

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Education Centre

St. Catharines

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. [Information Session]

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. [Private Session]

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. [Public Session]

AGENDA

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'

Katelynn Hilborn, student trustee, will sing 'O Canada' live

D. REFLECTIVE READING

By Trustee Kevin Maves

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Pages 6-14

Recommended Motion:

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 10, 2015 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 15-18

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

- a) Director’s Update to Trustees
- b) Director’s Recognition

2. Educational Showcases

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

H. DELEGATIONS

I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

S Veld
Page 19

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1637 to 1655, for the month of October 2015, totalling \$17,719,089.48 be received.”

2. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

C Keddy Scott
Pages 20-22

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated November 11, 2015 be received.”

3. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J Ajandi/D Robinson
Pages 23-32

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee, dated November 12, 2015 be received.”

4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

K Maves
Pages 33-51

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated November 18, 2015 be received’;
and

“That staff be authorized to renovate and repair the St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre for opening by September 2016, to be funded by Major Capital accumulated surplus”; and

“That the International Education 2014-15 Financial Report be received and that \$212,000 be allocated to support the Board’s strategic initiatives as directed by the Finance Committee”; and

“That the Schedule of Accumulated Surplus for the year ended August 31, 2015, be approved”; and

“That Policy B-06 *Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)* be approved, as amended, and adopted”; and

“That Policy B-01 *Purchasing of Goods and Services* be approved, as amended, and adopted”; and

“That Policy F-01 *Selection of Architect and Engineers for Capital Projects* be rescinded.”

5. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (handout)

S Barnett

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated November 23, 2015 be received and the recommendations adopted.”

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Organization Meeting of the Board

The Organization Meeting of the Board will be held on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm**, in accordance with Board By-Law F-6.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

2. Trustee Information Session

An information session about Specialist High Skills Majors was presented to trustees.

3. Correspondence and Communications

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

J Ajandi

6. Future Meetings

Pages 52-53

The calendars for December and January are attached.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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

**November 24, 2015 Board Meeting
Director's Update to Trustees**

Local

8th Annual Cop Shop Event

Once again, Community Care has partnered with the Niagara Regional Police Service and the Pen Centre for the 8th annual Cop Shop Event. This is a nationwide community initiative that provides children a unique opportunity to take part in a Christmas shopping spree (\$200 gift card per child) while spending time in a positive way with local police officers.

This year, students from schools in St. Catharines have been invited to participate. They will be picked up by bus from their school and transported to the Pen Centre by motorcycle escort where a pizza lunch and fun activities will take place before the shopping spree begins for friends and family.

This is a wonderful initiative for DSBN students to be involved in and I'm sure it will be another successful event!

Fort Erie Secondary School Hosts Grade 8 Students

Fort Erie Secondary School hosted grade 8 students from their feeder schools last week. Students had an exciting day exploring the school, cooking, learning about First Nations, Métis and Inuit programming and they even created their very own beach chairs!



DSBN Monologue Competition

The 2015 DSBN Monologue Competition challenges students from DSBN schools to prepare a 1-3 minute monologue from a published dramatic text.

Working in partnership with the Shaw Festival, students receive direct feedback from professionals, who help the students hone their auditioning skills. This innovative event is unique in that it challenges theatre professionals, teachers and students to work together, promoting creative thinking skills in a collaborative, co-operative environment.

Congratulations to Noah Lagerstrom from Laura Secord Secondary School, this year's winner, as decided by adjudicators, Jessica Carmichael (Artistic Director, Carousel Players) and Jeff Meadows (Actor, Shaw Festival). Congratulations also to Mackenna Louks from Welland Centennial Secondary School for being selected to receive the 2nd place prize. The quality of work at the competition was outstanding.

Congratulations, Sir Winston Churchill Bulldog Cross Country Running Team!

The Sir Winston Churchill Bulldog cross country running team has achieved amazing success this year, adding yet another chapter to the program's remarkable history.

Over the past 25 years, the Bulldogs have dominated the Southern Ontario Secondary Athletic Association (SOSSA) which is comprised of 55 high schools stretching from Hamilton to Fort Erie. This year, the team won two of the three age divisions in both the girls and boys competitions and won the overall girls, boys, and team categories at SOSSA.

Sir Winston Churchill then sent 24 athletes to compete against the other 18 athletic associations across Ontario at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) meet in Collingwood on November 7. At this year's OFSAA competition, the Bulldogs' midget girls finished tied for 5th, the midget boys' team reached the podium winning a bronze medallion and the senior boys' team won a silver medallion, narrowly missing the gold by a slim 5 point margin. The boys' team was 2nd overall in Ontario in spite of not fielding a team in the junior age category. Last year the Bulldogs' junior boys' team won the gold medal and Sir Winston also won the overall boys provincial title. These student athletes succeed because of their natural talent, unrelenting work ethic, and commitment to the team.

The Bulldog cross country running jacket is a symbol of excellence; it is revered by competitors and respected by coaches across Ontario. The Bulldogs have come to know that wearing this jacket while representing Sir Winston Churchill is an incredible honour.

