



MINUTES

Present: Board Chair D. Dean, Board Vice-Chair G. Anderson, R. Collver, B. Doyle, A. Felsky, J. Harris, J. Richardson, K. Sandy, C.A. Sloat, D. Sowers, T. Waldschmidt, E. Marr (Student Trustee), B. Newman (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director - B. Blancher; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, J. Gunn, D. Martins, Sincerbox, L. Thompson; Recording Secretary – L. Kay

Regrets:

Trustees: Nil
Administration: L. De Vos

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Dean at 7:15 p.m. for the purposes of conducting the Open Session.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest
Nil.

(c) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Dean at 7:15 p.m.

(d) Memorial
Nil.

(e) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval

D. Dean requested one item be added to the agenda:
G-1-b Trustee Caucus Watson Report

Moved by: J. Richardson
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.
Carried



(f) **Presentations - Student Recognition Awards**

The recognition program is Grand Erie District School Board's way to honour and celebrate students who have accomplished excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts, as well as excellence in the community. All recipients receive a certificate signed by B. Blancher and D. Dean, Chair of the Board. Trustee Harris and Director Blancher presented the certificates to those recipients present.

Doug Archer from Mt. Pleasant School placed first in the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture public speaking competition, with a speech titled, "How can we improve the media's perception of Canadian agriculture?" Doug will emcee the junior competition in 2017.

Aidan Gavey from McKinnon Park Secondary School is a competitive golfer who won the CJGA Georgian College Junior Series this summer, which qualified him to represent Canada at the US Kids Teen World Championship. He then played in the Golf Canada Junior Boys Championship and the American Junior Boys Championship and the American Junior Golf Association Under Armour Championship, where he placed first.

The recipients were congratulated by the trustees and responded to questions and comments.

(g) **Delegation**

Nil.

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – January 30, 2017**

Presented at printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Board Meeting, held January 30, 2017 be approved.

Carried

(b) **Committee of the Whole Board – February 13, 2017**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held February 13, 2017 be approved.

Carried



C – 1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings

Nil.

D – 1 Director’s Report

Directors highlighted:

- Black History Month Student Artwork on display in the Boardroom was completed by Grade 8 students at Walter Gretzky Elementary
- Arranging a meeting with Muslim community to share the work on equity and involvement
- Tekeni Teyohaha:ke Living the Two Row Student Conference at Pauline Johnson on Friday, March 3, 2017. More than 100 Indigenous and non-Indigenous students will be in attendance.
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee learning and networking event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Ryerson Heights Elementary School in Brantford.

B. Blancher requested that L. Thompson provide overview on the minor change made to the form in Appendix A of SO117 – Parental Request for Temporary Excuse from Attendance at School. L. Thompson noted the following language was added to Appendix A, Item C of SO117. *“provided the attached required program of study components are completed and submitted upon return from the temporary absence”*. A. Felsky asked how often is the form used. L. Thompson responded to the question. C.A. Sloat asked if this change will be released on February 28, 2017? B. Blancher responded to the question.

B. Blancher spoke about some funding related to the Ontario 150 celebration. In order to provide opportunities for schools to celebrate and participate in Ontario and Canada’s upcoming sesquicentennial, the Ministry of Education has made funding available. The Elementary School Playground Space Enhancement is intended to increase opportunities for students to participate in physical activity by enhancing outdoor activity spaces. On February 13, Grand Erie District School Board was notified we will be receiving some funds. B. Blancher invited L. Thompson to identify the schools who that were successful in accessing the funding to enhance their playground space. L. Thompson noted the following schools: Cedarland PS, Graham Bell-Victoria PS, Bellview PS, Ecole Confederation, Banbury Heights School, Major Ballachey PS, and Agnes G. Hodge PS. All Principals have been informed of the funding and the branding requirements.

R. Collver asked how the schools were chosen. L. Thompson responded schools were asked to express interest and all were approved except for two which have recently received



enhancements to the current outdoor activity space. B. Blancher further noted the timeline is very short as the completion and celebration is between May and October.

(a) **Learning Commons Presentation**

B. Blancher asked D. Abbey to introduce the presentation. D. Abbey invited Kate Johnson McGregor, BCI, Cythnia Gozzard, Delhi Public School and Jeff Dumoulin, Teacher Consultant, Information Technology to present the Learning Commons presentation using a dynamic Sway presentation.

Learning Commons is a departure from the traditional understanding of the role of the school library. The transition to Library Learning Commons is a whole school approach, presenting exciting opportunities for learning multiple literacies and collaboration among teachers, teacher-librarians and students. Within the Learning Commons model, project/problem-based learning experiences and MakerSpaces are designed as catalysts for intellectual engagement with information, ideas, thinking and dialogue. Important components of the Learning Commons space include Physical and Virtual Space, Equitable Access, Learning Partnerships, and Technology to support learning.

J. Harris asked for some further description on the online databases and resources available. K. Johnson McGregor responded to the questions.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of February 27, 2017 as information.

Carried

E – 1 **Student Trustee's Report**

Nil.

F -1 **Committee Report**

(a) **Committee of the Whole Board – February 13, 2017**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole Board dated February 13, 2017 as follows:

1. In Camera Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve B-1-a.



- 2. Director's Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of February 13, 2017 as information.
- 3. Draft proposed School Year Calendar 2017-2018**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board refer the approval of the calendars recommended by the School Year Calendar Committee in the report "School Year Calendars 2017-18" to March 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting.
- 4. Contract Awards – 2016-269-T Ed Tech Devices**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award of Tender 2016-269-T Ed Tech Devices to Compugen Inc. for the total cost of \$810,900 plus HST.
- 5. Contract Awards – Data Centre Hardware/Software Refresh**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award of the contract for the Data Centre hardware/Software Refresh in the amount of \$940,817 including HST to Compugen Inc.
- 6. Borrowing Bylaw 34 – Bridge Financing Dunnville School Consolidate**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Borrowing Bylaw 34 – Bridge Financing Dunnville School Consolidation Project.
- 7. Employee Assistance Program Annual Report (HR112)**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Employee Assistance Program Report, 2015-2016, as information.
- 8. Data Report – Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) and Empower Reading**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Levelled Literacy Intervention and Empower Reading Report as information.
- 9. BL28 Trustee Code of Ethics**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 28 – Trustee Code of Ethics, as amended.
- 10. F2 Budget**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy F2 – Budget Development Process to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 5, 2017, as amended.
- 11. SO26 Events Planning and Organization**
THAT Policy SO26 – Event Planning and Organization be forwarded to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 5, 2017.



12. F7 Disclosure of Wrongdoing (Whistleblower)

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F7 Disclosure of Wrongdoing (Whistleblower).

13. HR3 Staff Development Model

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind HR3 Staff Development Model.

14. FT101 Smoke Free Environment

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure FT101 – Smoke-Free Environment to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 5, 2017.

15. HR102 Working with Blood Borne Infections

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure HR102 - Working with Blood-Borne Infections, Precautions and Practices to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 5, 2017.

16. Correspondence

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive correspondence as information.

Carried

G – 1 New Business

(a) Workforce Report

S. Sincerbox presented the Workforce Report that is approved by the Board three times a school year.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Workforce Report with data as of January 31, 2017.

Carried

(b) Trustee Caucus for Watson Report

Chair Dean would like to request a Trustee Caucus to review and learn more about the Watson Report prior to it coming to the Board on April 10. Chair Dean is proposing March 20 and requests the Trustees review their schedules and confirm availability with Chair Dean.



H – 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts – January 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of January 2017 in the amount of \$8,970,486.01 as information.

Carried

(b) Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – January 12, 2017

Presented as printed. R. Collver noted to the Trustees that on page 2 the Special Education Plan Consultation is different this year and will be completed online. D. Dean had requested further explanation regarding E-1-b 6.3 bullet #2. L. Thompson and C.A. Sloat provided further explanation.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – January 12, 2017” as information.

Carried

(c) Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – January 19, 2017

Presented as printed. J. Gunn noted that the approval of multi-workplace Safety Committee application is being reviewed and will be sent back to the Ministry of Labour for their review and approval.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – January 19, 2017” as information.

Carried



(d) **Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – January 19, 2017**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (Draft) Minutes – January 19, 2017” as information.

Carried

(e) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes – December 13, 2016**

Presented as printed. C.A. Sloat asked what NEC stands for. B. Blancher responded Native Education Counsellor. C.A. Sloat asked about Item #6 opening exercise. B. Blancher noted that some native students are not able to communicate their stance on why they do not stand during the national anthem and that the Indigenous Education Team will be engaging with the Director of the Indigenous Knowledge Centre to build awareness how to support students to explain their decision.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Native Advisory Committee Minutes – December 13, 2016” as information.

Carried

(f) **Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 3, 2017**

Presented as printed. C.A. Sloat asked about Strategic Communication and would that relate to only privacy breach or overall Privacy. B. Blancher responded to the questions. R. Collver asked about item #5 on the To Do List, does the training plan include Trustee Training? B. Blancher requested a Trustees Committee Member to respond. J. Harris noted that nothing was talked about Trustee training but believes this something that Trustees should have.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 3, 2017” as information.

Carried



I – 1 Correspondence

- (a) Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies – January 27, 2017
- (b) Durham District School Board Letter re:

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive correspondence as information.

Carried

Board took a five minutes break at 8:30 p.m. before moving to in-camera

A-1-c In Camera Session

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

The Board resumed Public Session at 9:25 p.m.

A-1-g In Camera Report

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board ratify the Terms and Conditions between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Ontario Principals' Council – Grand Erie, dated February 27, 2017.

Carried

J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Carried