GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Head Office, 349 Erie Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 5V3

Committee of the Whole Board No. 1 Meeting
April 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:
Trustees: S. Cann, Chair, J. Angus, R. Collver, B. Doyle, A. Everets, M. Hurley, B. Johnston, C. Lefebvre, M. Macdonald, C.A. Sloat, D. Werden, C. Bower (Student Trustee), S. Hanson (Student Trustee)
Administration: Director — J. Wibberley; Superintendents — G. Anderson, B. Blancher, J. Gunn, A. Nesbitt, D. Pyper; Recording Secretary — J. Grincevicius

REGRETS:
Trustees: Nil
Administration: Nil

A – 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call/Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, S. Cann, at 7:00 p.m.

(b) **Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: M. Hurley
THAT the Agenda be approved.
Carried

B – 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**
Nil.

C – 1 **Director's Report**

(a) **Spring Parent Forum — Doug Ouellette, Christina Brittain and Darryl Casey**

The theme of this Forum is "Our Children Our Future — Putting Students' Safety First". It will be held on May 10, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at North Park CVS. The program will provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about issues such as bullying, internet safety, cyber bullying, playground problems, etc. This event is being supported by GEPIC.

Flyers have been distributed at all schools and advertisements placed in newspapers and on the radio.

It was noted that what was initially a Brant Family of Schools event has been expanded to include parents from all Grand Erie schools.

Trustees were invited to register and attend.

(b) **Other**

J. Wibberley indicated that Grand Erie is organizing a Symposium in conjunction with the Lambton Kent DSB regarding aboriginal students' issues. It will be held on May 1, 2008 at Six Nations Polytechnic. Trustees and staff from sixteen South–West Ontario boards are participating.

Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's report of April 7, 2008 as information.
Carried

D – 1 **Bylaw/Policy/Procedure Consideration — Action/Decision Items**

(a) **FT4 Use of School Facilities**

J. Gunn indicated that the recent funding for community use of school facilities announced last week may affect this policy; however, details are not known yet. It was noted that the Ministry of Education will determine the targeted communities.

Moved by: D. Werden
Seconded by: A. Everets
THAT Policy FT4 – "Use of School Facilities" be referred to the June 2, 2008 Committee of the Whole Board No. 1 meeting for further consideration..
Carried

(b) **SO14 Equity and Anti-Racism**

Moved by: M. Hurley
Seconded by: C.A. Sloat
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO14 – "Equity and Anti–Racism" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by June 27, 2008.
Carried

(c) **SO124 Use of Service Dogs in Schools**

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: M. Hurley
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure SO124 – "Use of Service Dogs in Schools" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by June 27, 2008.
Carried

(d) **F1 Supplier Exclusivity: Food Services & Vending Machines in Schools**

S. Hanson noted that at the last Student Senate meeting concern was expressed regarding the high prices of healthier food choices.

D. Werden noted that he is a member of a committee meeting to discuss this issue. If this information is complete it could be available for the upcoming Student Senate meeting on April 29, 2008.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: A. Everets
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F1 – "Supplier Exclusivity: Food Services and Vending Machines in Schools".
Carried

(e) **F3 Capital Related Fundraising and Community Donations**

Moved by: M. Hurley
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F3 – "Capital Related Fundraising and Community Donations".
Carried

(f) **F4 Trustee Honoraria**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: R. Collver
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F4 — "Trustee Honoraria".
Carried

D – 2 Procedure Consideration — Information Items

(a) F105 Capital Related Fundraising and Community Donations

Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure F105 – "Capital Related Fundraising and Community Donations" as information.
Carried

(b) FT115 Courtesy Transportation

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: M. Hurley
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure FT115 – "Courtesy Transportation" as information.
Carried

(c) P104 Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP)

D. Werden questioned if 16 and 17 year olds are being processed under SALEP and how schools are keeping track of them. G. Anderson indicated that most of these students are in the Norfolk area and working on farms. D. Pyper stated that there are some older students on SALEP in Brantford and Brant County, as well.

