

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Grimsby-Lincoln Room

- PRESENT:** Dave Schaubel (Chair), Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell (for Diane Chase), Kevin Maves
- ADMINISTRATION:** Lora Courtois, Paula MacKinnon
- GUESTS:** Linda Crouch, John Dickson, Warren Hoshizaki, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Sue Mabee, Lisa Mooney, Kelly Pisek, Dale Robinson
- REGRETS:** Diane Chase
- SECRETARY:** Erin DeRosario

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Schaubel called the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Kevin Maves, Seconded by Lora Campbell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2016

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Kevin Maves

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of April 5, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Superintendent Paula MacKinnon discussed the Educational Research proposals and reports.

PROPOSAL #1

Title of Research: Developing a Pedagogy of Social Justice in the Classroom through Postcolonial Literature

Superintendent MacKinnon confirmed for Trustee Helga Campbell that when considering research projects, the Research Committee examines how the DSNB will benefit from them, and although there is not a formal

process in place, the researchers do follow up with the School Board to communicate the findings of various research projects. Superintendent MacKinnon confirmed for Trustee Lora Campbell that she will look into which schools, teachers and students are involved in this research project, and will communicate this information to the Committee. She also clarified the definition of 'postcolonialism' for the Committee.

PROPOSAL #2

Title of Research: Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs Survey (formerly Youth Smoking Survey)

Superintendent MacKinnon informed the Committee that the three elementary schools that are involved in this research study are Westmount PS, Valley Way PS and Prince of Wales PS, and that the three secondary schools involved are Laura Secord SS, Eastdale SS and DSBN Academy SS. She also clarified that survey completion by students is voluntary, and parental consent is required for students under 18 years who wish to participate in the survey.

PROPOSAL #3

Title of Research: Partnering for Change: Disabled Youths' Experiences of Education, Homelessness, and Employment

Superintendent MacKinnon clarified that the purpose of having DSBN Social Workers who are connected to the school/student present is to have them advocate for and support the students involved.

PROPOSAL #4

Title of Research: A New Approach to Transition Planning for Transitional Aged Youth with Intellectual Disabilities

Superintendent MacKinnon clarified that Part b) Objectives/Rationale/Purpose signifies that there is a transition process in place for students, and the purpose of the study is to gain a better understanding of that process.

PROPOSAL #5

Title of Research: How Strong Districts Improve Student Outcomes the Next Stage of Strong District Development in Ontario "CODE/MOE"

Superintendent MacKinnon clarified for Trustee Sue Barnett that the DSBN is one of several school boards that are involved in this study.

Moved by Kevin Maves, Seconded by Helga Campbell

"That the report of the Educational Research Committee of April 14, 2016 be received."

CARRIED

PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION REVIEWS

Superintendent Lora Courtois discussed the purpose and background of the Proposed Accommodation Reviews Report, noting that in September 2015, the Board approved the Annual Facility and Planning Report and the Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP). At that time, five groupings of schools were identified for potential accommodation reviews over the next 2 to 3 years. She presented the three remaining school groupings for the Committee's consideration for the next potential accommodation review. These included South St. Catharines (Burleigh Hill PS, Ferndale PS, and Westmount PS), North Niagara Falls (John Marshall PS, Martha Cullimore PS, Prince Philip PS, and Victoria PS) and West Niagara (Beamsville District SS, Grimsby SS, and South Lincoln HS). The process timelines to initiate an accommodation review were also reviewed, and would begin after Board of Trustee approval of the Program and Planning Committee's

recommendation at the May 24, 2016 Board Meeting. The Initial Staff Report would be presented at the September 27, 2016 Board Meeting and at that time, the Board would make a decision on whether to initiate the Accommodation Review.

The Committee unanimously supported the initiation of a West Niagara Accommodation Review, with the commencement of an Initial Staff Report and School Information Profile Reports. It was also suggested that another Accommodation Review could be explored in 2017.

It was clarified for the Committee that the Board has the option to add an additional Board Meeting, for the purpose of following the Accommodation Review process timelines.

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Board direct Senior Administration to prepare an Initial Staff Report and School Information Profile Reports for the group of schools that includes Beamsville District SS, Grimsby SS, and South Lincoln HS, for presentation to the Board of Trustees.”

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, June 7, 2016** at 6:00 p.m. in the **Grimsby-Lincoln Room**.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kevin Maves, Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the meeting of the Program and Planning Committee adjourn.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.