



MINUTES

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

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

Regrets:

Trustees: L. Kelly (Student Trustee)
Administration: Nil

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the Open Session.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 6:28 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 7:11 p.m.

(e) Memorials

Nil



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

Presented as printed. United Way Presentation has been deferred to February 26, 2018.

K. Sandy requested Indigenous Student Trustee be added to the agenda under G-1-d.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

(g) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Harris

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

Carried

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Dean

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

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. Chair Anderson and Director Blancher presented the certificates to those recipients present.

Carter Rounq – Grade 9 – Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School – in 2016 was accepted into the Junior Performance team at Cambridge's Whistle bear golf Club, finished third at the 2017 Optimist Kingsville Canadian Open and has qualified for 2018 Optimist International Junior Golf Championship which is one of the largest junior golf tournaments in the world, which takes place in July at the PGA National Resort in Florida.



Isaac Kragten – Grade 10 – McKinnon Park Secondary School – accomplished actor who has appeared in a variety of television series and movies. Isaac won a 2017 Daytime Emmy award for Best Performance in a Children’s Series for TVO’s Odd Squad. Most recently worked alongside Academy Award winner Robert DeNiro on a major motion picture – The War with Grandpa – which is set for release later this year.

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

- (i) **Delegation**
Nil

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

- (a) **Inaugural Board Meeting – December 11, 2017**

Presented at printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting, held December 11, 2017 be approved.

Carried

- (b) **Committee of the Whole Board – January 15, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held January 15, 2018, be approved.

Carried

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

Nil



D – 1 Director's Report

Director's highlights:

- New staff portal launches this week – Thursday, February 1
- Ontario Services Education Committee with the support of OPSBA and the Ministry of Education has produced a video and resource PD module for Ontario trustees about Indigenous History – it's called, *"A Journey towards Truth and Reconciliation: First Nations, Métis and Inuit Trustee Professional Learning Module"* and was officially launched this past Thursday. All Trustees received an email from OPSBA describing the two-part video module which focuses on the true history of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the ways in which school boards, and schools, are moving towards reconciliation. The PD will provide trustees and school boards with context and an understanding and appreciation for Indigenous histories and with insight and support for building school communities where the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Ontarians is founded on mutual respect.
www.modules.ontarioschooltrustees.org. Take the time to watch the videos. In doing so, you will be taking a small step towards reconciliation. This will be a good next step from our November Trustee Learning Session.
- Secondary School Semester 1 Final exams are finishing up this week. February 1 & 2 are PA Days for Secondary schools. Semester 2 starts on Monday, February 5
- Scott Johnson Memorial Award – the Director recently attended the Brant United Way Achievement Celebration and presented the Scott Johnson Memorial Award, recognizing students who are involved in the stewardship of their community through supporting the Brant United Way, to Paris District High School (PDHS) and teacher Aimee Ernst was in attendance to receive the award. PDHS encourages a spirit of giving in their students who raised money for the United Way by having a classroom Change Waves competition. Waves of Change focused on how even one small donations can create a positive ripple throughout the community. Grand Erie also received 2 honours – 100% participation of all sites in Brant/Brantford and Top 10 workplace contributor to the Brant United Way.
- Arts Soup takes place on February 1 and 2 at various sites across Grand Erie. The Manager of Communications has included information on this event in the Media Update for this week. Trustees are welcome to visit any of the Arts Soup events.
- January 31 is Bell Let's Talk Day – a wide-reaching, multi-year program designed to break the silence around mental illness and support mental health all across Canada.
- February is Black History Month and Psychology Month
- B. Blancher requested that L. DeVos provide Trustees with an update on Early Years
 - L. De Vos noted the Early Development Instrument (EDI) is a tool used to assess children's developmental health and this year is a collection year. Kindergarten teachers have been released for training and will be released to



complete the assessment of SK students only between February 1 and March 31. L. De Vos noted the Early Years Experiences Collection at Kindergarten Registration Reporting Initiative is a new Ministry funded initiative offered to school boards this year. This initiative has two parts: online Kindergarten registration and a Child Care Experiences survey. Grand Erie is taking the first year to plan for the online portion. The Ministry survey was uploaded into survey monkey and was promoted as part of the Kindergarten registration package. The data from the survey will inform school boards and the Ministry about childcare experiences and needs for future planning.

- C.A. Sloat asked about EDI, is this must do or our choice and who is funding? L. De Vos it is Ministry of Education mandated and funded.
- J. Harris asked how will the data be used? L. De Vos responded the data will assist locally and provincially in regards to where the highest needs are by neighbourhood and where childcare should be provided
- B. Blancher requested that R. Wyszynski to speak about the Energy Efficiency Award
 - R. Wyszynski informed Trustees in recognition of our commitment to energy conservation and efficiency in 2017, the Grand Erie District School Board has been acknowledged and recognized by Energy +, our local distribution company serving Brant County schools, as community leaders and congratulated for our efforts in conserving energy through our LED retrofit program, participating in the saveONenergy program that offers incentives and educating our staff and students on the importance of energy and environmental conservation. This award is similar to the award we received from Brantford Power.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 29, 2018 as information.

Carried

E – 1 Student Trustees' Report

Nil



F -1 Committee Report

(a) Committee of the Whole Board – January 15, 2018

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole Board dated January 15, 2018 as follows:

1. In Camera Session

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve B-1-d 1 through 5.

2. Ad hoc Committee Terms of Reference – Grand Erie and Six Nations to Review Enrolment Pressures at McKinnon Park

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Committee – Grand Erie and Six Nations to Review Enrolment Pressures at McKinnon Park as amended.

3. Paris District High School Transportation

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board continue to apply the transportation eligibility rules as outlined in Board Policy FT6 – Student Transportation.

4. Director's Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 15, 2018 as information.

5. Schedule of Pre-Budget Consultation Meetings

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Pre-Budget Consultation Meetings as follows:

1. Monday, February 5, 2018
2. Wednesday, February 21, 2018.



6. Transition Committee for Grandview Central Public Schools and Fairview Avenue Public School

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the establishment of a Transition Committee for Grandview Central Public School and Fairview Avenue Public School.

7. Transition Committee for Elgin Avenue Students Moving to Lynndale Heights for 2018/19 School Year

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the establishment of a Transition Committee to support the movement of Elgin Avenue students to Lynndale Heights for the 2018-19 school year.

8. Contract Award – New Elevator Addition at Major Ballachey Elementary School

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award for General Contracting Services for the New Elevator Addition at Major Ballachey Elementary School as set out in Tender 2018-35-T to Abcott Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$545,140.00 plus HST.

9. Contract Award – Prime Design Consultant Services for a Building Renovation at Elgin Ave. Public School

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award for Prime Design Consultant Services for a Building Renovation at Elgin Avenue Public School as set out in Request for Proposal 2018-9-P to Salter Pilon Architecture in the amount of \$334,750.00 plus HST.

10. Category III Trips

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Category III Trips as information.

11. Enrolment vs Capacity by School

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



12. Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA) Annual Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA) Report as information.

13. SO14 Equity and Inclusive Education

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO14 Equity and Inclusive Education.

14. SO136 Equity and Inclusive Education

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind Procedure SO136 Equity and Inclusive Education.

15. SO18 Environmental Education and Stewardship

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO18 Environmental Education and Stewardship.

16. SO19 Privacy and Information Management

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO19 Privacy and Information Management as amended.

17. SO20 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO20 Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting.

18. SO3 Electronic Communication and Social Media Guidelines

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO3 Electronic Communication and Social Media Guidelines to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 6, 2018.



19. Bylaw 8 – Committees of the Board – Addition of Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) as a Standing Committee

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 8 Committee of the Board – Addition of Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) as a Standing Committee.

20. HR107 Maintaining Employee Safety while Working with Students

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure HR107 Maintaining Employee Safety while Working with Student as information.

21. HR121 Injury/Incident/Disease Investigation and Reporting

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure HR121 Injury/ Incident/ Disease Investigation and Reporting as information.

22. P106 Home Instruction

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure P106 - Home Instruction as information.

Carried

G – 1 New Business

(a) Major Construction Update

R. Wyszynski referred to the Major Construction Update report.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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

Carried

(b) Quarterly Budget Report (Q1)

R. Wyszynski referred to the Quarterly Budget report.



G. Anderson noted the increase in supply teacher costs and asked is this occurring everywhere and has there been discussion. B. Blancher responded it is occurring everywhere and there are provincial discussions taking place on this issue.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the three months ended November 30, 2017 as information.

Carried

(c) **Reverse Education Services Agreements**

B. Blancher referred to the Reverse Education Services Agreement (RESA) report providing background, additional information and next steps regarding the request Grand Erie received mid-June from Six Nations Polytechnic STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts and Mathematics) program leads to consider entering into an RESA for students not residing on Six Nations who wanted to attend the STEAM program beginning in September 2018.

The report provided information on work being done at the Ministry of Education level to support RESA's and Director Blancher and Superintendent Martins are attending a meeting with Six Nations Polytechnic and Ministry of Education staff to further investigate this initiative. The Ministry is very supportive of RESA's being put in place as they see this as choice for families. Updates will be provided to trustees.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Reverse Education Services Agreement report as information.

Carried

(d) **Indigenous Student Trustee**

K. Sandy noted she is aware of two Boards that are moving towards adding Indigenous Student Trustees and recommends Grand Erie District School Board consider moving in the same direction.

Moved by: K. Sandy

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board investigate the possibility of adding an Indigenous Student Trustee to the Grand Erie District School Board. It was requested by



trustees that a report about the possibility of adding an Indigenous Student Trustee be brought to the February 12, 2018 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting.

Carried

H – 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts – December 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of December 2017 in the amount of \$10,304,053.27 as information.

Carried

(b) Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – November 16, 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – November 16, 2017 as information.

Carried

(c) Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – December 7, 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – December 7, 2017 as information.

Carried

(d) Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – December 21, 2017

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver



Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – December 21, 2017 as information.

Carried

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

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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

Carried

(f) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – December 18, 2017**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – December 18, 2017 as information.

Carried

(g) **Student Senate Virtual Meetings Minutes – December 7, 2017**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate Virtual Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2017 as information.

Carried

(h) **Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee - (Draft) – January 11, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat



Regular Board Meeting
January 29, 2018
Education Centre, Board Room

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee - (Draft) – January 11, 2018 as information.

Carried

(i) **Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – January 11, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – January 11, 2018 as information.

Carried

I – 1 **Correspondence**

Nil

J – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, Greg Anderson