



## MINUTES

**Present:** Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair D. Dean, R. Collver, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, S. Gibson, J. Richardson, C.A. Sloat, C. Speers, C. VanEvery-Albert, D. Werden, J. Hsiao (Student Trustee), A. St. Pierre (Student Trustee)

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

**Regrets:**

**Trustees:** A. Hauser (Student Trustee)  
**Administration:** R. Wyszynski

**A - 1 Opening**

**(a) Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

**(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

**(c) In Camera Session**

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: B. Doyle

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, G. Anderson at 7:15 p.m.

C. VanEvery-Albert shared the cycle of ceremonies for the Haudenosaunee community.

**(e) Memorials**

Memorial Statement for Martin MacNeil, Valley Heights Secondary School was read by R. Collver.



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

Presented as printed. It was noted that Student Recognition was removed from the agenda.

Moved by: J. Richardson  
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert  
THAT the Agenda be approved, as amended.  
**Carried**

(g) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert  
Seconded by: B. Doyle  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the recommendation to add to the Replacement/Casual Principal and Vice-Principal List, effective February 4, 2019.  
**Carried**

Moved by: D. Dean  
Seconded by: C. Sloat  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the recommendation to add to the Replacement/Casual Principal and Vice-Principal List, effective January 16, 2019.  
**Carried**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat  
Seconded by: J. Richardson  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve B-1-d.  
**Carried**

(h) **Presentations**

(i) **United Way**

Representatives from Brant and Haldimand-Norfolk United Way were in attendance to do a cheque presentation to celebrate the Grand Erie District School Board's total contribution to the 2018 United Way Campaign. Grand Erie raised a total of \$43,430.73.

(ii) **Student Recognition Awards**

NIL

(i) **Delegation**

Nil



**B - 1 Approval of Minutes**

**(a) Inaugural Board Meeting – December 10, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting, held December 10, 2018, be approved.

**Carried**

**(b) Committee of the Whole Board – January 14, 2019**

Presented as printed. It was noted that a minor revision will be made under F-1-b.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held January 14, 2019, be approved, as amended

**Carried**

**(c) Special Board Meeting – January 14, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held January 14, 2019, be approved.

**Carried**

G. Anderson welcomed

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

**(a) Update of Ministry of Education Changes to 2018-19 Funding**

In R. Wyszynski's absence, B. Blancher referred to the Update of Ministry of Education Changes to 2018-19 Funding report. Since the January 14, 2019 report that was presented at the Committee of Whole Board Meeting, the Senior Administration team has received new transfer payment agreements with updates or confirming funding.



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R. Collver asked under the Special Education Project Plan – what are professional assessments and how will the funds be utilized. B. Blancher asked L. Thompson to respond. L. Thompson responded that professional assessments are the focus of the extra funding and that 50% of the funds will be spent on professional assessments, and the remaining 50% can be spent on creating/updating technology platforms to support the data collection around professional assessments, and early intervention resources/tools that tie to those assessments.

R. Collver further asked about the Indigenous Graduation Coach Pilot Project. B. Blancher responded that D. Martins has connected with staff at the Ministry of Education's Indigenous Education Office and with Sean Monteith, Director of Keewatin-Patricia as this position is modelled after the role in Sean's board. B. Blancher further noted we are working through the requirements and the job posting is nearing completion. B. Blancher also noted that we are excited by this opportunity to further support our Indigenous students.

C. VanEvery-Albert asked when you advertise these teaching positions where do you advertise? B. Blancher responded that these are non-teaching positions and we will be posting in our local communities.

Moved by: C. Speers

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Update of Ministry of Education Changes to 2018-19 Funding report as information.

**Carried**

### D - 1 Director's Report

Director's highlights:

- Director Blancher noted that Superintendent Martins and the Indigenous Education Team will present How Grand Erie is addressing the Calls to Actions from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
  - D. Martins invited S. Sawyer and J. Martin to the table
  - S. Sawyer and J. Martin handed out to all Trustees the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action booklet and provided a high-level overview on Grand Erie's response to the Truth & Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action that centered around
    - Cultural Awareness
    - Cultural Sensitivity
    - Cultural Competency
    - Cultural Safety
- **Trustee Learning Session** – a reminder to Trustees of the second learning session being held next week – Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Agenda will be sent this week.



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Superintendent Wyszynski has planned a robust session of learning on school board funding and budget challenges.

- **Proposal from Conestoga College – Building the Skilled Trades workforce in Brantford-Brant** – sent from MPP Will Bouma’s office to all Trustees on Friday along with a letter from Mr. Bouma extending an invitation to Grand Erie to “endorse” this proposal and to meet with him and John Tibbets, President of Conestoga College to discuss this further. The college is exploring opportunities to work with local partners to develop a Skilled Trade Training Centre to serve the workforce needs of the community and to provide opportunities for area youth to explore careers in the skilled trades. The proposal does suggest that a Skill Trades Training Centre would provide opportunities for collaboration with local school boards to expose young people to the potential of a career in the skilled trades by allowing visits to the centre, by expanding Specialist High Skills Major possibilities, summer programs etc. Together with Chair Anderson staff are planning to set up a meeting to discuss this further to see what the possibilities are for our students.
- **Student Trustee Allan St. Pierre** – Director Blancher noted tonight will be A. St. Pierre’s last meeting as he has enrolled into a college program. As part of the Education Act and our Bylaw we are required to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy. B. Blancher will consult with our Indigenous Ed team to determine next steps.
- **Equity Video** – fourth and final video in the Equity series highlights Maria, a member of the Low German Mennonite community

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director’s Report of February 04, 2019 as information.

**Carried**

G. Anderson noted the government is seeking consultation regarding Reg 274/12 Hiring Practices and Class Size Engagement and suggested we have a small committee of Trustees to review the questions and prepare a response. The following Trustees are interested in participating in this discussion: C. Speers, C.A. Sloat, D. Werden, E. Dixon, D. Dean, R. Collver, G. Anderson



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

F - 1 **Committee Report**

(a) **Committee of the Whole Board – January 14, 2019**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole Board dated January 14, 2019 as follows:

**1. Director's Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 14, 2019 as information.

**2. Additional Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the additional appointment of Tom Waldschmidt to the Special Education Advisory Committee, as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee, for the term December 2018 to November 2022.

**3. Category III Trips**

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

**4. Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA) Annual Report**

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

**5. Enrolment vs Capacity by School Report**

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

**6. Funding Announcement Impact**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Impact of Ministry of Education Changes to 2018-19 Funding report as information.



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### 7. F6 Purchasing

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy F6 – Purchasing to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by February 28, 2019.

### 8. FT1 Major Construction Projects

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy FT1 – Major Construction Projects to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by February 28, 2019.

### 9. Bylaw 28 – Trustee Code of Ethics

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board refer Bylaw 28 – Trustee of Code of Conduct to the February 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting.

### 10. P104 Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) and Other Excusals from Attendance at Schools

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure P104 – Supervised Alternative Learning and Other Excusals from Attendance at School to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by February 28, 2019, as amended.

### 11. SO103 Safe Arrivals

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure SO103 – Safe Arrivals to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by February 28, 2019.

### 12. SO106 Field Trips/Team Travel Booking

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure SO106 – Field Trips/Team Travel Booking to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by February 28, 2019.

### 13. SO102 Request for School Assistant in Health Care

THAT Bylaw 9 – Processes for Development of Bylaws, Policies, Procedures and Protocols be waived with respect to circulating SO102 – Administration of Prescribed Medications, Including Medicinal Cannabis, in Schools to all appropriate stakeholders for comments.

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive SO102 – Administration of Prescribed Medications, Including Medicinal Cannabis, in Schools as information, as amended.

### 14. OPSBA Report

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

Carried



G - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Major Construction Update**

In R. Wyszynski's absence, B. Blancher referred to the Major Construction Project Report which provided a status update for the 2018-19 projects that consists of:

- Mapleview Elementary School – new school in Dunnville – students and staff successfully occupied the school on November 12, 2018
- New Elevator Addition at Major Ballachey Elementary School – install an elevator enhancing accessibility to the Community Hub
- Child Care Renovation at Hagersville Secondary School – renovate classroom space for a child care program that will service 10 infants, 15 toddlers and 24 preschoolers. This is subject to receiving Ministry approvals.
- Child Care Addition at Central Public School – create an addition for a child care program that will service 10 infants, 15 toddlers and 24 preschoolers. This is subject to receiving Ministry approvals.

C.A. Sloat noted she is pleased to see the addition of 11-month warranty report as part of the timeline section for each project.

J. Richardson noted a concern that was brought to his attention about the amount of glass at Mapleview when there is a lockdown how do they get out of sight? B. Blancher responded that there will be blinds in the office and believes they have been ordered.

R. Collver commented when we are talking about the additional cost that will be covered by the Community Hub what does that mean? B. Blancher responded that she does not have the answer to that question but will get it.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Werden

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

**Carried**





(b) **Quarterly Budget Report**

In R. Wyszynski's absence, B. Blancher referred to the Quarterly Budget report for the three months ended November 28, 2018. R. Wyszynski provided an overview of the financial dashboard with included 2018-19 Revised Budget Estimates, revenues and expenses.

Moved by: C. Speers

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the three months ended November 30, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

H - 1 **Other Business**

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

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of December 2018 in the amount of \$8,760,201.00 as information.

**Carried**

(b) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – October 18, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. Speers

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – October 18, 2018 as information.

**Carried**



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(c) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – December 13, 2018**

Presented as printed. D. Werden noted that he should be removed from the first set of December 13, 2018 minutes as of December 1, 2019 he was no longer a Community member.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – December 13, 2018 as information, as amended.

**Carried**

(d) **Student Senate Minutes - December 04, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate Minutes - December 04, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

(e) **Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – December 20, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – December 20, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

(f) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) - December 13, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft)- December 13, 2018 as information.

**Carried**



(g) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft)- December 18, 2018**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) - December 18, 2018 as information.

**Carried**

(h) **Safe and Inclusive School Committee Minutes (Draft) - January 10, 2019**

Presented as printed.

D. Dean commented on C-1-d Role of the Committee and noted that most of the agenda focuses on inclusivity and is concerned that the important discussions about safety in schools are missing from the meetings.

W. Baker noted that the issue that D. Dean brought forward is legitimated and explained that he has spoken with the co-Chairs of the committee and recommended the following: on a temporary basis two sub committees will be created, one that focuses on inclusivity and the other on safety. W. Baker further noted that the other option is to possibly go with two separate Committees.

G. Anderson agrees with D. Dean's statement.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Safe and Inclusive School Committee Minutes (Draft) - January 10, 2019 as information.

**Carried**

I - 1 **Correspondence**

NIL



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J – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

**Carried**

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Board Chair, G. Anderson