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: C. Lefebvre
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure P104 — "Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP)" as information.
Carried

(d) SO117 Parental Request for Temporary Excuse from Attendance at School

Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure SO117 — "Parental Request for Temporary Excuse from Attendance at School" as information.
Carried

E – 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts — February 2008 [from March 31, 2008]

Moved by: A. Everets
Seconded by: M. Hurley
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of February 2008, in the amount of $7,964,180.85, as information.
Carried

(b) Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes — January 2008 [from March 31, 2008]

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held January 8, 2008, as information.
Carried

(c) Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes — February 2008 [from March 31, 2008]

Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: D. Werden
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held February 20, 2008, as information.
Carried

(d) BCIVS Alumni Foundation Offer

B. Johnston outlined the conditions and expectations of a four–part offer made by the BCIVS Alumni Foundation. One of the items is a property matter and will be considered during the In Camera Session. The first three items are: (1) pay for upgrades to exterior masonry work on the 1910 school; (2) pay for enhancements to the lighting and sound systems in the theatre/auditorium space; and (3) create an endowment fund that could be used to create usable space above the gymnasium if needed in the future.

It was noted that the Board does not plan to include a fixed seat auditorium in the rebuilt BCIVS. It was also indicated that the Board will not consider building additional classrooms above the science labs.

B. Johnston believes the Board needs to make specific recommendations regarding the offers.

A. Everets believes the Board's priority is moving forward with the approved design of a rebuilt BCIVS and the Board must be cautious to not be diverted from this main goal.

Trustees indicated that the Alumni Foundation should be encouraged to fund raise for upgrades to exterior masonry work on the 1910 school and enhancements to the lighting and sound systems in the theatre/auditorium space. The Alumni needs to have identifiable items and associated costs for which to fund raise. Currently, staff are preparing a list included related costs to provide to the Alumni Foundation for both enhancements to the exterior masonry on the 1910 wing and additional lighting and sound systems.

It was noted that the offer of fund rasing is to provide additional items or enhancements; it is not meant to be applied against the costs of renovations.

It was noted that enhancements to the masonry must be completed when the base work is being done. This work cannot be delayed.

Sound and lighting systems can be added after the auditorium is completed.

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: R. Collver
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board will be pleased to work towards accepting the offer of the BCIVS Alumni Foundation to assist in paying for prescribed exterior masonry work on the outside of the 1910 school, and assist in paying for lighting and sound system enhancements as well as other possible upgrades for the theatre-auditorium space; and direct Administration and the BCI Sub Committee to work with the Alumni Foundation in finalizing an agreement.
Defeated

Moved by: A. Everets
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT Administration be requested to develop a report with specific details and costs of enhancements for prescribed exterior masonry work on the outside of the 1910 school; and this information be presented by the BCI Subcommittee to the Alumni Foundation.
Carried

Moved by: D. Werden
Seconded by: A. Everets
THAT Administration be requested to develop a report with specific details and costs of enhancements for the lighting and sound systems as well as other possible upgrades for the theatre/auditorium space; and this information be presented by the BCI Subcommittee to the Alumni Foundation.
Carried

F – 1 **Correspondence**

(a) **City of Brantford re Snow Ploughing**

J. Wibberley indicated that the ploughing contractor for Woodman Public School has been asked to plough the parking area close to school opening time. There have been no problems until last storm when there was significant snow accumulation.

A letter will be sent to Brantford Councillor R. Carpenter stating that trustees have discussed the matter.

(b) **Minister Kathleen Wynne re Trustee Remuneration**

D. Werden noted that all trustees in Ontario perform the same kind of work.

(c) **Waterloo Region DSB re Escalating Cost of School Site Acquisition**

(d) **E. Wilson re Rebuild of BCIVS**

J. Wibberley stated the suggestions made in this letter are not feasible due to required timelines. B. Johnston commended E. Wilson for bringing his ideas forward.

Moved by: D. Werden
Seconded by: C.A. Sloat
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the correspondence as information.
Carried

G – 1 **In Camera Session**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: M. Hurley
THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss property matters, legal matters and a personnel matter at 8:58 p.m.
Carried

Open Session reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

G – 2 **In Camera Report**

No report.

H – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: D. Werden
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m.
Carried

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Committee of the Whole Board No. 1 Chair, Shari Cann