



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

January 26, 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), Linda Crouch, Jonathan Fast, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Kevin Maves, Dale Robinson (Chair)

Student Trustees: Justin Dubé and Katelynn Hilborn

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

Regrets: Trustee Dave Schaubel and Brenda Stokes Verworn

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Linda Gonschior

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Robinson called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Robinson noted the absence of Trustee Schaubel.

Chair Robinson welcomed students, staff, and parents from Harriet Tubman Public School, Glen Ridge Public School, Fort Erie Secondary School, and South Lincoln High School, who were in the gallery.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Kevin Maves

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

CARRIED

Moved by Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Kevin Maves

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:21 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Stamford Collegiate Secondary School Trio, via video.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of recent school shootings in La Loche, Saskatchewan.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Keddy Scott opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated January 12, 2016 be confirmed as submitted.”

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 Kevin Maves

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

CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Director’s Report and Recognition****Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective:****(a) Recognition of Mike Doyle, Program Leader for Technology and the Arts, South Lincoln High School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Mike Doyle, Program Leader for Technology and the Arts at South Lincoln High School, for being a school leader and innovator.

Mr. Doyle always finds a way to meet the diverse academic interests of his students. Mr. Doyle prepares and takes students interested in welding for Canadian Welding Association (CWA) and Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) testing. His students spend hours practicing welds with him at school then test their skills against the CWA/CWB standard to earn their welding tickets.

Mr. Doyle has accompanied South Lincoln High School students to the DSBN’s “Your Future Starts Now – Empowering Young Women to

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Recognition of Mike Doyle, Program Leader for Technology and the Arts, South Lincoln High School**

Explore Skilled Trades and Technologies” conference each year since its inception three years ago. This year Mr. Doyle brought ten female students from South Lincoln High School to network with women training and working in skilled trades and technologies sectors.

Director Hoshizaki presented Mike Doyle with a token of the Board’s appreciation for his extraordinary contributions to students.

(b) Director’s Update to Trustees**i. SHSM Manufacturing and Canadian Welding Association**

Recently, DSBN SHSM manufacturing students received a donation of 85 auto-darkening welding helmets from the Canadian Welding Association valued at approximately \$32,000. Thanks to the DSBN’s long-standing partnership with the CWA, our Welding, Manufacturing and Transportation students are using the latest industry standard equipment and technology to help prepare them for a career in the Skilled Trades.

Congratulations to some of the South Lincoln High School’s manufacturing SHSM students who have successfully completed their first Canadian Welding Bureau certification.

ii. Westlane Secondary School Students Build a Bugatti

The technology students at Westlane Secondary School have been busy practicing and refining their skills while refurbishing a 1926 Bugatti that was donated to the school by the former owner Eric Rioux.

The overall project was three years in the making and students have been assembling every aspect of the car. In addition, they had to build many new detailed parts that were not included. Collaboration with other technology departments was needed to fabricate many of the missing parts. It has been an outstanding learning experience for the students as they cooperatively explored new manufacturing skills when framing, and electrical skills when wiring components.

Westlane’s goal is to use the Bugatti as a promotional tool. The students have appreciated the experiential learning opportunity and are especially proud of their vintage Bugatti!

iii. Sharing and Learning Together

On January 20 and January 21, 2016, every grade 3 and 6 DSBN teacher came together for a half day of professional development to prepare for EQAO testing this spring. Teachers were joined by each school’s

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Sharing and Learning Together**

learning resource teacher, instructional coach, ESL teachers, and administrators. Teams worked together under the expert leadership of Lorraine Giroux, a DSBN principal who is currently working at EQAO. Ms. Giroux shared a wide variety of strategies and insights to help DSBN staff support and challenge students to experience success as they tackle complex tasks in Math and Language and ensure they reach their full potential.

iv. “In Focus” DSBN Strategic Framework for Student Success

The DSBN is undertaking a comprehensive review of our Strategic Plan and the process is well underway.

We have reached out to all important stakeholders and the broader public inviting them to share their thoughts and perspectives on what our priorities should be and how we can best move our system forward in a positive way.

On January 14, 2016, we also brought together a Strategic Plan Working Committee involving a diverse cross-section of students, staff, union representatives, Trustees and community partners. Their experience and expertise is crucial to making this strategic planning exercise effective and beneficial. This working committee will meet two more times in the coming months.

Hearing from as many people as possible and having a broad range of feedback allows us to develop a comprehensive and accurate accounting of our system. A solid plan sets the foundation for our success.

v. “Make it Pop”

Last summer, Simbotics Team 1114 from Governor Simcoe Secondary School was involved with the filming of some episodes of the show "Make It Pop", using their 2014 FRC Robot! The robot appeared in the first five episodes of season 2.

Students Shane Sheppard and Kaleb Dodd were featured in an interview with “Make It Pop” star Erika Tham.

A video of this interview with the Governor Simcoe students was shown.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**2. Educational Showcases****a) Earn-a-Device**

Superintendent McGregor presented the showcase which highlighted a professional learning opportunity for teachers across the DSBN called Earn-a-Device (EAD).

