



**THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

April 12, 2016

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Jennifer Ajandi, Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase (Vice Chair), Jonathan Fast, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Kevin Maves, Dale Robinson (Chair), Dave Schaubel

Student Trustees: Justin Dubé and Katelynn Hilborn

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Paula MacKinnon, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, Stacy Veld, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Bujacz

Regrets: Trustee Linda Crouch

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Linda Gonschior

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Chair Robinson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Robinson called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chair Robinson welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Robinson noted the absence of Trustee Crouch.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”

CARRIED

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That the Board do now return to open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:47 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Glynn A. Green Public School choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Helga Campbell opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated March 8, 2016 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.”

CARRIED

Chair Robinson reported that in the Committee of the Whole closed session, the Board ratified the tentative September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2017 Collective Agreement with the CUPE 4156 Office Clerical, Technical, Instructional, and Support Staff, as well as the tentative September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2017 Collective Agreement with the CUPE 4156 Facility Services, and the tentative September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2017 Collective Agreement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation District 22 Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit.

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Director’s Report and Recognition****Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective:****(a) Recognition of Jackie Maxwell, Artistic Director, The Shaw**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Jackie Maxwell for her outstanding dedication to theatre for all ages, her enduring contribution to education

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Recognition of Jackie Maxwell, Artistic Director, The Shaw**

in the Niagara Region, and for the strong ties she has developed with the DSBN.

Jackie Maxwell will be departing from The Shaw at the end of 2016, after 14 seasons. While at The Shaw, Jackie Maxwell has been committed to providing programming that challenges, stimulates, and excites young people. She has kept DSBN students in mind as she made choices of plays and because of her programming, DSBN students have not only been entertained, but invited to think, discuss, and learn.

The DSBN has Jackie Maxwell to thank for many expressions of partnership which include the DSBN/Shaw Monologue Competition, the Curtain Call Program, Artist in the Classroom, The Shaw SHSM Workshops, and FRAMES Competition.

Jackie Maxwell has supported Shaw/DSBN Arts Nights and has supported DSBN teachers with their semi-annual “Shaw Teachers Day”, a day of incredible learning opportunities that many DSBN teachers look forward to and attend.

It is under the leadership of Jackie Maxwell that all of these programs have started and flourished. It is clear that the partnership that has been formed between the DSBN and The Shaw has profoundly enriched the lives and education of the students and staff of the District School Board of Niagara.

Director Hoshizaki presented Jackie Maxwell with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

(b) Recognition of Dheiksha Jayasankar, Student, Power Glen Public School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Dheiksha Jayasankar for being an exceptional role model and outstanding student.

Dheiksha Jayasankar is a grade 6 student who has been an active member of Power Glen’s school community by being involved in athletic, academic and philanthropic endeavours. At school, Dheiksha Jayasankar is an incredibly hard working, driven student who enjoys challenges and approaches them with confidence.

Dheiksha Jayasankar has already received several accolades for her outstanding achievements outside of school including being named an Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year in 2016. She was also recently selected as one of 13 youths from across Ontario to be awarded the honour for her community service and personal achievements.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Recognition of Dheiksha Jayasankar, Student, Power Glen Public School**

Dheiksha Jayasankar has had her hair cut for students who need wigs due to cancer, sponsored the education of two girls by asking for donations in lieu of birthday gifts, and volunteered at an orphanage in India.

Dheiksha Jayasankar has also been acknowledged for producing several exemplary science fair projects. Most recently, she won first place in the Canada Blooms Science Fair with a project that studied the effect of fruit-based dyes on the electric potential of solar cells. Over the last few years she has successfully competed in the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Canada Wide Virtual Science Fair and the United States Exploravision Science Competition. Dheiksha has twice placed in the top 100 worldwide in the World Education Games sponsored by UNICEF and Microsoft in 2012 and 2015.

Director Hoshizaki presented Dheiksha Jayasankar with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary achievements.

Director's Update to Trustees**i. DSBN Tribes Team "Engaging All Learners" in Kuwait**

DSBN Tribes trainers recently led a team of Ontario trainers to Al-Bayan Bilingual School in Kuwait City for the largest Tribes Training ever undertaken in one session.

The team trained 250 educators including instructional coaches and administrators from pre-school to Grade 12 in both English and Arabic, proving that the Tribes process translates to every community and every grade level. Trainers also engaged over 100 parents and 30 support staff.

Tribes is a process that begins by teaching students the four agreements of Mutual Respect, Attentive Listening, Right to Participate and Pass, and Appreciations/No Put Downs. The process takes participants on a journey of building inclusion, valuing diversity and working together as a community while teaching the curriculum in a way that is engaging and reaches all learners.

ii. Teacher Appreciation Night

The Niagara River Lions basketball team hosted a teacher appreciation night on March 31, 2016. Superintendent Wes Hahn kicked off the game with the ceremonial tip-off and the Port Weller Pirates took to the court at half time.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director's Update to Trustees****iii. DSBN Receives Two Awards**

During a recent United Way Awards night, DSBN was presented with the "Day of Caring® Award." The award was in recognition of the DSBN having one of the top 20 employee campaigns in support of the United Way.