The coaches, parents, and staff want the student athletes to know that they are extremely proud of them and their accomplishments. The team's efforts truly embody Sir Winston Churchill's motto: "Facta Non Verba", which when translated means, "Deeds, not words."

Congratulations!

Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Benny Ralston, Volunteer Cross Country Running Coach, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School

One way that the DSNB measures success is by studying performance data. If one examines the data for cross country running in Ontario, they will find a consistent pattern of success for the Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs.

Over the past 25 years, the Bulldogs have won 13 OFSAA championships and many more silver and bronze medallions. OFSAA is the second largest high school athletic association in all of North America and is comprised of 860 high schools. Unlike other team sports such as basketball or volleyball, OFSAA cross country does not have separate competitions for different sized schools. This means that Sir Winston Churchill competes directly against many schools that have much larger student populations. Remarkably, Sir Winston Churchill has won more OFSAA championships for schools that enter both boys and girls teams over the past 25 years than any other school in the province!

So what has made Sir Winston Churchill cross country running so successful? The question isn't a what? Rather, it's who?

Ask any student at the school and they will tell you that it's **Coach Benny Ralston** who is the tireless engine that drives their cross country team on to victory. Benny is deserving of the Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contribution because for over 20 years he has channeled his energy to positively change the lives of hundreds of students who have run under his leadership.

Benny creates a culture of team success through encouragement, shared leadership, and inclusion. He takes a personal interest in every one of his runners and differentiates their training. Benny spends countless hours building up students and speaking to parents about their child's progress. Benny expects students to take on leadership roles and his athletes never disappoint. At any competition, you will see and hear the team warming each other up, giving impromptu pep talks, carrying equipment for one another, and lining the course to cheer on every single runner until the last Bulldog crosses the finish line. This is the Bulldog way and everyone involved appreciates the warm sense of team and family Benny has created.

Benny is a coach who wears his emotions on his sleeve; everyone who knows him will tell you he loves to win and that the disappointment from falling short is sometimes hard to hide; but there is something else that Benny wears on his sleeve... in fact, on the sleeve of every Bulldog hoodie or long sleeve T-shirt, you will see a printed running record of all the past OFSAA championships that his teams have won. This list of championship years serves as a constant reminder of the Bulldog legacy and motivates athletes to earn their place as part of this winning tradition.

Benny Ralston epitomizes what it means to be dedicated and disciplined. A former two time OFSAA cross country champion himself, he has unselfishly volunteered thousands of hours to share his passion for running. Benny leaves his own store each day in order to coach athletes at Sir Winston night after night and also on the weekends. He and his dog Wookie, follow athletes on their city and country running routes, coaching, encouraging, hydrating, and challenging students to go faster and farther. What people may not know is that training for cross country doesn't just end in November. After a two week break, Benny begins training his runners for indoor and outdoor track all winter, spring, and summer. When Benny says, "Run!" he means it!

Cross country athletes run through some awful weather conditions. But every now and then they get an unexpected patch of nice weather... Benny likes to attribute these times of good fortune to something he likes to call, "Benny Magic." However, the real "Benny Magic" is helping kids to discover the mental and physical strength that they never knew they possessed. Benny sees potential in everyone!

Thank you Benny for your 20 years of unwavering commitment. You inspire people to dream and achieve their goals, not just in running, but in life!

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 1637 to 1655, for the month of October 2015, is as follows.

Employee Benefits	\$ 7,475,144.97
Transportation	1,626,434.06
Utilities	760,914.68
Other	<u>7,856,595.77</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,719,089.48</u>

Recommended Motion:

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1637 to 1655, for the month of October 2015, totaling \$17,719,089.48 be received.”

Supporting Data:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Veld
Superintendent of Business Services

Board Meeting of November 24, 2015

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

December 2015

Trustee Calendar

Nov 2015							Jan 2016							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5
		6:00 PM Program and Planning Committee	5:30 PM PIC 6:00 PM Public Meeting - South Central St. Catharines Modified Acc. Rev.			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		5:30 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Organizational Meeting of the Board 6:15 PM Board Meeting	1:00 PM SAL Committee	6:00 PM SEAC		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	9:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2
12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	12:00 AM Christmas Break	

January 2016

Trustee Calendar

Dec 2015							Feb 2016									
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Dec 27 12:00 AM Christmas Break	28 12:00 AM Christmas Break	29 12:00 AM Christmas Break	30 12:00 AM Christmas Break	31 12:00 AM Christmas Break	Jan 1 12:00 AM Christmas Break	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	6:15 PM Board Meeting	1:00 PM SAL	6:00 PM SEAC	15	16
17	18	5:30 PM Policy	6:00 PM Finance	21	22	23
24	6:15 PM Board Meeting	26	27	All Day Event PES	All Day Event PES	All Day Event PES
31	Feb 1	6:00 PM Program and Planning Committee	1:00 PM SAL	4	5	6