



## MINUTES

**Present:** Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair T. Waldschmidt, R. Collver, D. Dean, J. Harris, J. Richardson (arrived at 7:49 p.m.), K. Sandy, C.A. Sloat, D. Sowers, J. Hsiao (Student Trustee), L. Kelly (Student Trustee)

**Administration:** Director - B. Blancher; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, L. De Vos, D. Martins, S. Sincerbox, L. Thompson, R. Wyszynski; Recording Secretary – L. Howells

**Regrets:**

**Trustees:** B. Doyle, A. Felsky (currently on a leave of absence)  
**Administration:** Nil

**A - 1 Opening**

**(a) Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson 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: D. Dean

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

**Carried**

**(d) Welcome to Open Session**

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

**(e) Memorials**

**(i) Paul Schwegler, Branlyn School**

The memorial statement was read by C.A. Sloat.



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

Presented as printed. It was noted that G-1-c will be presented following B-1-c and the Staff Video will be included in the Director's report.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Agenda be approved, as amended.

**Carried**

(g) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the applications for the Elementary Teachers' Self-Funded Leave Plan.

**Carried**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the applications for the Secondary Teachers' Self-Funded Leave Plan.

**Carried**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve C-1-d

**Carried**

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve C-1-f

**Carried**

(h) **Presentations**

(i) **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 G. Anderson, Chair of the Board. Trustee Collver and Director Blancher presented the certificates to the recipient present.



Kyle Chambers, Grade 12, Hagersville Secondary School – member of the Jarvis Wado Kai Club where he is a brown belt in Karate. Kyle is part of the Canadian National Wado Kai Karate Team member and competed at this year’s Canadian National Karate Championships, winning bronze. Earned a gold medal for his Kata floor routine and a silver medal in Kumite, at the Junior International Cup in Las Vegas this spring. His positive attitude truly embodies the spirit of Karate.

Kyle was congratulated by the trustees and responded to questions and comments.

- (i) **Delegations**  
Nil

**B - 1 Approval of Minutes**

- (a) **Regular Board Meeting – April 23, 2018**

Presented as printed.

R. Collver requested an update from R. Wyszynski regarding his meeting with the Ministry Finance team regarding Valley Heights and Houghton. R. Wyszynski responded it is good news, the Ministry is agreeing with the board regarding the definition of a school, we have provided further enrolment data. We are waiting to hear back.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held April 23, 2018 be approved.

**Carried**

- (b) **Committee of the Whole Board – May 14, 2018**

Presented as printed.

R. Collver requested under the MISA report Food Security be changed to nutrition program.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held May 14, 2018, be approved, as amended.

**Carried**



(c) **Special Board Meeting – May 14, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held May 14, 2018, be approved.

**Carried**

G – 1 **New Business**

(c) **Elgin Avenue Public School Rebuild Update**

R. Wyszynski invited Tom Oldham and Gerry Salter to the table. R. Wyszynski referred to the Elgin Avenue Public School Rebuild Update report providing background on redevelopment that was approved on October 24, 2016, reviewed the total capital allocation from the Ministry and anticipated project budget of \$8,680,145. R. Wyszynski further noted a recent report from the architect estimates the work at approximately \$14,700,000. The funding gap of approximately \$6,200,000. There are a number of factors contributing to the increase, scope of the rebuild, drastic change in the current market for skilled labour and overall construction costs, and Ministry revised requirements for child care from the time of funding.

R. Wyszynski asked G. Salter to review the scope of work and the design.

C.A. Sloat asked can we get an understanding how the number increased. R. Wyszynski responded due to the significant variance in the cost consultant report versus the allocated budget, each item in the renovation will need to be dissected, scrutinized, analyzed and developed into a report to fully comprehend what the cost pressures are as they relate to necessary renovations, ministry funding and enhancement features.

D. Sowers noted that there are currently two self-contained special needs classroom and where would they be. It was confirmed that these classes would remain at Bloomsburg.

R. Collver asked, are we expanding by 4 or 6 classrooms. R. Wyszynski responded 4 classrooms for 98 spaces. G. Salter responded that we expanding by 4 as the 2 existing kindergarten classrooms are to be repurposed.

C.A. Sloat noted we have never designated a room specifically as a music room. G. Salter this room is loaded as a standard classroom and should not have been identified as a music room.



R. Collver needed to understand the expansion of the child care and is this fully by the Ministry. R. Wyszynski responded this is part of the original plan and is fully funded.

D. Sowers commented that we are talking about spending \$14.7 Million to add to a 60-year-old building, how much is it to build a new school? R. Wyszynski responded approximately \$10 to \$15 Million.

*J. Richardson arrived at 7:49 p.m.*

R. Wyszynski reviewed the five options that have been summarized for the Board for guidance on how to best to proceed.

D. Sowers reiterated, if we are considering spending \$14.7 Million on a 60-year-old building, it would make more sense to seek approval for a new build.

C.A. Sloat commented that if we go to the Ministry for funding for a new school, we may be put on the bottom of the list as we currently have submissions for new builds in Caledonia and West Brantford.

J. Harris commented that reality has changed since we made our decision in 2016 and recommends we need to put a pause on moving the children to Lynndale Heights. J. Harris further commented that it would be prudent to take a pause on the process and allow Staff the time to look at further solutions and options. One of the options presented in 2016 was West Lynn but reminded Trustees that to do accessibility and logistics, it was taken off the table as we would need to incur \$100,000 year over year in transportation.

D. Dean commented that he agrees with J. Harris and at some point soon we need to engage the community.

R. Collver agreed with J. Harris and with the current climate we are living in we need to take a pause and take a look at all our options and need to keep within the ARC process and decision.

T. Waldschmidt commented that continuing with the original decision would be to throw good money at a 60-year-old building that could cause more issues.

J. Harris recommended that we allow the staff freedom to discuss and review recommendations and options.



C. A. Sloat asked is it necessary to add the additional rooms if the special education classrooms are being moved either way. R. Wyszynski responded even if we do not complete the addition, the cost to renovate the existing spaces is a big portion of the cost.

C. A. Sloat asked if it was expected that Trustees put forth a motion on one of the options. B. Blancher responded that with any of the options we would still be looking at pausing the process at this time so a motion regarding a pause would be best as this will provide time for staff to review next steps.

G. Anderson commented that he understands where we are going and noted this will be a hardship to the community. G. Anderson agreed that we do need to put a hold on this and the community needs to know that their children will not be moving to Lynndale Heights.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board suspend the motion approved in October 2017 to place 10 portables at Lynndale Heights Public School during the Elgin Avenue Public School Consolidation.

**Carried**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board directs Senior Administration to look at the options of the Elgin Avenue Public School consolidation with an update brought to board in September 2018 and a detailed report in November 2018.

**Carried**

D. Sowers asked why we would need to move the self-contained classrooms if we are putting a pause on this. L. Thompson responded the transition has already been started, students have been prepared and eventually that is where they would be going.

## C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**

### (a) **2017-20 Strategic Communications Plan Evaluation**

B. Blancher invited K. Newhouse, Manager of Communication and Community Relations, to the table. B. Blancher referred to the 2017-20 Strategic Communications Plan Evaluation report and turned it over to K. Newhouse. K. Newhouse showed a brief PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the Logan Staats tour and how this connects to the four streams of the Grand Erie Strategic Communications Plan which include: Leadership, Internal



Communications, Marketing and Branding, and Public Relations and also features a process for evaluation.

R. Collver thanked K. Newhouse for this report and how is it laid out. R. Collver further commented she was impressed with the report and the work that has been completed.

C. A. Sloat asked about the school agendas and is there a need for them still? K. Newhouse responded that many schools are still using them and believes there is a need.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the 2017-20 Strategic Communications Plan Evaluation

**Carried**

#### D - 1 **Director's Report**

Director's highlights:

- Suicide Risk Protocol – Trustees will recall that our Student Trustees spoke to a presentation by Piyali Bagchee at our April Student Senate meeting and this protocol was referenced in the Student Senate Report presented on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She wants Trustees to be aware that this is a work in progress and Piyali and her team are still getting feedback – training will take place in the early fall which will provide further feedback to refine the document. Once the protocol is finalized it will be brought to Board for information.
- School Year Calendar Approval – received an email confirmation of approval of our 2018-19 School Year Calendars on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Due to the late notice (usually received at the end of April or very beginning of May), we felt we needed to send this out to the system prior to today's meeting. Trustees were included on that email.
- Student Achievement - Markus Kunej, a student at North Park recently received word that he is the recipient of a Schulich Leadership Scholarship at the University of Toronto. This scholarship provides \$100,000 in funding and is a huge honour and a life-changing opportunity for Markus who is now part of an esteemed network of national STEM scholars at some of Canada's leading universities. Certainly an accomplishment worthy of much recognition. Also Markus won a gold medal at the Canada-wide Science and Engineering Fair held in Ottawa last week. His project was entitled "The Echo Belt: Navigation Technology for the Visually Impaired".
- Rescheduled Trustee Learning Session on June 4<sup>th</sup> on Ontario's Education Equity Action Plan; postponed from April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Retirement Dinner - This very exciting annual event is taking place on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the new location – the Brantford Golf and Country Club – guests received at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:30 pm.
- Elementary PA Day – next Friday – June 8<sup>th</sup>



