

2020 | 2021




education foundation
of niagara
Our Students Our Future

VISION

A community where every student has access to all the enriching opportunities school life offers.

VALUES

Caring - a passion for equal opportunity is at the heart of our work

Purposeful - we are committed to making a difference in our community

Relationships - we act with honesty, respect and transparency

MISSION

We support over 40,000 Elementary and Secondary District School Board of Niagara students by engaging the community to provide needed funds and resources where government funding is not available.

Through our donors we

- provide support to students in financial need for basic necessities and extra-curricular activities
- provide annual student awards and bursaries
- support progressive programs and services in our schools that enrich students' educational experiences
- provide innovative community initiatives such as [Prom Project Niagara](#)
- manage designated gifts in accordance with donor specifications.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Laura Byers – Executive Director

Holly Mundula- President (January 2021-April 2021)

Wolfgang Guembel- Vice President (President April 2021 -)

Lora Campbell- DSBN Trustee

Sue Barnett- DSBN Board Chair

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Bryce Murray- Director

Kim Sweeney- Director

Leona Moore- Director

Jason Clark – DSBN Elementary Liaison

John Dickson – DSBN Superintendent/ Liaison to Foundation

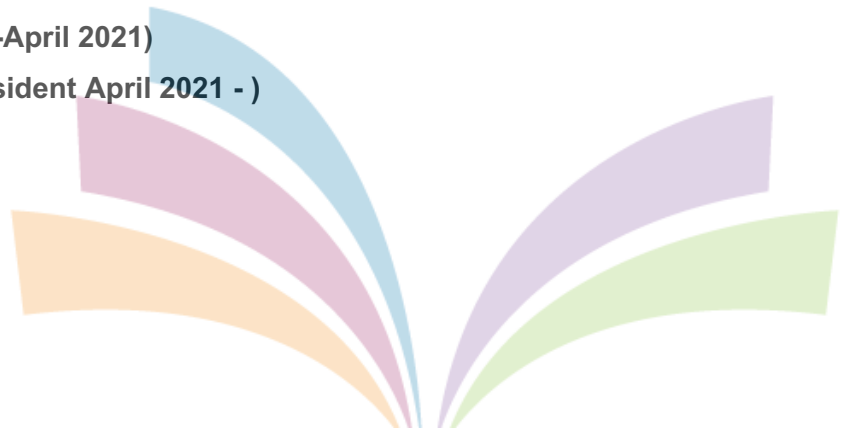
Jennifer Douglas- Director

Michael Riordon- Director

Susan King- Director

Anita Caslin- Director

Student Trustees – Salony Sharma, Karina Tavernese, Keelee Hollowell



A Message from our President

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express how grateful we are to have the many partners, donors and dedicated volunteers and their ongoing support. Our vision of “coming together as a community where every student has access to all of the enriching opportunities school life offers” can only be realized with the help of people like you.

The 2020-2021 school year was marked by many challenges and some significant internal changes within the Foundation. A year-long fight within the COVID 19 Pandemic naturally increased strains on the education system. Most affected were those students who rely on their schools, support and teaching staff, and their communities. Those who can benefit the most from the efforts of the Foundation were left even more vulnerable throughout the year. Despite this reality and with the help of educators, parents, and students a successful school year was salvaged, and we grew stronger as a community.

The Pandemic exposed new, and confirmed existing weaknesses in the Foundation’s traditional organizational and leadership structure. It became very apparent that there was no better time to rebuild and refocus. As such this academic year concluded without an Executive Director at the helm and instead with a team of very dedicated and involved Board of Directors. We are excited to execute this rebuilding throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Wolfgang Guembel | President

WHERE YOU GAVE 2020 - 2021

STUDENT FINANCIAL NEED

Helping individual students when they need it most.

School personnel apply to the Foundation on behalf of students experiencing high levels of financial need.



Clothing & Shoes



Food



Medical Needs



Field Trips



School Program Fees



Transportation



Post Secondary



Co-op Needs

2020-2021 School Year

Disbursements:

Student Financial Need: \$98,000

Bursaries: \$130,000

2020-2021 Budget

Education Foundation of Niagara Budget - 2021

Budget 2021

REVENUE

Donation Revenue

Donations - Bursary Fund DSBN-A	50,000.00
Donations - Bursary Fund First Gen	40,000.00
Donations - Bursary & Awards Other	25,000.00
Donations - Donor Directed	30,000.00
Donations - General	35,000.00
Donations - Grants	45,000.00
Donations - Sparkfund - Computers4Change	10,000.00
-Make Change 4 Children	0.00
Donations - Student Financial Need	60,000.00
Donations - Unknown Source	0.00
DSBN Operating Grant	35,000.00
Total Donation Revenue	330,000.00

