.N. Myer, ranked second in Canada, were at their best displaying tremendous team speed and tenacity as well as a very impressive performance from quarterback Tre Ford. Ford passed for 328 yards and five touch downs while rushing for 153 yards on eight carries.

Congratulations to head coach Dave Buchanan, the coaching staff, and members of the team for another outstanding season!

I GOT THIS!

Grade 8 students and parents across the District School Board of Niagara were able to get a taste of high school life during the High School Open House events that took place in all DSBN high schools last week.

The open houses are a wonderful opportunity for grade 8 students and families to ask questions about programming and options available to them, and to find out about the athletic and extra-curricular teams and clubs in their local high school.

Many thanks to all staff and students who were on hand to answer questions, lead tours, who displayed outstanding school spirit and made these events a success.

Ministry of Education Visits DSBN Schools

Deputy Minister of Education Bruce Rodrigues and Assistant Deputy Minister Cathy Montreuil, along with Ministry staff, will visit the District School Board of Niagara on Monday, December 5th.

The DSBN Academy and Governor Simcoe Secondary School will highlight the instructional strategies and supports they have put into place for students in the area of mathematics that have helped them experience strong gains in both learning and achievement.

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 1815 to 1828, for the month of October 2016, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 8,896,125.71
Transportation	1,866,281.73
Utilities	615,043.71
Other	<u>6,910,796.80</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,288,247.95</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1815 to 1828, for the month of October 2016, totaling \$18,288,247.95 be received.”

Supporting Data:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of December 6, 2016

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



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December 1, 2016

Dear School Board Chair

Attached is a letter to the Minister of Education with a motion from the Board of Trustees October 26, 2016 meeting *addressing systemic racism and implementing meaningful change through the curriculum review process*.

We hope you will support this motion and send a letter to the Minister of Education asking for her support.

Please contact myself or Trustee Neethan Shan Neethan.shan@tdsb.on.ca if you have any questions concerning this motion.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Pilkey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robin Pilkey
Chair of the Board

cc: Trustee Neethan Shan – Ward 21 Scarborough-Rouge River
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November 21, 2016

The Honorable Mitzie Hunter
Minister of Education,
Government of Ontario
14th Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON, M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Hunter:

At the October 26, 2016 meeting of the Toronto District School Board discussion was held on addressing systemic racism and how to implement meaningful change through the Curriculum Review Process.

Among the issues raised were the following:

- the current curriculum being taught in public schools from Grade 1 to Grade 12 does not adequately reflect the ethno-racial diversity of Ontario; and
- many racialized students, parents and educators feel that they, their experiences and their contributions are not represented and reflected in the content of what is being taught in their classrooms; and
- despite the slow progress being made, there is a long way to go in making sure that the staffing of the education system is reflective of the student population; and
- student achievement is tied to how the students feel about themselves and their identities, the level of their self-esteem and the sense of belonging in their schools and in the education system; and
- racial inequities and systemic discrimination continue to be an important issue in the education system;

On behalf of the Toronto District School Board of Trustees, I am writing this letter to bring to your attention the following motion that was passed at our October 26th 2016 Board meeting:

Be it resolved that the Chair send a communication to the Minister of Education requesting that the Ministry undertake an ethno-racial, equity-based, comprehensive review of the curriculum beginning with Grade 1 and continuing to Grade 12 in all major subjects;

- (i) *That the review be conducted with the objective of putting forward concrete recommendations that can help make the curriculum become more reflective and representative of the diverse ethno-racial communities in Ontario;*
- (ii) *That educators, anti-racism advocates, parents/guardians and students from the diverse racialized communities be engaged in the review process;*
- (iii) *That a copy of the request be sent to the Minister Responsible for the Anti-Racism Directorate;*
- (iv) *That a copy of the Board's decision be sent to the chairs of all Ontario school boards, with a request for support;*
- (v) *That a copy of the Board's decision be sent to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association with a request for support and advocacy of the resolution.*

I look forward to hearing from you on this important issue.

Yours truly

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Robin Pilkey
Chair of the Board

cc: Minister for Anti-Racism Directorate
Ontario School Board Chairs
OSPBA

January 2017

Trustee Calendar

Dec 2016							Feb 2017						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 1 All Day Event Holiday Break	2 All Day Event Holiday Break	3 All Day Event Holiday Break	4 All Day Event Holiday Break	5 All Day Event Holiday Break	6 All Day Event Holiday Break	7 All Day Event Holiday Break
8 All Day Event Holiday Break	9	10	11 1:00 PM SAL	12	13	14
15	16	17 5:30 PM Policy	18 6:00 PM Finance Cmt	19 9:00 AM PES 6:00 PM SEAC	20 12:00 AM PES	21 12:00 AM PES
22	23	24 6:15 PM Board Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Feb 1 5:30 PM PIC	2	3	4