

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Education Centre

St. Catharines

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. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent
2. 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'

Stamford Collegiate Secondary School Trio will sing 'O Canada', via video

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Cheryl Keddy Scott

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Pages 6-16

Recommended Motion:

“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

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 17-20

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

- a) Director’s Update to Trustees
- b) Director’s Recognition – Mike Doyle, South Lincoln High School

2. Educational Showcases

- a) Earn-a-Device

H McGregor

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

1. The Old Glenridge Community Association – John Netherway, presenter

I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

S Veld
Page 21

Recommended Motion:

“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.”

2. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

C Keddy Scott
Pages 22-24

Recommended Motion:

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

3. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J Ajandi/D Robinson
Pages 25-46

Recommended Motion:

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

4. REPORT OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

C Keddy Scott
Pages 47-54

Recommended Motion:

“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.”

5. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

D Schaubel
Pages 55-58

Recommended Motion:

“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.”

6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (Handout)

K Maves

Recommended Motion:

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

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Session

No information session scheduled.

3. Correspondence and Communications

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

J Ajandi

6. Future Meetings

The calendar for February is attached.

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N. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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

**January 26, 2016 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Mike Doyle, Program Leader of Technology and The Arts, South Lincoln High School

Mike Doyle is a teacher who has been trained by his wife Suzanne, also a teacher, to not kill spiders and other bugs. Mike once said "When you've saved the 250th spider, you actually start caring about them." This one quote alone typifies Mike as a teacher who cares. Mike, Program Lead for Technology and The Arts at South Lincoln High School (SLHS), is a school leader, an innovator, and a bug lover.

Mike always seems to find a way to meet the diverse academic interests of his students. For instance, he involves students interested in Transportation in the DSBN Supermileage Challenge which involves building a vehicle from the ground up and configuring it to drive as far as possible on just 250 ml of gas. Last year, SLHS's entry took top place for its design, which featured a bright aluminum body with a Plexiglas canopy enclosing the driver.

Mike also 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. According to Vic Barker, Lead teacher for Welding certification testing, SLHS "students are always well behaved and motivated. A true reflection of Mike Doyle's dedication to both his students and teaching."

An advocate for Women in Technology, Mike has accompanied SLHS students to the DSBN's "Your Future Starts Now – Empowering Young Women to Explore Skilled Trades and Technologies" conference each year since its inception three years ago. This year Mike brought ten female students from SLHS to network with women training and working in skilled trades and technologies sectors.

His love of the outdoors (he has hiked all 48 4000-plus footers in New Hampshire, as well as the West Coast Trail in BC) translates to growing young minds in the outdoor classroom. He took grade 9 and 10 students to Camp Medeba and encouraged students to get out of their comfort zone via ropes courses and other team-building activities. As Specialist High Skills Major Manufacturing Lead, this fall he took SHSM students to the Walker Living Campus for a day of team building and whale-watching which is one of the team building activities at the Campus.

Mike is also a Lead for DSBN's Skills Competition.

He has embraced the growth mindset that is practiced at the school. He stopped by the principal's office one day after midterm report card writing to tell the principal that he added the word "yet" to his report card – as in "student has not met the requirements of this class – yet." He said this continues to evolve his mindset about students; that he believes that with support and encouragement, all students can and will achieve success.

Mike Doyle is collegial and a respected member of the South Lincoln family. Michael Szabo, who is a grade 12 student applying for the Power Engineer Technician Program at Mohawk, sums up how the school feels about Mr. Doyle: "He knows everything, welding, drilling,... He always has something for us to do to keep us out of the halls. He is always in a happy mood and never gets overwhelmed at us."

Thank you Mike, for your investment in our students. You are most deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions!

Local

SHSM Manufacturing and Canadian Welding Association

Recently, our SHSM manufacturing students received an exciting donation from the Canadian Welding Association - 85 auto-darkening welding helmets valued at approximately \$32,000!

Thanks to our 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.

Also, congratulations to some of South Lincoln High School's Manufacturing SHSM students who have just successfully completed their first Canadian Welding Bureau certification!



Westlane SS Students Build a Bugatti!

The technology students at Westlane Secondary School have been busy this semester practicing and refining their skills while refurbishing a 1926 Bugatti. The community does an outstanding job of supporting our schools and this vintage vehicle was donated to the school by the former owner. Eric Rioux, Westlane's transportation teacher found it online in a million pieces. Not only were there more pieces than they knew what to do with, there were many missing pieces as well. It was a task both teacher and students were initially hesitant to take on.



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.

The final product is a fully functional vehicle, with the exception of seating which may require outsourcing as a final step. Westlane's goal is to use the Bugatti as a promotional tool in events like the Niagara Falls Santa Claus parade and other various events in the Falls. The students have appreciated the experiential learning opportunity and are especially proud of their vintage Bugatti!

Sharing and Learning Together

On Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21, every DSBN teacher of grades 3 and 6 came together for a half day of professional development as we prepare for EQAO testing this spring. Joined by each school's learning resource teacher, instructional coach, ESL teachers, and administrators, teams worked together under the expert leadership of Lorraine Giroux, a DSBN principal, currently working at EQAO. Lorraine shared a wide variety of strategies and insights to help our staff support and challenge students to experience success as they tackle complex tasks in Math and Language and ensure they reach their full potential. It was an excellent opportunity for sharing and learning both as a school-based team, and also across schools.



“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.

“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.

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 1673 to 1688, for the month of December 2015, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 7,469,583.89
Transportation	1,935,782.45
Utilities	770,729.30
Other	<u>7,056,335.35</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,232,430.99</u>

Recommended Motion:

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

Supporting Data:

A computer listing of all cheques and electronic fund transfers, issued by the Board for the month of December 2015, will be in the Director’s office during the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of January 26, 2016

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

February 2016

Trustee Calendar

Jan 2016							Mar 2016						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31	Feb 1	2	3 1:00 PM SAL 5:30 PM PIC	4	5	6
7	8 6:15 PM Board Meeting	9	10 6:00 PM SEAC	11	12	13
14 9:00 AM Family Day	15	16	17 9:00 AM Student Trustee Senate Retreat 6:00 PM Finance	18	19	20
21 12:00 PM Strategic Planning Committee Meeting	22 4:00 PM Program and Planning 6:15 PM Board Meeting	23	24 9:00 AM Pink Shirt Day	25 4:45 PM DSBN Gala	26	27
28	29 1:00 PM SAL	Mar 1	2	3	4	5