In Kind Revenue

Donations - In Kind Program Direct	30,000.00
Donations-In Kind Prom Proj Niagara	35,000.00
Total In Kind Revenue	65,000.00

Trust Fund Revenue

Leppert Funds	14,000.00
Total Trust Fund Revenue	14,000.00

Event Revenue

Event - Golf Classic Revenue	52,000.00	
Event - Golf Classic Expense	23,500.00	
Event - Golf Classic		28,500.00
Event - Prom Project Niag Revenue	5,000.00	
Event - Prom Project Niag Expense	0.00	
Event - Prom Project Niagara		5,000.00
Event - Third Party Revenue	6,000.00	
Event - Third Party Expense	0.00	

Event - Third Party		6,000.00
Event - Portabackyarda Revenue	60,000.00	-
Event - Portabackyarda Expense	<u>20,000.00</u>	
Event - Portabackyarda		40,000.00
Event - Warm a Heart Revenue	6,000.00	
Event - Warm a Heart Expense	<u>-500.00</u>	
Event - Warm a Heart		5,500.00
Event - Planned Giving Investment	1,000.00	
Event - Planned Giving Expense	<u>0.00</u>	
Event - Planned Giving		1,000.00
Event - Locker Raffle Revenue	500.00	
Event - Locker Raffle Expense	<u>-100.00</u>	
Event - Locker Raffle		400.00
Event Expense - other		
Total Event Revenue		<u>86,400.00</u>
Other Income		
CIBC Interest Income		2,000.00
Other income		<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Income		<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>497,400.00</u>
EXPENSE		
Disbursements		
Disbursements - Donor Directed		30,000.00
Disbursements - Crowd Funding (Spark Fund)		8,500.00
Disbursements - Stud Fin Need		50,000.00
Disbursements - Grants & Programs		60,000.00
Disbursements - Bursaries & Awards		100,000.00
Disbursements - Leppert Funds		<u>14,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>262,500.00</u>
In Kind Expenses		
Disbursements - In Kind Program		35,000.00
Disbursements - In Kind Prom Projec		<u>5,000.00</u>
Total In Kind Disbursements		<u>40,000.00</u>

Payroll Expenses

Salaries&Related Benefits	120,000.00
EE Benefit Program	0.00
EI Expense	0.00
CPP Expense	0.00
CEWS - gov't wage subsidy	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>120,000.00</u>

General & Administrative Expenses

Acctg, Legal & Interest	12,500.00
Bank Charges	
Bookkeeping	2,000.00
Donations	
Software (Office&General) - Quickbooks	550.00
Board Directors (Office&General)	500.00
Payment procesing - Global Payments	2,000.00
Insurance - Brd/Staff/Volunteers	3,000.00
Insurance - Verge Employee benefits	4,500.00
Payment procesing - Bambora	500.00
Office Admin (Office & General)	12,250.00
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses (reconciliation)	0.00
Staff Training (Office&Gen)	1,500.00
Public Relations	3,500.00
Marketing/Advertising/Promotions	3,000.00
In-house event/communications specialist	4,750.00
Business Development	1,200.00
Business Meals - Donor	
Employee Expense - meals	500.00
Mileage - Laura	500.00
Mileage - Donna	250.00
Travel - other	
Total General & Admin. Expenses	<u>53,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>475,500.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>21,900.00</u>

Leadership and Organizational Changes

The Board Executive completed a review of the past, and ongoing, performance of the Executive Director. The leadership and efficacy being provided by the Executive Director was deemed to be no longer in the best interest of the Foundation and as such the Executive Director was terminated on June 4, 2021.

With the conclusion of these changes, the Board of Directors commenced an operational role in order to help the Program Coordinator carry on the functions and operations of the Foundation until such time as a new leadership structure and executive direction could be implemented.

Helping Students in 2020-2021

The Fall of 2021 was the first school start during the height of the COVID 19 Global Pandemic. Many programs typically supported and/or executed by the Foundation were either cancelled, postponed or highly modified. In turn, the demand for, and increase of, student financial need requests greatly increased.

The Foundation Board of Directors worked very hard with sponsors and supporters to ensure the over \$90,000 in requests were funded. The collective efforts of all the stakeholders ensured we were able to fund all the requests making significant positive impacts on the lives of over 900 students in the District School Board of Niagara.

Thank You and Next Steps

In such a difficult and unique year there is not enough thanks that can be expressed to all the people and sponsors who donated time and money to help keep kids in school.

It is with great respect that the Board of Directors thanks everyone who was part of our team and they look forward to all the positive changes and growth in the 2021-2022 school year.