Rosemary Jellinck, Student Achievement Leader IT4 Learning, explained that the EAD Program is a collaborative effort between DSBN's IT Department and the IT4 Learning Department.

Philip Ihewuokwu, Information Technology Coordinator and Kyle Kitchen, Support Teacher IT4 Learning explained that the program is a 20 hour professional development series created by the DSBN to increase the effective use of technology in classrooms. At the completion of all core sessions, teachers choose which device they would like for professional use. They have the option of a an iPad, Chromebook, HP Laptop or a Surface tablet. 450 teachers have gone through the program which has evolved by now including classroom teachers as mentors to help deliver the program.

Teachers Deanna Ward, Fort Erie Secondary School, and Adolfo Dilorio, Hariett Tubman Public School described their experiences in the EAD program and how their learning is being used to support students.

In response to a question, Kyle Kitchen explained that devices are being used in a secure environment.

In response to a question, Kyle Kitchen explained that teachers are volunteering 20 hours of their time to participate in the EAD program.

Chair Robinson thanked the IT4 Learning Team for their efforts to support student learning and contributing to students becoming 21st century learners.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

1. John Netherway presented on behalf of The Old Glenridge Community Association. Mr. Netherway spoke in support of deferring the final decision on the closure of Glen Ridge Public School until the province has made the Community Hubs initiative fully functional and the community has had reasonable opportunity to participate and contribute to the action plan.

DELEGATIONS – continued

In response to a question, Mr. Netherway clarified that The Old Glenridge Community Association has reached out to the City of St. Catharines to see if there is interest in a Community Hub. Mr. Netherway added that the City of St. Catharines has been receptive but tentative about what they would commit to. The Association has also contacted the Ministry of Education.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS**1. ACCOUNTS**

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

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1673 to 1688, for the month of December 2015, totalling \$17,232,430.99 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi**

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated January 13, 2016 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Keddy Scott reported that 13 cases were reviewed by the committee and strategies were developed for students' success.

Trustee Helga Campbell commended the efforts of the Board to meet the diverse needs of students.

OLD BUSINESS – continued

3. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Moved by Jennifer Ajandi
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated January 14, 2016 be received.”

CARRIED

Chair Robinson provided a brief summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.

4. REPORT OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Linda Crouch**

“That the report of the Policy Advisory Committee dated January 19, 2016 be received”; and

**“That Policy A-12: School Councils be approved as amended and adopted”;
and**

**“That Policy E-10: Staff Development be approved as received and adopted”;
and**

“That Policy G-02: Safe Schools be approved as received and adopted”; and

**“That Policy G-06: Fireworks, Firecrackers, Pyrotechnical Displays be
approved as amended and adopted”; and**

**“That Policy i-03: Policy Generating Process be approved as amended and
adopted.”**

CARRIED

Trustee Keddy Scott reported that the next set of policies to be reviewed will be found on the DSBN website starting January 28, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS – continued**5. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Diane Chase

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee, dated January 19, 2016 be received”; and

“That the Board support to complete the initial recommendation of a K-8 English program at Lakeview and a Grade 1-8 French Immersion program at Central.”

CARRIED

Trustee Barnett provided a brief summary of the report and recommendation.

Trustee Keddy Scott thanked Superintendent Kelly Pisek and Principal Mario Zeoli for their hard work with the transition process at Central Public School.

6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated January 26, 2016 be received and recommendations adopted.”

CARRIED

Trustees were provided a handout prior to the start of the Board Meeting.

Trustee Maves provided a summary of the report which included the 2015/16 Interim Financial Report and 2016/17 Budget Input process. Trustee Maves added that Trustees can submit suggestions to be considered in the upcoming budget to Superintendent Veld by the end of February 2016.

Trustee Maves commended DSBN staff for the accuracy of the enrollment projections.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**1. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

2. Trustee Information Session

There was no Trustee information session.

Chair Robinson requested that suggestions for future Trustee information sessions be submitted to the Director's Office.

3. Correspondence and Communication

There was no correspondence or communication.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

(a) Trustee Barnett provided a reminder of the Denim, Diamonds, and Diplomas fundraiser being held at Club Roma on February 20, 2016 by the Brock Leaders Citizenship Society. All funds raised go to a bursary fund for DSBN Academy students. As first generation in their family to attend post-secondary education, these bursaries will help qualifying students with startup costs.

(b) Student Trustee Dubé reported that January 27, 2016 is Bell Let's Talk Day. The DSBN Student Trustee Senate will be promoting the event that encourages participants to talk, text, tweet, and share to help fight the stigma of mental illness.

(c) Superintendent Dickson reported that January 27, 2016 is Family Literacy Day. DSBN has created a document for our schools to use based on the book, Mr. Zingers Hat.

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

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

Trustee Ajandi reported that the OPSBA Public Education Symposium will be held from January 26-30, 2016.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued

Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of February 2016 meetings was provided.

N. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Linda Crouch**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer