



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, L. DeVos, J. Gunn, D. Martins, S. Sincerbox, L. Thompson; Recording Secretary – L. Kay

Regrets:

Trustees: Nil
Administration: Nil

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Dean at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the Open Session.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Dean at 7:20 p.m.

(e) Memorials

(i) Cindy Miller, Glen Morris Central Public School

The memorial statement was read by T. Waldschmidt.



(ii) **Karl Langton, Grand Erie Learning Alternatives**

The memorial statement was read by G. Anderson.

The Trustees and Senior Administration took a moment of silence to honour Cindy and Karl.

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

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

(g) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: W. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirms the appointments to the Secondary Principals' pool.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirms the appointments to the Secondary Vice-Principals' pool

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirms the appointments to the Elementary Principals' pool.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirms the appointments to the Elementary Vice-Principals' pool

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve C-1-g.



Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board refer D-1-b to the May 8, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

(h) **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 Sandy and Director Blancher presented the certificates to those recipients present.

Kailey Russell (Grade 11), Brooke Winkels (Grade 11), Jacklyn Smith (Grade 9), and Megan Rohfritsch (Grade 12) from North Park Collegiate are being recognized for their outstanding achievements during the recent OFSAA swim championships. Kailey, Brooke, Jacklyn, and Megan were members of the senior girl's 4x50 medley relay swim team, which won gold last month at the OFSAA Swim Championships in Windsor. Jacklyn Smith, also won gold in the junior girl's 100 individual medley. Through teamwork, cooperation and dedication to their sport helped get them there. Their perseverance and positive spirits are an example both at the pool and in the community.

Kiara Barrow, Grade 8 from Delhi PS is being recognized for her achievements in the local arts community, including her recent performance at the Norfolk Musical Arts Festival resulting in earning the Emily Hillyer Memorial Scholarship. Since the age of six, Kiara has been stirring audiences throughout Norfolk County with her renditions of musical theatre and classical pieces. Her sense of responsibility and commitment to the arts is an inspiration, and she's only just getting started.

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

(i) **Delegation**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board hear the late delegation received at the Regular Board Meeting as per BL11 – Delegations.



- (i) Jennifer Daniel and Angela McMillan presented their delegation regarding Burford District Elementary School French Immersion

J. Harris noted on page 6 that the delegation spoke to pros and cons, and asked how they arrived at the cons? J. Daniel responded through brainstorming themselves and feedback from parents. J. Harris asked if the delegation considered the impact to the students in the regular program at Paris Central if Paris Central becomes a single-track French Immersion school and displaces students in the regular program?

D. Sowers thanked the delegation for their thoroughness.

- (ii) Heather Keam presented her delegation regarding Burford District Elementary School French Immersion

D. Dean thanked the delegations and reminded the Trustees of the options as per Bylaw 11 – Delegations.

A. Felsky had a question for staff around the communication that transpired. B. Blancher reminded the Trustees that the initial meeting of the North Brant ARC did not include representation from Burford because the ARC involved options for consolidating student populations in Paris and the potential closure or re-purposing of Paris Central. It was decided at the first meeting of the ARC in early November 2015 that due to the fact that the Burford French Immersion program might be affected that a parent representative from the Burford French Immersion program should be invited to join the ARC and this was in place for the ARC meeting held in early December 2015. Communication about the ARC was provided through our website, through school communications and through local media. When the Elementary French Immersion Consultation Committee was convened in February 2016, Burford had a parent representative on that committee and she attend all 4 meetings of the committee. It was an expectation, outlined in the Terms of Reference of the committee, that school representatives shared the work of the committee with their school community. Meeting notes from each of the 4 meetings were also sent to each school involved.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Secondary by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried

C.A. Sloat noted we know French Immersion is an issue due to lack of teachers and space and this a program of choice. The government will not consider capital for expansion of French Immersion schools. We have done a good job and the program will continue.



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J. Harris asked if we were to refer this issue back to staff, what would be the outcome. B. Blancher responded that the Trustees would need to provide Staff with directions of what different information they would require since much of this information was part of the North Brant ARC. J. Harris noted the first delegation is unique as tangible options have been offered and suggested this be referred to Staff for comment. B. Blancher reminded the Trustees that during the North Brant ARC that the option of making Paris Central a single track French Immersion School was one of the earliest recommendations put forward to the ARC.

R. Collver appreciated comments received and does not see this to be a viable solution as presented. A lengthy consultation was held on French Immersion and we have done our due diligence. J. Harris is concerned that the Board went through a long process and believes consideration should be given to offer comments on the delegation but believes that the facts have not changed and will not change the outcome.