Recently the DSBN received an award for special recognition during Brock's Community Partner's appreciation reception. The award is in recognition for DSBN's outstanding contributions, exceptional leadership and dedicated commitment to experiential learning.

iv. A.N. Myer Wins at OFSAA

Congratulations to the A.N. Myer Marauders girls curling team who, after a very close match, won a silver medal at the recent OFSAA championships in North Bay. Way to go Marauders!!

v. Welland Centennial Cheerleading Team Wins Again

The Welland Centennial Cougars cheerleading team have done it again, by winning first place in their division at the National Cheerleading Championships in Brampton on April 3, 2016. Congratulations to the amazing team!

vi. Leader in Me – Port Weller Public School

Congratulations to Port Weller Public School for being the recipient of the United Way's Innovation Fund which provides one-time grants for new projects. The school was recognized as the "Leader in Me" school after implementing the "Leader in Me" program which is based on Stephen Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. The program focuses on four areas: leadership, school culture, academics and community connections. It assists in empowering students and teaches them skills needed to thrive in life.

vii. E.L. Crossley Improv Team

Congratulations to the E.L. Crossley Improv Team who took top place in The Tri-City Regional Improv Tournament in February and earned a spot in the National Tournament in Ottawa.

2. Educational Showcases

There were no educational showcases.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

**Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Kevin Maves**

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1700 to 1711, for the month of February 2016 totalling \$17,842,715.97 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Moved by Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Helga Campbell**

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 10, 2016 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Ajandi provided highlights from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting which included a parent presentation and a presentation from IT4 Learning staff.

Trustee Robinson commended staff for their efforts in schools in support of Autism Week.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**3. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated March 22, 2016 be received”; and

“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of February 18, 2016 be received”; and

“That the Board receives the Grade 6 Social Studies Cross Curricular Unit: Uncovering the Past: A Journey from Residential School Toward Reconciliation”; and

“That the Program & Planning Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve the following boundary changes:

- The elementary and secondary boundaries for the Oldfield Estates subdivision be shifted to the east to align with Pender Street and the public walkway within the subdivision as shown on Appendix A
- The elementary and secondary boundary to the north of the Oldfield Estates subdivision be shifted to the west, as shown on Appendix A, to include Wilson Crescent and avoid the division of properties on McLeod Road and Wendy Drive into different school districts
- The elementary and secondary boundaries in North St. Catharines be aligned by transferring Zone A from Laura Secord SS to Governor Simcoe SS and Zone B and C from Governor Simcoe SS to Laura Secord SS as shown on Appendix B
- The elementary and secondary boundaries in West St. Catharines/Lincoln be aligned by transferring Zone A, as shown on Appendix C, from Beamsville District SS to St. Catharines Collegiate/Sir Winston Churchill SS for the English and SSTW programs
- That the secondary French Immersion program boundary be defined by establishing Zone A, as shown on Appendix C, as bounded to Sir Winston Churchill SS

And that the approved boundary changes take effect on the day after the Board of Trustees approval, and apply to all future students except the existing secondary students and grade 8 students living in the Zones, as described in this report, who are grandfathered from the boundary changes”; and

“That the Board endorse the Planning Guiding Principles attached as Appendix A”; and

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

“That the Board receives the Report to Program and Planning regarding the updates to Accommodation Review Policy F-2, and that the Board approve the updates to Policy F-2 as described in this report and as modified by the Program and Planning Committee, attached as Appendix A”; and

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated April 5, 2016 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel provided highlights from the meeting and added that the work done in the Program and Planning Committee is valuable to students and schools. Trustee Schaubel recommended Trustees attend these meetings.

Trustee Helga Campbell reported that she spoke to the School Travel Plan at the recent Parent Involvement Committee meeting. Parents in attendance showed interest in the program and asked how they could get their school involved. Principals can contact Lori Powell at Niagara Student Transportation Services for more information.

Trustee Keddy Scott added that there are important benefits to encouraging students to walk to school and commended municipalities for helping to make sure it is safe for students to do so.

4. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated April 6, 2016 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Keddy Scott reported that 10 cases were reviewed and 9 were approved by the committee.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**5. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVMENT COMMITTEE****Moved by Jennifer Ajandi****Seconded by Helga Campbell****“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated April 6, 2016 be received.”****CARRIED**

Trustee Helga Campbell provided highlights from the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included discussions around Planning Guide Principles and the School Travel Plan. Superintendent Reimer Friesen provided an update on the Strategic Plan to committee members.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or 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 April 26, 2016, with such amendments to take effect thereafter:

Delegations

R - 7 Such notice shall be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 12:00 noon of the ~~Tuesday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday** prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. Before acceptance is granted, the Secretary shall confer with the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson to agree on the urgency of the request and the manner of effecting the necessary arrangements.