- There will be no school for our elementary school students on June 8<sup>th</sup> as this is the PD day in June for elementary teachers to work on assessment and evaluation including writing report cards.
- Staff Video – Jeannie Martin, Indigenous Engagement

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of May 28, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

#### **E - 1 Student Trustees' Report**

J. Hsiao and L. Kelly shared the pro and cons on the two-year Student Trustee term that is now an option that is part of recent regulatory changes.

B. Blancher thanked J. Hsiao and L. Kelly for their input.

D. Dean appreciated the work the Student Trustees have done this year.

J. Harris commented that they did an exceptional job of putting this together and have given both sides.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustee Report of May 28, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

#### **F - 1 Committee Report**

##### **(a) Committee of the Whole Board – April 9, 2018**

It was noted item #1 In Camera was approved at the May 14, 2018 special meeting and will be removed.

Moved by: Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole Board dated May 14, 2018 as follows:





**1. Director's Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of May 14, 2018 as information.

**2. Student Senate Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate Meeting Report – April 26, 2018 as information.

**3. Student Trustee Selection**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate's report on the appointment of the following Student Trustees for 2018-19.

Grand Erie North: Jayden Hsiao  
Grand Erie South: Alexandra Hauser  
Grand Erie Indigenous: Allan St. Pierre.

**4. Revised 2017-18 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the revised 2017-18 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule.

**5. 2018-19 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2018-19 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule.

**6. Allocation of Education Assistants**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the allocation of 303 Education Assistants, as outlined in the report "Allocation of Education Assistants 2018-19" pending final budget approval.

**7. Compensatory Education Plan**

- (a) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Compensatory Education Report as information.
- (b) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board disband the Compensatory Education Committee and remove from Bylaw 8 - Committees of the Board.



**8. Education Services Agreement – Indigenous Services Canada**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2018-2020 Education Services Agreement with Indigenous Services Canada for signature by the Board signing authorities, as amended.

**9. Reverse Education Services Agreement – Six Nations Polytechnic**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2018-19 Reverse Education Services Agreement – Grand Erie District School Board and Six Nations Polytechnic – STEAM Academy for signature by the Board signing authorities.

**10. MISA Update**

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

**11. Learner Intervention Tracking for Excellence (LITE) – Referrals for Professional Services**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive “Data Report – Learner Intervention Tracking for Excellence (LITE) as information.

**12. Community Planning and Facility Partnerships – Annual Facility Status Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Community Planning and Facility Partnership Report as information.

**13. Grandview Central and Fairview Avenue Transition Committee Report**

- (a) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board name the new Dunnville Elementary School Mapleview Elementary School.
- (b) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grandview Central and Fairview Avenue School Transition Committee Report as information.
- (c) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board disband the Grandview Central and Fairview Avenue Transition Committee.



#### **14. Elgin Avenue PS Transition Committee Report**

- (a) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Eglin Transition Committee Report as information.
- (b) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board disband the Elgin Transition Committee.

#### **15. SO3 Use of Electronic Communication and Social Media Guidelines Policy**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO3 – Use of Electronic Communication and Social Media Guidelines.

R. Collver requested Recommendation #5 be divided from the report.

A voted was taken on Recommendation 1 – 4 and 6 – 15. **Carried**

R. Collver commented at the May 14, 2018 Committee of the Whole Board meeting, a Trustee requested that during the 2018-19 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule presentation that the October meetings be moved to the first and third Monday of the month. R. Collver further added this Trustee has a perfect attendance at board meetings and suggest we move the meetings to October 1, 2018 and October 15<sup>th</sup>. R. Collver asked if Senior Administration had an opportunity to look at the agendas and the impact of this request.

B. Blancher responded that Executive Council has reviewed the agendas for October and noted some reports that are received at the Committee of Whole Board can be moved to the October Board meeting and some reports will need to move to the November Committee of the Whole Board agenda but it is doable to move to the meetings to October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the amended 2018-19 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule.

**Carried**



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G - 1 New Business

(a) **Annual Operating Plan (2017-18) Update**

B. Blancher referred to the Annual Operating Plans Review report which consists of five operating plans. The five operating plans were reviewed and the 2017-18 status report was provided.

- (i) Community: B. Blancher reviewed the status for the two goals within Community Operating Plan.
  - o C.A. Sloat asked if the survey is this same as the one in the communication plan? B. Blancher responded it is not.
- (ii) Environment: R. Wyszynski reviewed the status for the five goals within the Environment Operating plan.
  - o D. Dean mentioned creating learning spaces 41 learning common enhancement – 12 classrooms in 3 schools that have the open concept, need to consider.
- (iii) Equity: W. Baker reviewed the status for the goal within Equity Operating Plan.
  - o R. Collver commented on the census data and questions asked if we can see the data and questions. R. Collver further noted she requires clarity on the community questions statement? W. Baker responded this will be covered at the June 4 Trustee Caucus session and noted the team will be seeking input and support from the community regarding what questions would we ask and how they would be perceived.
- (iv) Technology: D. Abbey reviewed the status for the three goals within Technology Operating Plan
  - o J. Harris asked about the Software Defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN), what are the options for those areas that cannot be reached by our fibre service provider? J. Ecklund responded we were selected by the Ministry to receive grant money and we are currently using Bell Fibre and have worked with Brantford Hydro. J. Ecklund further noted we are still working for solutions for the schools still using wireless and will be using Ministry funds. J. Ecklund noted we are closing the equity gap
  - o C.A. Sloat asked if the cost to implement the Parent portal will be discussed at Budget. D. Abbey responded that there is no cost to us
- (v) Well-Being: L. Thompson with support from S. Sincerbox reviewed the status for the three goals within the Well-Being Operating Plan.
  - o R. Collver asked L. Thompson to expand on PATHS expansion. L. Thompson responded she would need to confirm with the Mental Health lead but believe we are– sticking with grade 1 and that she may be considering implementing the PATHS curriculum in grade 9.
  - o R. Collver asked if PATHS is a single item in the budget or is lumped under Mental Health Budget. L. Thompson responded that it is lumped under mental health budget.



*L. Kelly left the meeting at 8:56 p.m.*

*D. Sowers left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.*

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Annual Operating Plans (2017-18) as information.

**Carried**

(b) **Major Construction Update**

R. Wyszynski referred to the Major Construction Project Report which provided a status update for two projects:

1. Fairview Avenue Redevelopment – construction of a new elementary school to accommodate the consolidation of Fairview Ave PS and Grandview Central PS. It was noted the project has shifted from “low risk” to “medium risk” for both project budget and completion timelines. More information with respect to the completion date will be made available following a June 5, 2018 meeting with the general contractor.
2. New Elevator Addition at Major Ballachey Elementary School – install an elevator at the west end of the school enhancing accessibility to the Community Hub. Tender was awarded and the project is now expected to be completed near the end of August 2018.

C.A. Sloat noted for the Fairview Avenue Redevelopment that the contractor was selected based on meeting the timeline and asked if there is anything in the contract for delays in schedule. R. Wyszynski responded that the delays have been with respect to weather and other unexpected factors and was not aware but would look into it further.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Project Report as information.

**Carried**



**H - 1 Other Business**

**(a) Summary of Accounts – April 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of April 2018 in the amount of \$10,824,982.05 as information.

**Carried**

**(b) Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – March 8, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – March 8, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

**(c) Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – April 19, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – April 19, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

**(d) Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – April 19, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – April 19, 2018 as information.

**Carried**



(e) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – April 24, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: K. Sandy

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – April 24, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

(f) **Compensatory Education Committee Minutes (Draft) – April 26, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Compensatory Education Committee Minutes (Draft) – April 26, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

(g) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 1, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 1, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

(h) **Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 3, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 3, 2018 as information.

**Carried**



(i) **Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 15, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 15, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

(j) **Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 17, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: K. Sandy

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 17, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

(k) **OPSBA Report**

C.A. Sloat referred to the OPSBA Report and there are some items that she will be voting on at the upcoming AGM.

J. Harris request that we speak against Regulation 274.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Harris

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

**Carried**

I - 1 **Correspondence**

Nil

J – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**Carried**

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Board Chair, Greg Anderson