D. Sowers noted concern that we have processes but how do we have a large percentage of parents that were not aware of this, should we be putting advertisements in local papers? B. Blancher responded that there was advertising in local newspapers for all meetings of the ARC and there was media coverage of the meetings. There was a motion to receive and file the delegation. (no further action)

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) Regular Board Meeting – March 27, 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held March 27, 2017 be approved.

Carried

(b) Committee of the Whole Board – April 10, 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held April 10, 2017 be approved.

Carried



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

Nil

D – 1 Director’s Report

(a) EGALE

B. Blancher asked W. Baker to introduce our guests. W. Baker invited C. Bibby, Social Worker with Grand Erie, J. Schooley, a member from Haldimand Norfolk REACH and F. Cole, an advocate for the transgender community to the table to present. C. Bibby noted that this presentation aligns with our Policy on Equity and Inclusive Education to raise awareness to protect students against discrimination and harassment and promote the dignity and equality of gender diversity. C. Bibby noted that there are a number of Secondary schools in the Board that have a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and noted a neighbouring Board has started GSAs in their Elementary Schools.

C.A. Sloat asked if students request for a GSA to be started and how many of our secondary schools have one. C. Bibby responded yes students can request an alliance to be started and that a third of Grand Erie Secondary schools have a GSA.

A. Felsky thanked the presenters for attending and educating the Trustees. E. Marr thanked them and noted inclusiveness has improved at her school and made a difference for some of her friends.

Director’s highlights:

- Grand Erie has been approached by the Ministry of Education for involvement in a number of projects / activities including an opportunity to highlight what is being done differently in supporting learning, teaching and leading in mathematics as a result of the Renewed Math Strategy (RMS) – this will include production of a video; involvement of the Principal and staff at Bellview Public School in a focus group to share insights from their participation in the RMS; and, an opportunity to share the Grand Erie experience in supporting joint-use schools
- Earth Week began April 20, 2017 and continues this week – as noted on the email from Shawn McKillop, there are a number of Earth Week events happening in our schools
- Education Week Gala Talent Show – Sanderson Centre, Thursday, April 27, 2017
- Open House at Anna Melick Memorial School as part of the school closure events – Saturday, April 29, 2017
- Friday, April 28, 2017 - PD Day for Elementary and Secondary
- Bisons Alumni North Park Sports Complex Grand Opening - Wednesday, May 3, 2017
- École Confédération’s Grand Opening - Friday, May 5, 2017



B. Blancher invited L. DeVos to provide update on the Camp SAIL. L. DeVos informed the Trustees that Camp SAIL will be extended from 12 days to 15 days. The team is currently in communication with Administrators, Teacher and Parents. A. Felsky asked with expansion and continued growth, is this an indicator for full year learning? B. Blancher noted the goal of Camp SAIL is more around the mitigation for summer learning loss.

C.A. Sloat asked if the full year learning has been a push at the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE). B. Blancher responded not at this time.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of April 24, 2017 as information.

Carried

E – 1 Student Trustees' Report

B. Newman and E. Marr provided an update on the April 20 Annual Spring Student Senate.

B. Doyle thanked the Student Trustees for their leadership.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustees' Report of April 24, 2017 as information.

Carried

F -1 Committee Report

(a) Committee of the Whole Board – April 10, 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 April 10, 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 April 10, 2017 as information.



3. Secondary Class Size

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve an increase to the average aggregate Secondary School Class Size to 22 for 2017-2018.

4. International Students - Fee Structures

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2017-2018 Tuition Fees for International Students.

5. Mileage Remuneration Review

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve an increase in the current mileage rate to \$0.54 per kilometer for the first 5,000 kilometers, and \$0.48 per kilometer thereafter effective September 1, 2017, subject to final budget approval as directed by the Canada Revenue Agency.

6. Pauline Johnson Collegiate Hospitality Program Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the plans to renovate space at Pauline Johnson Collegiate to accommodate a new Hospitality and Tourism Program for September 2017 subject to final approval of the Facility Renewal Plan for 2016-17.

7. Facility Renewal Plan 2016 – 2017

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Facility Renewal Plan for 2016-17.

8. Quality Accommodation Update (BL8)

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quality Accommodations Committee Report as information.

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve recommended Boundary reviews, in May 2017:

- a) Conduct an Elementary School Boundary review to assign the new McClung development in Caledonia to Caledonia Centennial School.
- b) Conduct an Elementary School Boundary review to assign residential areas under development in Southwest Brantford that are currently assigned to Walter Gretzky PS to Ryerson Heights PS as a temporary holding school until a new school is constructed.
- c) Conduct a Secondary School Boundary review to direct students residing in the new McClung development in Caledonia to Cayuga Secondary School



THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Pupil Accommodation review for completion in 2017-18 of Brant/Brantford Secondary schools (BCI, North Park, Pauline Johnson, Tollgate and Paris). The scope of review to include possible re-distribution of specialty programming among schools and boundary revisions to balance enrolment across all schools in the review.

9. Design Approval to Tender – New Fairview School

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the design of the New Fairview School for release of tender documents.

10. Proposed Boundary Change

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board suspend Procedure FT119.

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Boundary revision to assign a portion of the Princess Elizabeth catchment area to Major Ballachey effective September 1, 2017.

11. Bylaw 8 – Committee of the Board

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the establishment of a subcommittee to review Bylaw 8 – Committee of the Board.

12. Education Technology Initiative Update

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board received the Education Technology Plan Update as information.

13. Data Report – E-Learning Annual Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Data Report – eLearning Annual Report at information.

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board request a Turning Point Program report be presented to Trustees.

14. Summer School Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summer School Report as information.

15. Annual School Effectiveness Framework Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Annual School Effectiveness Framework report as information.



16. Trustees' Expenses Report (F3)

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Trustees' Expense Report as information.

17. Education Week 2017

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Education Week 2017 Report as information.

18. Before and After School Programs 2017/2018

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Before and After School Programs 2017-18 Report as information.

19. Partnering Together for Healthy Schools Protocol

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Partnering Together for Healthy Schools Protocol as information.

20. Correspondence

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

D. Dean requested that Recommendation No. 5 be separated from the main report.

A vote was taken on Recommendation No. 1 – 4 and 6 – 20. **Carried**

D. Dean recommends rewording the motion for Recommendation No. 5.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board, as directed by the Canada Revenue Agency, approve an increase in the current mileage rate to \$0.54 per kilometer for the first 5,000 kilometers, and \$0.48 per kilometer thereafter effective September 1, 2017, subject to final budget approval.

Carried

G – 1 New Business

(a) Workforce Report

S. Sincerbox reviewed the Workforce Report which the Board receives three times a school year to provide totals by employee group/position relative to the budget and includes retirement and resignations.



Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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

Carried

(b) **Quarterly Budget Report (F2)**

J. Gunn reviewed the Quality Budget report for the six months ended February 28, 2017. C.A. Sloat noted we are up to 6 Secondary schools that have been the subject of a Ministry Enrolment review and what is the expectation for the other 8 and how far back do they go? J. Gunn responded they go back to the prior school year (2014 – 2015 in this case) and we have not received any requests for the remaining 8 secondary schools.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the six months ended February 28, 2017 as information.

Carried

(c) **Enrolment Update Report**

J. Gunn reviewed the Enrolment Update Report which is reported to the Ministry of Education on October 31 and March 31 each year. The report consisted of details on the original enrolment projections, actual enrolment and enrolment history. G. Anderson asked when do we bottom out with the decline in secondary? J. Gunn responded that based on the Watson report, 2 years.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Enrolment Update report as information.

Carried



H – 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Summary of Accounts – March 2017**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the months of March 2017 in the amount of \$10,833,751.31 as information.

Carried

(b) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – March 2, 2017**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – March 2, 2017 as information.

Carried

(c) **Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – March 23, 2017**

Presented as printed. One correction in section 2.0 / 3.0 the future meeting dates are incorrect, should be February 16, 2017. Anna Melick school has missed their inspection. R. Collver asked who is responsible for the health and safety inspections. J. Gunn responded that the principal is the leader and involved in the inspection as well as unionized staff. Some schools may be planning their inspections too late in the month leaving no room for emergencies/cancellations.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – March 23, 2017 as information.

Carried



(d) **Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – March 23, 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 Minutes (Draft) – March 23, 2017 as information.

Carried

(e) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes – February 28, 2017**

Presented as printed. C.A. Sloat number 7, how are PowerSchool and our registration forms set up. B. Blancher noted D. Abbey has looked into this issue and the items available for a parent to check which do not include native ancestry when this used to be an option. Apparently our form aligns with OnSIS so B. Blancher is connecting with J. Henry our regional Education Officer for Indigenous Ed to see what changes can be made.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Native Advisory Committee Minutes – February 28, 2017 as information.

Carried

(f) **Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) – March 28, 2017**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) – March, 2017 as information.

Carried

I – 1 **Correspondence**

(a) Limestone District School Board Letter to Ontario Universities Application Centre – March 28, 2017

(b) Support OPEN's Legal Challenge to Public Funding of Separate Schools – April 28, 2017



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D. Dean noted that he found I-1-b very interesting. D. Dean asked the Trustees if there should be discussion at a later board meeting. G. Anderson noted this is a provincial decision. D. Dean responded this letter is a little different as they are an organization taking this to the government. R. Collver noted in order to support this, she would require further background on the organization. J. Harris agreed with R. Collver. A. Felsky responded we need to take a leadership role, would welcome the discussion and trust the information provided to us. J. Harris supports A. Felsky's position and further noted this is a topic that needs to be talked about.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried

J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, David Dean