R - 8.2 To reduce the possibility of any misunderstanding, written copies of presentations must be received by the Director's Office **by noon on the Thursday prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend** ~~the morning of the Board meeting~~. Failure to do so would result in not speaking at that Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – continued**NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED MOTION****Explanation:**

The basis for the proposed changes to our Board By-Laws is that in preparation for future school accommodation reviews and any matters where delegations may request to make a presentation, it would be beneficial for the Director's office to have sufficient notice and for Trustees to receive the written submissions of delegations prior to the Board meeting in their Board packages so that they could be reviewed in advance.

Moved by Sue Barnett

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

"That the Board pilot holding one regular meeting of the Board during the months of May and June 2016, specifically on May 24, 2016 and June 27, 2016, and, that in accordance with Board By-Law G-5, the Board cancel the regularly scheduled board meetings on May 10, 2016 and June 14, 2016, and that the Secretary will notify all members and the public of the cancellation."

CARRIED

Trustee Ajandi showed support for the motion and added that holding one Board meeting per month makes more efficient use of time and resources and is respectful to the work done by Trustees.

In response to concern raised around the clarity of the proposed changes to DSBN Board By-Laws, Director Hoshizaki stated that the wording would be considered and changed if necessary.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**1. Staff Reports****a) Glen Ridge Public School / Oakridge Public School Transition Meeting**

Superintendent Pisek reported that the first Glen Ridge Public School/Oakridge Public School transition meeting occurred recently. Four school events are currently planned at Oakridge Public School which are intended to make the transition easier. Parents will be invited to an open house in June to see the building and meet with staff. During the transition meeting, the building concept was presented. Principals Christine Baggs and Laurene Klassen continue to provide positive and timely reassurance to parents.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Trustee information session.

3. Correspondence and Communication

- a) Correspondence from Brock Leaders Citizenship Society regarding the Denim, Diamonds & Diplomas event can be found in the Board package.
- b) Chair Robinson noted that in June, 2017, the DSBN Academy will celebrate its first grade 12 graduation. A DSBN Academy Advisory Committee is being formed to help support and recognize the success of these students. The first meeting will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016, from 2:15 – 3:45 at the DSBN Academy.

Trustee Lora Campbell and Trustee Barnett expressed interest in being a member of the committee.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Helga Campbell reported that she attended the OPSBA Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health that was held on April 7-8, 2016. Trustee Helga Campbell provided highlights from the sessions that she attended and added that the DSBN is one of the school boards to have staff trained to use a resource that was highlighted during one of the sessions called Passport Skills for Life.
- b) Student Trustee Hilborn reported that the Student Trustee Senate continues to plan the Step Past the Stigma Walk to that will take place on May 7, 2016. To date, the committee has received over \$8,000 in sponsorships. Registrations are still being accepted and there will be a registration booth on site at the event.
- c) Trustee Dubé added that extra funds that are donated to the Step Past the Stigma Walk will be allocated to the Student Trustee Senate budget to support mental health initiatives.
- d) Vice Chair Chase reported that local public schools held a bridge tournament at South Lincoln High School on April 7, 2016.
- e) Trustee Barnett reported that the Education Foundation of Niagara's Prom Project was on April 9, 2016 at Thorold, Beamsville, and Fort Erie Secondary Schools.
- f) Trustee Barnett reported that Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving held a Pasta Dinner & Trivia Night at Welland Centennial Secondary School on March 6, 2016.
- g) Trustee Barnett reported that the Welland Rotary Club will hold a Bootleg BBQ Indulgence event on May 4, 2016.
- h) Trustee Keddy Scott thanked EFN Prom Project volunteers for their support.
- i) Trustee Maves reported that he and Director Hoshizaki were invited to skate with Westlane and A.N. Myer Secondary School students who are enrolled in

DSBN's Hockey Canada Skills Academy program. Trustee Maves thanked the Board and Superintendent Courtois for their support of the program.

- j) Trustee Maves reported that the greenhouse foundations are in place at Westlane Secondary School.
- k) Chair Robinson reported that Thorold Secondary School will be hosting an event on April 21, 2016 at Club Capri. The evening, called Serenity Now – Surviving the T(w)een Years, features guest speaker Chris Conley of West Niagara Mental Health and Hamilton Health.

Further information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at www.dsb.org and/or on the schools' websites.

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Vice Chair Chase provided highlights from the OPSBA meeting that she recently attended, which included discussions on the challenges associated with French Immersion programs and listing OPSBA's priorities. Trustees can direct additional considerations regarding OPSBA priorities to Trustee Ajandi or Vice Chair Chase.

OPSBA Annual General Meeting will take place in Ottawa from June 9 -12, 2016.

The Canadian School Boards Association 2016 Congress and the National Gathering on Aboriginal Education will be held from July 6 – 9, 2016 in Winnipeg.

The DSBN will be hosting OPSBA's Central West Region meeting in October, 2016.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at www.opsba.org.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of April 2016 and May 2016 meetings were provided.

There will be no Board meeting held on May 10, 2016.

The Harriet Tubman Public School grand opening is on May 13, 2016.

N. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer