



AGENDA

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) Roll Call
 - (b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest
 - (c) In Camera Session (**6:30 p.m.**)
 - (i) Personnel Matters
 - (ii) Legal Matters
 - (iii) Property Matters
 - (d) Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement (**7:15 p.m.**)
 - (e) Memorials
 - (f) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval
 - (g) In Camera Report
 - (h) Presentations
 - (i) Delegations
- B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**
- * (a) June 24, 2019 (Regular Board)
 - * (b) July 3, 2019 (Special Board)
 - * (c) July 16, 2019 (Special Board)
- C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**
- D - 1 **Director's Report**
- E - 1 **New Business – Action/Decisions Items**
- * (a) Approval of 2019-20 Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Proposed Schedules of Agenda items
 - (i) Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meetings
 - (ii) Bylaw, Policies and Procedure Review Schedule
 - * (b) OPSBA Membership Fee for 2019-20
 - * (c) Bylaw 34 Borrowing Bylaw Bridge Financing Dunnville School Consolidate (**R**)
- E – 2 **New Business – Information Items**
- * (a) Major Construction Update (FT2)
 - * (b) School Council Report
- F - 1 **Other Business**
- * (a) Summary of Accounts – June 2019
 - * (b) Summary of Accounts – July 2019
 - * (c) Joint Use Agreement Task Force Minutes (Draft) - April 30, 2019
 - * (d) Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Draft) – August 14, 2019
 - * (e) OPSBA Report
- B. Blancher
R. Wyszynski
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R. Wyszynski
D. Werden
C.A. Sloat

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G - 1 **Correspondence**

H - 1 **Adjournment**

Future Meetings (held at the Education Centre unless noted otherwise)

Committee of the Whole	September 9, 2019	7:15 PM	Board Room
Audit Committee	September 17, 2019	4:00 PM	Board Room
Special Education Advisory Committee	September 19, 2019	6:00 PM	Board Room
Chairs' Committee	September 23, 2019	5:45 PM	Norfolk Room
Board Meeting	September 23, 2019	7:15 PM	Board Room
Quality Accommodation Committee	September 26, 2019	2:00 PM	Board Room
Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee	October 3, 2019	1:00 PM	Board Room
Native Advisory Committee	October 7, 2019	9:00 AM	Tollgate Technical Skills Centre
Committee of the Whole	October 7, 2019	7:15 PM	Board Room
Special Education Advisory Committee	October 15, 2019	6:00 PM	Board Room
School Council Orientation	October 17, 2019	6:30 PM	Dogwood Room, Norfolk SSC
Student Trustee Senate	October 24, 2019	10:30 AM	Grand River Hall, JBLC
Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee	October 24, 2019	6:30 PM	Dogwood Room, Norfolk SSC
Chairs' Committee	October 28, 2019	5:45 PM	Norfolk Room
Board Meeting	October 28, 2019	7:15 PM	Board Room
Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk	October 29, 2019	9:00 AM	Norfolk Room

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MINUTES

Present: Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair D. Dean, R. Collver, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, S. Gibson, J. Richardson (arrived at 7:26 p.m.), C.A. Sloat, C. Speers, D. Werden, A. Cattrysse (Student Trustee), A. Hauser (Student Trustee), J. Hsiao (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: C. VanEvery-Albert,
Administration: Nil

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: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Werden

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 7:25 p.m.

(e) **Memorials**

E. Dixon read the memorial statement for Logan Parker, West Lynn Public School.



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

Presented as printed.
Item G-1-c will be presented before C-1-a.

G. Anderson advised Trustees that there is a late delegation from A. Gulabsingh, Haldimand Huskies Basketball Club. G. Anderson further noted Bylaw 11 was not followed and noted, A. Gulabsingh does have a written delegation with him. G. Anderson asked if it is the will of the Board to receive this late delegation and copies of the written delegation will be made available to Trustees.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richards

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the late delegation received at the Regular Board Meeting as per Bylaw 11 – Delegations.

Carried

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried

(g) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: S. Gibson

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

Carried

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: D. Werden

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

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 Speers and Director Blancher presented the certificate.

Avaia Bergan – Grade 6 Student - Caledonia Centennial Public School – Athletics – Avaia is sued to balancing high academic standards with a rigorous athletic training schedule to remain competitive in the sport of Trampoline, a gymnastics discipline characterized by precise technique and perfect body control while moving through the air. This past spring, Avia reached new heights: a personal best that also landed her in first place provincially in her age division. When not training, Avaia is an exemplary student who carries herself with grace and humility as she continues to grow both academically and as an elite athlete.

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

(j) **Delegation**

Copies of the late written delegation were handed out to Trustees. A. Gulabsingh referred to his delegation for Haldimand Huskies Basketball Club.

Trustees agreed to discuss this matter at G-1-e.

B - 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – May 27, 2019**

Presented at printed.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held May 27, 2019 be approved.

Carried

(b) **Committee of the Whole Board – June 10, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held June 10, 2019, be approved.

Carried



(c) **Special Board Meeting – June 10, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held June 10, 2019, be approved.

Carried

G-1-c Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan

R. Wyszynski invited D. Maniccia, Manager of Facility Services and K. Hashimoto, Supervisor of Energy & Environmental Conservation the table. R. Wyszynski referred to the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan report noting on January 1, 2019 a new regulation was introduced under the Electricity Act, 1998 titled O. Reg 507/18: Broader Public Sector: Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plans. R. Wyszynski further stated the energy conservation and demand management plan is composed of two parts and provided high-level overview:

- 1) a summary of Grand Erie District School Board's annual energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions for its operations
- 2) a description of previous, current and proposed measures for conserving and otherwise reducing the amount of energy consumed by Grand Erie's operations and for managing its demand for energy, including a forecast of the expected results of current and proposed measures.

C. Speers asked if the LED light retrofits has been completed? K. Hashimoto responded that there are still a few locations left do within the Board.

C.A. Sloat asked about the TRC building? D. Maniccia responded that there are a few measures that could be undertaken at the TRC and Board office, new energy efficient rooftop units and controls to outdoor lighting; however, unfortunately we cannot use any of the renewal funding since these are administration buildings.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan as information.

Carried



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

(a) 2019-20 Board

R. Wyszynski referred to the 2019-20 Budget Approval report noting the 2019-20 Operating and Capital Budgets were developed as set out in Board Policy F2 – Budget Development Process. The Budget will be submitted to the Ministry as requested by regulations on or before the submission deadline of June 28, 2019 pending Board approval.

R. Wyszynski provided a high-level overview of the Operating and Capital Budget Highlights and the budget outlook.

C.A. Sloat asked if Trustees will see a final budget before it is submitted? R. Wyszynski responded that the version Trustees received is the final version. C.A. Sloat requested that the complete budget be posted on the website for transparency. B. Blancher responded that Senior Admin had a discussion about this and the team wants to make sure that we post a version that is clear and easy for the public to understand. The belief of the team is that the current level of detail may create confusion.

R. Collver thanked R. Wyszynski for the report and patience through this difficult budget planning.

S. Gibson suggested for the website possibly developing a dashboard and give the option to allow for members of the public to ask questions. R. Wyszynski responded our goal is to provide a draft to Trustees of what will appear on the website.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2019-20 Operating Budget of \$321,672,098.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2019-20 Capital Budget of \$30,851,250.

Carried



G. Anderson echoed R. Collver's statement and further thanked R. Wyszynski and the Superintendents.

(b) **Annual Review of the Special Education Plan – Amendments to Standard 1**

L. Thompson referred to the Annual Review of the Special Education Plan – Amendments to Standard 1 laydown report noting changes were required based on changes to program and delivery for the 2019-20 school year and further stated the changes were presented and approved at the June 13, 2019 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting. L. Thompson reviewed the revised changes and noted the checklist will also be updated.

R. Collver noted this was also brought to SEAC on June 13. L. Thompson will ensure that this is included in the Special Education plan that is submitted to the Ministry.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Amendments to Standard 1 of the Special Education Plan.

Carried

D - 1 **Director's Report**

Director's highlights:

- **Student Scholarship Winners** - Three Grand Erie students were presented with significant scholarships this month.
 - Jacob Meleka, a student at North Park Collegiate and Vocational School and Stewart McLellan, a student from Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School are the 2019 recipients of the James Hillier Foundation's annual scholarships. As a result, both will have up to \$20,000 over four years for their undergraduate studies.
 - Additionally, Waterford District High School's Jordyn Carmichael is the 2019 recipient of the Wanda and Scott Salverda Memorial Award, which provides up to \$10,000 over four years for undergraduate studies.
- **ECO Schools** – media release sent out by Manager of Communication on June 19th celebrating the 38 Grand Erie schools that received Eco Schools certification this year. (up 3 since 2018)
 - 3 schools received Platinum certification including Grandview Central as the first elementary school to achieve this level.
 - 14 schools received Gold certification.
 - 14 received Silver.
 - 7 received Bronze.



- The EcoSchools program connects to Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*, through the Environment indicator and the goal of "improving energy and environmental conservation at all sites."
- **CAGE Track & Field** – was held at Kiwanis Field here in Brantford on June 21st – big thanks to all the staff and volunteers.
- **Commencements:**
 - **GELA Grad** – June 26th at 7:00 pm – Sanderson Centre
 - **McKinnon Park** – June 27th at 7:00 pm – MPSS
- **June 27th** is the last day of school for students and **June 28th** is a PA Day
- **Presentation to Student Trustees** – G. Anderson thanked the Student Trustees for the time they put into the role and their value at the Board table.
- **Brantford Library** – Director Blancher asked R. Wyszynski to speak to Trustees regarding Brantford Library
 - R. Wyszynski provided an update on Southwest Brantford. The City of Brantford at a committee meeting deferred the library build for 9 years and if this decision is finalized through Council, this will affect our capital submission and will alter the original plan. Sr. Administration request a letter be written to the City of Brantford showing our disappointment of the plan and the speak to the impact.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: E. Dixon

That the Grand Erie District School Board write a letter to the City of Brantford outlining the impact to the community of any decision to defer the library build in Southwest Brantford.

Carried

- Director Blancher noted this is Superintendent D. Abbey's last Board Meeting and thanked D. Abbey's for his time and commitment to the Grand Erie District School Board.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of June 24, 2019 as information.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Grand Erie District School write a letter extending a warm Grand Erie welcome and congratulations to the newly appointed Minister of Education.

Carried



E - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**

J. Hsiao extended a thank you to Board for the opportunity to represent his peers and noted he has learned a lot this past year.

A. Hauser also thanked the Board for the opportunity and is looking forward to representing the student again in 2019-20.

A. Cattrysse thanked the Board for the opportunity and even though she was only here for half the year, she has learned a lot.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. Speers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustees' Report of June 24, 2019, as information.

Carried

F - 1 **Committee Report**

(a) **Committee of the Whole Board – June 10, 2019**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole Board dated June 10, 2019 as follows:

1. **In Camera Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirms that the Director's Performance Appraisal has been completed.

2. **Director's Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of June 10, 2019 as information.

3. **Annual Review of the Special Education Plan**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Annual Review of the Special Education Plan, and the submission of two copies of the plan and the Special Education Report Components Checklist to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Education by July 31, 2019, as amended.



4. Fundraising Approval – Lakewood ES – Port Dover

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Fundraising Plan for the Lakewood ES track rejuvenation.

5. Category III Trips

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

6. Implications of 2019-20 Friday the 13th Events on Port Dover Students

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Option 1 - Lakewood Elementary School remains opens to students for December 13, 2019 and March 13, 2020.

7. Burford Tennis Courts Modifications

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board direct the Superintendent of Business and Treasurer to proceed with terminating the Burford Tennis Court lease agreement dated September 5, 2000 and to develop a new lease agreement to refurbish the Burford Tennis Courts.

8. Bylaw 13 Signing Authorities of the Board

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 13 – Signing Authorities of the Board.

9. Bylaw 18 Personnel Matters to be Considered In Camera

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 18 – Personnel Matters to be Considered In Camera.

10. SO5 School/Site Security and Lockdown in Schools

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO5 School/Site Security and Lockdown in Schools to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by September 27, 2019.

11. SO28 Student Concussion and Head Injury

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO28 Student Concussion and Head Injury.



12. SO19 Privacy and Information Management

- a) THAT Bylaw 9 – Processes for Development of Bylaws, Policies and Procedures be waived with respect to circulating SO19 – Privacy and Information Management to all appropriate stakeholders for comments.
- b) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO19 Privacy and Information Management.

13. FT103 Temporary Closure of Board Buildings

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure FT103 Temporary Closure of Board Buildings as information.

14. FT110 Recorded Surveillance: Board Buildings & School Transportation Vehicles

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure FT110 Recorded Surveillance: Board Buildings & School Transportation Vehicles.

15. HR103 Duties and Expectations of Teachers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure HR103 Duties and Expectations of Teachers as information.

16. HR105 Term Assignments – Central Support Staff

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure HR105 Term Assignments – Central Support Staff as information.

17. HR117 Re-evaluating Existing Non-Union Positions

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board refer Procedure HR117 Re-evaluating Existing Non-Union Positions be brought back to the Board in October 2019.

Carried



G - 1 New Business

(a) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-19

B. Blancher referred to the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report for 2018-19 and provided a high-level overview.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report as information.

Carried

(b) Quarterly Budget Report

R. Wyszynski referred to the Quarterly Budget Report for the nine months ended May 31, 2019.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the nine months ended May 31, 2019 as information.

Carried

(c) Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan – was presented before C-1 Business Arising

(d) Special Education Advisory Committee Membership

L. Thompson referred to the Special Education Advisory Committee Membership report providing background and additional information.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board accept the resignation of Ronelda Smith of Haldimand-Norfolk REACH, and Michelle Falkiner, member-at-large, and approve the addition of Nancy Schuur of Haldimand-Norfolk REACH.

Carried



(e) **Haldimand Huskies Basketball Club**

G. Anderson believes that it may be difficult to come to a comprehensive decision at this time but believed Trustees could discuss the matter.

G. Anderson asked R. Wyszynski if he has any information to share with Trustees. R. Wyszynski responded that with regards to the Brantford Basketball program at North Park CVS this program was grandfathered over two decades ago.

J. Richardson asked about the situation at Simcoe Composite? B. Blancher responded that we were not aware of it but did look it up. B. Blancher noted that this camp runs for 4 days the first week of July.

C.A. Sloat referred to FT4 and noted this relates to municipality and community and it is difficult to make a decision without all the details.

B. Doyle asked if the Simcoe program is a grandfathered situation? R. Wyszynski responded that he does not have the answer at this time. B. Doyle further noted that it is not fair to the delegation and administration to make a decision and we require further information.

G. Anderson understands both sides, and believes that we need the facts and clear direction from Sr. Administration.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District Board refer this item to the Committee of the Whole Board September 9, 2019 meeting.

Carried

H - 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Summary of Accounts – May 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. Speers

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of May 2019 in the amount of \$10,957,871.31 as information.

Carried



(b) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – May 16, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – May 16, 2019 as information.

Carried

(c) **Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – May 16, 2019**

Presented as printed.

C.A. Sloat asked when the maps will be available. R Wyszynski responded in September when HR8 comes back to the Board.

C.A. Sloat further asked when the Engineering Report regarding the concerns at BCI will be available. R. Wyszynski responded that it is not complete and should be available in the next month.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – May 16, 2019 as information.

Carried

(d) **Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 05, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. Speers

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 05, 2019 as information.

Carried



- (e) **Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes (Draft) - May 28, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes (Draft) - May 28, 2019 as information.

Carried

- (f) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 04, 2019**

Presented as printed. The draft welcome banner was displayed for Trustees to view.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 04, 2019 as information.

Carried

- (g) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 12, 2019**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 12, 2019 as information.

Carried

- (h) **Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 18, 2019**

Presented as printed.

C.A. Sloat asked about IT Security, how are we going to ensure all of our other agreements? R. Wyszynski agreed and noted that we are going to look at any new agreements that impact Privacy, Purchasing, and ITS. Older agreements are difficult to amend as the changes required may not be palatable to the vendor. This is something we are definitely looking at



going forward and it will be an item that will receive significant consideration when it comes time to revise our purchasing policy.

R. Collver encouraged all Trustees to read the PWC Unsupported Capital report.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) - June 18, 2019 as information.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the recommendation from Audit committee meeting of June 18, 2019 that Millard's Chartered Professional Accountants continue as external auditor for the board.

Carried

(i) **OPSBA Report**

Presented as printed.

D. Werden noted that he may not be available to attend the OPSBA Annual General Meeting the first week of July.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve C.A. Sloat as temporary voting delegate at the July 4-5, 2019 OPSBA AGM.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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: S. Gibson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, G. Anderson



MINUTES

Present: Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair D. Dean, C.A. Sloat, R. Collver, S. Gibson, C. VanEvery-Albert

Via Teleconference: E. Dixon, B. Doyle (9:33), J. Richardson

Administration: Director - B. Blancher; L. De Vos (9:33), D. Martins (9:33), Recording Secretary – V. Slawich

Regrets:

Trustees: C. Speers, D. Werden, A. Cattrysse (Student Trustee), A. Hauser (Student Trustee), J. Hsiao (Student Trustee)

Administration: Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, S. Sincerbox, L. Thompson, R. Wyszynski

A - 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 9:30 a.m.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:31 a.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 9:34 a.m.



(e) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board confirm the appointment of the Supervisory Officer with the Grand Erie District School Board, effective August 19, 2019.

Carried

(f) **Additional Agenda Item: Fundamentals of Math**

The Fundamentals of Math agreement was received June 27, 2019. Superintendents De Vos and Martins have met with their team to discuss the details and submit a plan to the Ministry of Education. Once approval from the Ministry is received, the team will share the plan with Union Presidents and prepare to roll out the plan.

B - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Carried

Board Chair, G. Anderson



MINUTES

Present: Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair D. Dean, E. Dixon, C.A. Sloat

Via Teleconference: R. Collver, C. VanEvery-Albert, D. Werden

Administration: Director - B. Blancher; Superintendents – D. Martins, R. Wyszynski; Recording Secretary – L. Howells

Regrets:

Trustees: B. Doyle, S. Gibson, J. Richardson, C. Speers, A. Cattrysse (Student Trustee), A. Hauser (Student Trustee), J. Hsiao (Student Trustee),

Administration: Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, L. De Vos, S. Sincerbox, L. Thompson

A - 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 4:00 p.m.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss legal matters at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 4:20 p.m.

(e) In Camera Report

Nil



B - 1 New Business

(a) Contract Extension – Multi-Functional Devices

R. Wyszynski referred to the Contract Extension – Multi-Function Devices report providing background, the advantages of extending the contract with Xerox and the estimated value of the contract extension at \$852,000 plus HST.

C.A. Sloat asked when will the working group discussions start. R. Wyszynski responded late fall 2019 or early winter 2020 as the process will take more than 4 months.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board extend the term of the current contract for Multi-Function Devices with Xerox until October 31, 2020.

Carried

(b) Contract Award – Cafeteria Food Services

R. Wyszynski referred to the Contract Award – Cafeteria Food Services report providing background noting an RFP was conducted, two bids were received from Compass Group Canada Ltd. and Nutritional Management Services and the bidders gave a formal presentation and were evaluated. Based on the results of the evaluation, it is recommended that the Board award the new contract to Compass Group Canada Ltd. for a 5-year term.

C. VanEvery-Albert asked if it is normal to award 5-year contracts? R. Wyszynski responded that this is normal practice.

C.A. Sloat asked about the 10% annual rebate, what the percentage in the last contract? R. Wyszynski responded he is not sure but would find out and advise Trustees. C.A. Sloat further asked about the \$10K one-time signing bonus and what will happen with those funds. R. Wyszynski responded that it has not yet been decided how those funds will be used.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board award the contract for Cafeteria Food Services to Compass Group Canada Ltd. (operating as Chartwells) with a term expiry of July 31, 2024.

Carried



(c) **Rural and Northern Education Funding: Mapleview ES**

R. Wyszynski referred to the Rural and Northern Education Funding: Mapleview Elementary School report providing background and noted Sr. Administration recommends Mapleview ES be added to the list of schools eligible for the Rural and Northern Education Funding.

R. Collver asked R. Wyszynski to provide more details/information regarding this funding for the new Trustees at the table. R. Wyszynski responded this funding replaced the Rural and Small Community Allocation which had no enveloping or restrictions but the current Rural and Northern Education Funding has specific requirements.

C. VanEvery-Albert asked does this include Six Nations students? R. Wyszynski responded that the schools receive funding that the students attend.

R. Collver asked what is the amount and what schools are receiving it? R. Wyszynski responded we will receive approximately \$600,000 and will use a spending strategy similar to 2018-19 for the upcoming school year. Funds will be used to continue the operations of all Rural Schools i.e. utilities/transportation. R. Wyszynski added the same list of schools that were presented in the October 2017 report will receive the funds with the addition of Mapleview. The list of schools and the summary of funds for 2017-18 is posted on our website

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve that Mapleview ES be added to the list of schools eligible for Rural and Northern Education Funding.

Carried

C - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, G. Anderson



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Trustees of the Grand District School Board
FROM: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education & Secretary
RE: **Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board Proposed Schedule**
DATE: August 26, 2019

Recommended Action: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2019-20
Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board Meetings.

Background

The agendas for the Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board meetings are initiated primarily by the Board's Multi-Year Plan.

Over the last number of years, the Board has systematically reviewed all its By-Laws and numerous policies. There are a number of policy reviews that will come to the Board during the 2019-20 year.

The review of both Policy and Procedures requires a 30-day period of community consultation. Administration will bring a revised draft Policy or Procedure with a request to circulate to stakeholder groups. At the end of the 30-day period, administration will consider the input received and bring the revised Policy (for approval) or Procedure (for information) back to a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The attached proposed schedules set out the regular reports and overview reports that the trustees would expect to see over the course of the year. There are always other reports that are added to the agendas as Ministry of Education direction is received and as the regular work of the Board progresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Blancher
Director of Education & Secretary

2019-20
Agenda Schedule for the Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board Meeting

Meeting date	Meeting	Report Name	Owner(s)	
September 9, 2019	CW	Enrolment Update	R. Wyszynski	
		OPSBA Report	OPSBA Trustee	
		Request for an Ad Hoc Committee - Crisis Communications Plan Working Group	B. Blancher	
		Response to Haldimand Huskies Basketball Delegation	R. Wyszynski	
		Schedule of Pre-Budget Consultation and Budget Review Meetings	R. Wyszynski	
		Secondary Athletics Report	D. Martins	
		Student Census Data Report	W. Baker	
		Supervised Alternative Learning Annual Report (P104)	D. Martins	
		Traumatic Events Response Protocol	W. Baker	
September 23, 2019	Board	Annual Operating Plans - School Year (2019-20)	B. Blancher	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • Environment • Equity • Technology • Well-Being 	R. Wyszynski	
		Major Construction Projects – Final Report	W. Baker	
		Patti McCleister Memorial Award	L. Munro	
		Strategic Communication Plan Update	L. Thompson	
		Summary of Accounts - August	R. Wyszynski	
	Board IC	Legal Updates	S. Sincerbox	
October 7, 2019	CW	OPSBA Report	OPSBA Trustee	
		Voluntary Indigenous Self-Identification	D. Martins	
October 28, 2019	Board	2018-19 Grand Erie's Student Achievement Plan: Success for Every Student Goals	L. De Vos/ L. Thompson/ D. Martins	
		2019-20 Grand Erie's Student Achievement Plan: Success for Every Student	L. De Vos/ L. Thompson/ D. Martins	
		Enrolment Update	R. Wyszynski	
		Primary Class Size Report	R. Wyszynski	
		Summary of Accounts - September	R. Wyszynski	
	Board IC	Legal Updates	S. Sincerbox	
		President's Council Report - October 10, 2019	Board Chair	
November 11, 2019	CW	2019-20 Indigenous Education Board Action Plan	D. Martins	
		Annual Update Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2017-22	L. Thompson	
		Consolidated Financial Statements - August 31, 2019	R. Wyszynski	
		Facility Renewal Plan 2019-20	R. Wyszynski	
		Grand Erie Graduation Rate Report	D. Martins	
		Health and Safety Annual Report 2018-19	R. Wyszynski	
		Mileage Remuneration Review	R. Wyszynski	
		OPSBA Report	OPSBA Trustee	
		Preliminary Year End (F2) (will require special board meeting on Nov 11)	R. Wyszynski	
		Rural and Northern Education Spending Report	R. Wyszynski	
		Student Expulsion Report (SO7)	W. Baker	
		Student Suspension Report (SO6)	W. Baker	
		Trustee Honoraria (F4) [Nov in non-municipal election years / Sept in election year]	R. Wyszynski	
		Trustees' Travel and PD Expenses (BL15)	R. Wyszynski	
	CW IC	Final Stage Grievances – Summary Report (In Camera) (BL7)	S. Sincerbox	
November 25, 2019	Board	Camp SAIL report	L. De Vos	
		Enrolment Update	R. Wyszynski	
		Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Membership 2019-20	B. Blancher	
		Major Construction Update (FT2)	R. Wyszynski	
		Organizational Board Meeting — Set Date, Time and Place	B. Blancher	
		Report to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Six Nations of the Grand River	D. Martins	
		Summary of Accounts - October	R. Wyszynski	
		Workforce Report	S. Sincerbox	
		Board IC	Legal Updates	S. Sincerbox
			President's Council Report - November 21, 2019	Board Chair
	December 9, 2019	Board	Audit Committee Annual Report	Audit Trustee
Borrowing Authority			R. Wyszynski	
Director's Annual Report			B. Blancher	
OPSBA Report			OPSBA Trustee	
Review of Borrowing Bylaws not on Board's Review Schedule			R. Wyszynski	
Revised Budget Estimates			R. Wyszynski	
Signing Officers			R. Wyszynski	
Summary of Accounts - November			R. Wyszynski	
Board IC		Appointment to the Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Pool	S. Sincerbox	
		Appointment to the Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Pool	S. Sincerbox	
		Elementary and Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Placements	S. Sincerbox	
	Legal Updates	S. Sincerbox		

Meeting date	Meeting	Report Name	Owner(s)
January 13, 2020	CW	Category III Trips (SO15) Enrolment vs Capacity by School Report GELA Annual Report Mississaugas of the Credit - Education Services Agreement OPSBA Report	B. Blancher R. Wyszynski L. Munro D. Martins OPSBA Trustee
	CW IC	Final Stage Grievances - Summary Report (In Camera) (BL7)	S. Sincerbox
January 27, 2020	Board	Major Construction Update (FT2) Quarterly Budget Report (F2) Summary of Accounts - December	R. Wyszynski R. Wyszynski R. Wyszynski
	Board IC	Legal Updates President's Council Report - January 9, 2020	S. Sincerbox Board Chair
February 10, 2020	CW	Draft Proposed School Year Calendar 2020-21 Early Literacy Intervention Report Employee Assistance Program Annual Report (HR112) OPSBA Report Pride of Place and Community Partnership Incentive Plan Report	W. Baker L. Thompson / L. DeVos S. Sincerbox OPSBA Trustee R. Wyszynski
	Board	Summary of Accounts - January Workforce Report	R. Wyszynski S. Sincerbox
February 24, 2020	Board IC	Director's Interim Performance Appraisal Report (BL25) (In Camera) Legal Updates President's Council Report - February 20, 2020	Board Chair S. Sincerbox Board Chair
	CW	Allocation of Self-Contained Classrooms for 2020-21 Board Approved Transportation Review (put last under new business - act/dec) Information Technology Services Annual Report OPSBA Report Student Trustee Selection (BL29) Transportation Consortium Annual Report (put 1st under new business - info)	L. Thompson R. Wyszynski L. Munro OPSBA Trustee B. Blancher R. Wyszynski
March 9, 2020	CW IC	Final Stage Grievances - Summary Report (In Camera) (BL7)	S. Sincerbox
March 30, 2020	Board	2019-20 Grand Erie's Student Achievement Plan: Success for Every Student Mid-year Update Major Construction Update (FT2) Summary of Accounts - February	L. De Vos/ L. Thompson/ D. Martins R. Wyszynski R. Wyszynski
	Board IC	Legal Updates Secondary Summer School Principal and Vice-Principal Placements	S. Sincerbox D. Martins
April 6, 2020	CW	Before and After School Programs 2020-21 Education Week 2019 Educational Technology Initiative Update e-Learning Annual Report International Students - Fee Structure OPSBA Report Quality Accommodations Update (BL8) Summer School Report Trustees' Expenses Report (F3)	L. De Vos B. Blancher L. Munro D. Martins R. Wyszynski OPSBA Trustee R. Wyszynski L. Munro R. Wyszynski
	Board	Enrolment Update Quarterly Budget Report (F2) Summary of Accounts - March Workforce Report	R. Wyszynski R. Wyszynski R. Wyszynski S. Sincerbox
April 27, 2020	Board IC	Legal Updates President's Council Report - March 26, 2020	S. Sincerbox Board Chair
May 11, 2020	CW	2020-21 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule Allocation of Educational Assistants Community Planning and Facility Partnerships – Annual Facility Status Report (FT11) Learner Intervention Tracking for Excellence (LITE) MISA Update OPSBA Report	B. Blancher L. Thompson R. Wyszynski L. Thompson B. Blancher OPSBA Trustee
	Board	2017-20 Strategic Communication Plan Evaluation Update Annual Operating Plans - School Year (2019-20) • Community • Environment • Equity • Technology • Well-Being	B. Blancher B. Blancher R. Wyszynski W. Baker L. Munro L. Thompson
May 25, 2020	Board	Major Construction Update (FT2) Summary of Accounts - April	R. Wyszynski R. Wyszynski
	Board IC	Legal Updates President's Council Report - April 30, 2020 Self-Funded Leaves	S. Sincerbox Board Chair S. Sincerbox

Meeting date	Meeting	Report Name	Owner(s)
June 8, 2020	CW	2020-21 Board Budget	R. Wyszynski
		Annual Review of the Special Education Plan	L. Thompson
		Category III Trips (SO15)	B. Blancher
		Implications of 2020-21 Friday the 13th Events on Port Dover Students	W. Baker
		OPSBA Report	OPSBA Trustee
	CW IC	<i>Director's Performance Review Report (In Camera at 6:00 p.m. (BL25))</i>	<i>Board Chair</i>
		<i>Final Stage Grievances – Summary Report (In Camera) (BL7)</i>	S. Sincerbox
June 22, 2020	Board	Energy Conservation Consumption Report (previous school year 2018-19)	R. Wyszynski
		Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report (Bylaw 8)	B. Blancher
		Quarterly Budget Report (F2)	R. Wyszynski
		Summary of Accounts - May	R. Wyszynski
	Board IC	<i>Legal Updates</i>	S. Sincerbox
		<i>President's Council Report - June 4, 2020</i>	<i>Board Chair</i>
August 31, 2020	Board	Approval of Next Year's CW and Board Schedules of Agenda Items	B. Blancher
		Major Construction Update (FT2)	R. Wyszynski
		OPSBA Membership Fee for (upcoming school year)	R. Wyszynski
		School Council Report	B. Blancher
		Summary of Accounts - July	R. Wyszynski
		Summary of Accounts - June	R. Wyszynski
	Board IC	Director's Operational Goals for 2020-21 Report (In Camera) (BL25)	B. Blancher
		<i>Legal Updates</i>	S. Sincerbox
		<i>Superintendent Performance Appraisal Report</i>	B. Blancher

Director's Report
Student Trustees' Report
Committee of the Whole Board Reports
Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes

Items as Required

1. Audit Committee
2. Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes
3. Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes
4. Native Advisory Committee Minutes
5. Quality Accommodations Committee Minutes
6. Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Minutes
7. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes
8. Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes
9. Student Senate Minutes

2019-20
Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Review Schedule

Review Date	Type	#	Item	SR. Admin
September 2019	Bylaws	BL17	Communication with the Board	B. Blancher
		F01	Supplier Exclusivity: Food Services & Vending Machines in Schools	R. Wyszynski
		F03	Capital Related Funding and Community Donations	R. Wyszynski
	Procedures	HR08	Workplace Violence	R. Wyszynski
		HR09	Hiring, Supervision and Placement of a Family Member	S. Sincerbox
		SO06	Student Suspensions	W. Baker
		SO109	Drug Alert Naloxone (new procedure)	W. Baker
		SO116	Pupil's Return from Absence	W. Baker
		SO117	Parental Request for Temporary Excuse from Attendance at School	L. Thompson
October 2019	Bylaws	BL33	Borrowing Bylaw re: Bridge Financing Capital Projects	R. Wyszynski
		HR04	Health & Safety	R. Wyszynski
		HR05	Harassment/Objectionable Behavior	S. Sincerbox
	Procedures	SO13	Safe Schools: Access to School Premises	W. Baker
		SO32	Exclusion Policy (new)	W. Baker
		HR117	Re-evaluating Existing Non-Union Positions	S. Sincerbox
		P101	Request for Core French Exemption (replaces AM1)	L. DeVos
		SO120	Student and Visitor Injuries/Accidents	R. Wyszynski
November 2019	Bylaws	BL07	Public Concerns	B. Blancher
		FT15	Safe Work Practices	R. Wyszynski
		SO12	Code of Conduct	W. Baker
	Procedures	SO16	Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification	D. Martins
		FT107	Asbestos	R. Wyszynski
		HR104	Employee Safety Protocol at Non-Board Locations	S. Sincerbox
		HR114	Confidentiality of Medical Records	S. Sincerbox
		HR115	Employee Absenteeism	S. Sincerbox
		HR116	Return to Work Program and Workplace Accommodation	S. Sincerbox
		P107	Home Schooling	L. DeVos
		SO101	Pediculosis (Head Lice)	L. Thompson
		SO107	Physical Intervention/Restraint	L. Thompson
December 2019	Procedures	SO124	Animals in Schools and Worksites including Emotional Support, Therapy and Service Animals	L. Thompson
January 2020	Bylaws	BL31	Student Senates (new)	B. Blancher
		SO14	Equity and Inclusive Education (incorporate AM-20)	W. Baker
		SO15	Out of Classroom Field Trips and Excursions	B. Blancher
	Procedures	SO17	Fire Safety and Fire Safety Plans (replaced AM-24)	R. Wyszynski
		SO22	Fees for Learning Materials and Activities	D. Martins
		SO108	Community Service Providers and Schools Working Together	L. Thompson
February 2020	Policy	FT02	New School Construction Projects	R. Wyszynski
		FT03	Naming of Schools	R. Wyszynski
		FT04	Community Use of Schools	R. Wyszynski
	Procedures	F106	Receipt of Charitable Donations	R. Wyszynski
		P103	Learning Resource Selection	L. DeVos
		P105	Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR)	L. Munro
March 2020	Policy	FT09	Transition Committee	R. Wyszynski
		SO23	Extreme Weather Guideline (replaces AM-43)	R. Wyszynski
	Procedures	SO26	Events Planning and Organizing Policy (bring out of cycle)	B. Blancher
		HR111	Personal Protective Footwear	R. Wyszynski
		HR119	Progressive Discipline	S. Sincerbox
April 2020	Policy	SO01	Fund Raising	R. Wyszynski
	Procedures	SO105	Privacy Breach Protocol (new procedure)	L. Munro
May 2020	Bylaws	BL03	Nomination and Annual Organizational Meeting	B. Blancher
		BL05	Board and Committee of the Whole Board Meetings: Rules of Procedure	B. Blancher
June 2020	Bylaws	BL01	Board Composition	B. Blancher
		BL06	Board and Committee of the Whole Minutes	B. Blancher



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education & Secretary
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer
RE: **OPSBA Membership Fee for 2019-20**
DATE: August 26, 2019

Recommended Action: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2019-2020 OPSBA Membership Fee of \$64,764.82 (\$57,314 plus HST) for payment.

Background

The 2019-20 OPSBA Membership renewal invoice has been received requesting a total fee of \$64,764.82. As a point of reference, the 2017-18 invoice totaled \$65,343.38; a decrease of \$578.56. A copy of the invoice and supporting correspondence is attached.

The 2019-20 Operating Expenditure Budget approved by the Board included an estimate of \$60,000 for this fee. This budget is sufficient for this expenditure when the HST rebate is factored in.

In the past, the Board directed administration to bring the OPSBA membership renewal forward for approval when invoiced. Business Services is seeking approval to process the payment of the fee in September as invoiced.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer



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July 23, 2019

TO: Greg Anderson, Board Chair and Brenda Blancher, Director of Education
CC: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business

GRAND ERIE DSB

This school year has seen numerous changes with a new government in place, new points of contact in several ministries and many new trustees who were elected in last year's Municipal and School Board elections. OPSBA has focused much of its time, focus and resources on ensuring our priorities are communicated and promoted, and advocating for the government to commit its support and investment in public education. The previous Minister of Education, Lisa Thompson, addressed our Board of Directors in December and attendees at our Public Education Symposium (PES) in January and the new Deputy Minister, Nancy Naylor attended our first joint work team meeting of the school year. Our professional development this year has been focused on providing practical orientation sessions for new trustees and a refresh for re-elected trustees.

With the recent cabinet shuffle announcement, OPSBA will be reaching out to the new Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, to introduce him to our Association and our priorities.

OPSBA represents over 1.3 million students, or nearly 70% of the entire K-12 student population, including all 31 English public school boards as well as 10 school authorities. Collectively, this makes our organization the number one stakeholder voice for education in Ontario. Your school board is clearly a very big part of who we are and what we do. We advocate for public education every day, and the government knows that we have the weight of [all 31 member boards](#) behind us.

More than ever, we need to continue to work together so we can collectively shape our advocacy and strategically organize our Association's work to better serve all students and families in Ontario. This past April, we hosted our first [Education Advocacy Day](#) at Queen's Park. The day provided an opportunity for OPSBA representatives to build on collaborative relationships with provincial stakeholders – both MPPs and political staff. This type of work was recently reinforced by our Board of Directors, who directed the Association to plan more strategic government relations and public affairs activities in the coming months.

With collective agreements expiring at the end of August, OPSBA has already begun its work as the Designated Bargaining Agent on behalf of its member boards. We are fortunate to have an experienced [Labour Relations](#) team with outstanding expertise and credibility working to ensure student achievement and well-being are at forefront of all discussions and decisions.

As a non-partisan organization, we have a 31-year history of building positive and mutually respectful working relationships with politicians and staff from all parties represented in the Ontario Legislature. These relationships

allow us to successfully represent the voice of our members on the many issues that affect our students and communities.

While much of the advocacy work can be seen in our public submissions and meetings with key stakeholders, there is a great amount of day-to-day work that is done behind the scenes. OPSBA staff have direct and constant access to both the bureaucracy and political staff in the government as well as in the opposition parties. These relationships allow for conversations and the sharing of information to further support our common priorities.

OPSBA is represented on a number of key government working tables and our work has resulted in a number of successful outcomes. Here are some of the year's highlights:

- **Legislative Submissions and Government Consultations** – OPSBA has engaged in a wide range of advocacy work related to the provincial government's legislative and regulatory agenda, [including submissions and letters](#) regarding:
 - [Education in Ontario, the government's fall 2018 consultation](#)
 - [Proposed class size and e-learning changes](#)
 - [Ontario Autism Program changes](#)
 - [School board policies on Service Animals](#)
 - [Changes to the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum](#)
 - [Land expropriation and Education Development Charges](#)
 - [School bus safety](#)
 - [Child care and early learning](#)
 - [Retail recreational cannabis store locations](#)
 - [Education Funding / Grants for Student Needs](#)
 - [The 2019-20 Ontario Budget](#)
- **Mental Health and Well-Being** – OPSBA continues in its role as founding member of the [Ontario Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health](#). OPSBA and the Coalition's advocacy has led to the maintenance of mental health investments in the public education system for 2019-20 and beyond.
- **Indigenous Education** – OPSBA's [Indigenous Trustees' Council](#) has engaged in a [range of initiatives](#) to support the education of Indigenous students, and to ensure all students are educated about the history and culture of Indigenous peoples. OPSBA continues to be a leading advocate in education in this area.
- **Municipal and School Board Elections** – OPSBA partnered with the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) to coordinate a [series of resources](#) to support trustee candidates and communities for the October 22, 2018, Municipal and School Board Elections occurring across Ontario, strengthening local democracy.

Especially in times of significant change, the voice of locally elected trustees makes a significant and direct contribution to the achievement and well-being of all students. In direct support of your work, OPSBA continues to promote the role and voice of school boards, and trustees, who are the only publicly elected officials with the direct responsibility for the education of our children.

Our programs and services are highly cost effective. The financial benefits of membership far exceed not only the membership fee itself, but the outcomes that could be achieved by boards acting individually. Our collective voice is a strong one. Working with our partners at [the OESC](#), our interventions on copyright tariffs, natural gas rates and electricity rates have continued to create significant savings for all school boards and cover membership

fees many times over. When this is combined with the other benefits created through our coordination and advocacy, the real value of board membership is clear.

Examples of 2018-19 savings realized for:	
GRAND ERIE DSB	
Savings in Copyright Fees: \$ 61,710	Savings in Energy Costs: \$ 353,500

Please note: For the second year in a row, the OPSBA Board of Directors has approved a 0% increase for total membership fees. We have therefore kept the total membership fee (31 school boards and authorities combined) the same for three consecutive years. There may however be a slight change, up or down, to your individual board membership fee based on the fee model which is composed of a base amount and a percentage of your Board Administration and Governance Grant.

The 2019-2020 OPSBA membership fee for your board is \$ 57,314.

Amazing things happen each and every day in public schools across the province. Our schools accept everyone who walks through their doors and our students are creating lasting friendships and memories with fellow classmates who come from diverse backgrounds. This contributes to what makes our public school system so incredible and allows each child to reach their own success.

Thank you for your continued support as a member of OPSBA and for your dedication to public education. You can learn more about the valuable services OPSBA offers your board by visiting www.opsba.org.

Sincerely,



Cathy Abraham
President



W.R. (Rusty) Hick
Executive Director

Attachment: Invoice for the 2019-2020 OPSBA membership fee

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve more than 1.3 million public elementary and secondary students. The Association advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario. OPSBA is seen as the credible voice of public education in Ontario and is routinely called on by the provincial government for input and advice on legislation and the impact of government policy directions.



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Invoice to:	Grand Erie District School Board 349 Erie Avenue Brantford, Ontario N3T 5V3		
Invoice# 010-19/20	Date: September 01, 2019	HST #10780 0344 RT 0001	
QTY	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
	<p style="text-align: center;">2019-2020 Membership Fee September 01, 2019 to August 31, 2020</p> <p>* Final Billing</p>		\$57,314.00
Please make cheque payable to:		Subtotal	\$57,314.00
Ontario Public School Boards' Association		HST @ 13%	\$7,450.82
Terms of Payment : Due upon receipt		Total	\$64,764.82

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GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education & Secretary
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Bylaw 34 – Bridge Financing – Dunnville School Consolidation**
DATE: August 26, 2019

Recommended Action: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind **Bylaw 34 – Bridge Financing – Dunnville School Consolidation**

Background

Bylaw 34 – Bridge Financing – Dunnville School Consolidation was established February 2017 to finance the construction project pending receipt of funding from the Ministry of Education upon completion of the project.

The principal borrowed under this bylaw will be repaid in full. This borrowing facility is no longer required and the bylaw can be rescinded.

The proposed rescinded bylaw is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer



Borrowing Bylaw re: Bridge Financing – Dunnville School Consolidation

Board Received: February 27, 2017 Review Date: Until maturity (August 31, 2019)

Terms of the Facility

The signing authorities of the Board are authorized to enter into a Letter of Agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada re: Bridge financing for the Dunnville School Consolidation Project pending long term financing or the receipt of direct capital grant from the Ministry of Education upon completion of the project.

Credit Facility \$11,500,000 non-revolving term facility, by way of Bankers' Acceptances

Repayment Borrowings under this facility are repayable when replaced by long term financing provided through the Ontario Financing Authority or the receipt of direct capital grant from the Ministry of Education.

Borrowings under this facility shall be repayable in full on August 31, 2019

Interest Rate Banker's acceptance rate plus an acceptance fee of .75% per annum.



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education & Secretary
 FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer
 RE: **Major Construction Project Report**
 DATE: August 26, 2019

Recommended Action: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
 THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Project Report as information.

Background

Following is a final status update for the 2018-19 Major Construction Projects.

Mapleview Elementary School

Project Scope

Construction of a new elementary school to accommodate the consolidation of Fairview Avenue PS and Grandview Central PS on the existing Fairview Avenue PS site. The Mapleview Elementary School construction project included new space for both child care and child and family program spaces. The old school (Fairview) was demolished following occupancy of the new elementary school.

Space: New Construction

Gross Square Feet: 44,740

Total Project Budget: \$11,388,529

Funding Source: Capital Priorities Grant

Total Project Cost to Date: \$11,645,015

Total Project Forecast Cost: \$12,437,855

Architect: Salter Pilon

General Contractor: JR Certus

Timeline

Dates	Description	Status
February 2017	Seek Board approval to appoint a project architect	Completed
February - April 2017	Complete schematic design phase and seek approval to issue tender	Completed
May – June 2017	Complete all drawings and tender documents.	Completed
August 2017	Issue Tender	Completed
September 2017	Close tender and seek Board approval to award contract work	Completed
November 12, 2018	New school occupied by staff and students	Completed
Oct 2017 to April 2019	Complete project construction work and demolition of Fairview school	Completed
March 2019	Substantial Performance	Completed
May 10, 2019	Official Ceremony	Completed
February 2020	11 Month Warranty Report	Outstanding

Status

The following pictures show project progress completed from May 2019 through August 2019:



Site Work - Completed



Front View

High Level Milestone Schedule

Tasks	Completion Period
Removal of excess soil	May 2019
Site grading	May 2019
Asphalt Playground	June 2019
Complete landscaping seeding/sodding	June 2019
Minor Deficiencies	Ongoing
Total Completion	August 2019

Summary

Students and staff successfully occupied the new school on Monday November 12, 2018 and final deficiency repairs will be completed over the next couple months. The demolition of Fairview School has been completed.

Budget Summary

The final demolition costs and associated funding have now been computed and final project cost will total approximately \$12,475,000 - equivalent to \$1,085,000 above the capital funding allocated to the project.

The unfavourable variance is summarized below:

Soils	677,835
Incidentals	42,185
Permits & Commissioning	97,957
Change Orders	105,232
Project Management Fees	162,179
Total Variance	1,085,388

It is anticipated there will not be any additional unsupported capital as Senior Administration is currently working the Ministry to seek additional funding for the costs of the soils. The remaining \$407,553 will be funded internally from either the unspent Full Day Kindergarten funds or by utilizing reserves.

New Elevator Addition at Major Ballachey Elementary School

Project Scope

The focus of the project is to install an elevator at the west end of the school enhancing accessibility to the Community Hub.

Space: New Construction

Gross Square Feet: 450

Total Project Budget: \$545,140

Funding Source: Community Hub Capital Grant

Total Project Cost to Date: \$742,140

Total Project Forecast Cost: \$ 765,000

Architect: Thier & Curran Architects

General Contractor: Abcott Construction

Timeline

Dates	Description	Status
October 2017	Complete all drawings and tender documents.	Complete
October 2017	Issue Tender	Complete
November 2017	Close tender and seek Board approval to award contract amount of \$545,140.	Complete
January 15, 2018	Tender approved by the Board	Complete
Feb 2018 to January 2019	Complete project construction work.	Complete
January 11, 2019	Substantial Performance	Complete
May 17, 2019	Official Ceremony	Complete
Dec 11, 2019	11 Month Warranty Report	Outstanding

Status

This project experienced significant delays due to excess water and along with issues with weather, masonry, coordination of trades and inspections. The elevator is now operational and in use at the school. The additional project cost was absorbed by the funding available in the 2018-19 Community Hub Grant.

Child Care Renovation at Hagersville Secondary School & Child Care Addition at Central Public School

Status

In April 2019 the Ministry of Education released a memo, 2019: EYCC3 outlining the government's new plan for childcare. As per the plan, A Joint Confirmation – Previously-Approved School-Based Child Care Capital Projects form, will need to be submitted to the Ministry by August 30, 2019. This will include each Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) or District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) and the affiliated school board to determine whether the project can proceed without dedicated multi-year provincial operating funding.

Senior Administration met with the CMSM for both the City of Brantford and Haldimand County and collaboratively determined that both proposals would be able to provide child care services without the need for operational funding from the province.

Staff submitted both Joint Confirmation forms to the Ministry in July 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Trustees of the Grand Erie District School Board
FROM: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education & Secretary
RE: **School Council Report for 2018-19**
DATE: August 26, 2019

<p>Recommended Action: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the School Council Report for 2018-19 as information.</p>
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Background

School councils play a vital role in the education of all Grand Erie students. Through their work, they promote and improve student achievement as well as school performance. The Grand Erie District School Board believes parent involvement is crucial to achieving *Success for Every Student*. School councils give parents and community members the opportunity to be involved in the discussion of education issues and to help schools identify and respond to the needs of students. School councils also offer advice on the development and implementation of policies and are tasked with encouraging parent involvement in learning as well as increasing participation in school events and activities.

Each year, Grand Erie provides each school council with \$500. This includes: \$300 to help encourage and increase parent involvement, and; \$200 to use towards any cause that benefits the school (i.e., improving the school environment, engaging the community or contributing to the achievement of students). Many school councils also apply for grants from the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) or the Ministry of Education.

Each June, school councils are asked to provide a brief report on their activities throughout the school year. For 2018-19, each school council was asked to provide three examples of what they did to encourage parent engagement at their school. In total, examples were submitted by 39 Grand Erie school councils. These examples can be found in Appendix A.

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

This report supports the Community indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and *Success for Every Student* through the following goal: "Facilitate opportunities for the use of strategies to encourage and support family involvement in our schools and learning at home."

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Blancher
Director of Education & Secretary

Appendix A

2018-19 School Council Reports

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Branlyn Community School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher BBQ**
 - Parent council welcomed new and return parents. They also encouraged them to get involved and attend the first council meeting.
- **Example #2 – Festive Lunch**
 - Parent council organized, supplied and served a turkey lunch to all students. Parents were encouraged to come and help serve food.
- **Example #3 – Tree Planting and Plaque Dedication**
 - Parent council planted a tree and had a commemorative plaque placed as a memorial to a custodian who had been a member of the school community for many years.

Caledonia Centennial Public School

- **Example #1 – Coding Math Event**
 - Brian Aspinall visited and worked with parents/children who learned how to code using Makey-Makey devices/computer programs. Aspinall visited all classes, resulting in 100% participation. Parents were invited to attend their child's class to participate and learn with them.
- **Example #2 – Meet the Teacher BBQ**
 - The school community gathered to hold a BBQ and social. Tours of the school and classrooms were provided. Well attended by students/families. Many families from the new subdivision attended. Information about parent council was shared.
- **Example #3 – Swim Day**
 - BBQ and swim at the community waterfront park/outdoor pool. Lunch provided. Kindergarten through Grade 8 students participate along with many parents.

Centennial-Grand Woodlands School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Our school had a large staff turnover, so it was a great event to meet the new teachers. Free pizza, drinks, apples, and ice cream were offered. It was a huge success, with almost all families attending.
- **Example #2 – Amazing Math Race**
 - When families arrived, they were given a passport. The goal was to go around the school to the different math stations and solve them. A teacher was at each station to stamp the passport once teams got the correct answer. When the passport was full, the teams returned to the gym to collect their prize. In total, 26 families participated.

Central Public School

- **Example #1 – Holiday Fun Fairs**
 - At Halloween and Easter, our School Community hosted free/safe events for our community to learn, laugh and have fun.
- **Example #2 – Maker Day/Learning Commons Grand Opening**
 - To celebrate the new Learning Commons, we collaborated with the City of Brantford to host a Maker Day. Families were able to see our new space while learning about the variety of technologies that will help promote digital inclusion and literacy.
- **Example #3 – Jane's Walk**
 - Hosted the 2nd Annual Jane's walk. With over 300 community members in attendance, we explored the Downtown. Stops included the new YMCA Laurier gym, the Brantford Library and local historical stops to explore Indigenous landmarks.

Courtland Public School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher Family Dinner**
 - Hosted a BBQ organized by school council. Very well attended.
- **Example #2 – Sara Westbrook Parent Presentation**
 - Sara Westbrook returned at the request of our community for a second presentation. Topic was “Bounce Back Families.” Presentation highlighted the power of positive messaging and healthy family relationships. Very well attended by parents and their children.
- **Example #3 – Community Breakfast**
 - A community breakfast was organized by school council as a fundraising event. Very successful, with just over 175 in attendance.

Delhi Public School

- **Example #1 – Lunch Box Learning**
 - Program provided a free lunch to every student in the school, once a month. A different menu was provided each time. This program brought additional parents into the school as help was needed for lunch preparation.
- **Example #2 – SocialLeadia Event with Jennifer Casa-Todd**
 - Supported by a Speak Up grant, our school council brought in speaker Jennifer Casa-Todd as well as the materials needed to host parents/Intermediate students at an after-school event.
- **Example #3 – Calendar Fundraiser**
 - Parents canvassed local businesses. They received enough prizes to fill the month of November. As a result, every school day in November, three prizes were won by lucky winners who purchased the calendar. Proceeds went to student activities.

Elgin Avenue Public School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher**
 - Hosted a Meet the Teacher and Ice Cream Sundae Bar to foster communication between parents and teachers. Fantastic turnout.
- **Example #2 – Winter Wonderland**
 - Passport stations, holiday activities, class presentations and popcorn to bring parents into the school to celebrate students’ talents. Fantastic turnout.
- **Example #3 – Wellness Night**
 - Smoothie bar, Yoga station, Crime Stoppers table, Public Health Nurse, Fire Fighters and fire truck to help parents engage with their children and learn about healthy lifestyles and healthy eating choices. Children received fire hats from the firefighters. Fantastic turnout.

Grandview Public School

- **Example #1 – Halloween Haunt**
 - Haunted gym/maze, sensory events and arts/crafts. An annual event. Some parent volunteers, but the intermediate students and teachers do the majority of the work for families to enjoy. Well-attended event that the student body is always very excited for.
- **Example #2 – Family Wellness Event**
 - Thanks to a PRO grant and hosted with Brier Park and Greenbrier. Great sessions about self regulation, including Yoga, Tai Chi and painting kindness rocks. It was poorly attended by Grandview families. In the future, an off-site and/or after-hour event will need to be critically discussed by our school council.
- **Example #3 – May Day Fair with Mad Science**
 - An annual event for our school where the Intermediate students organize games for the Junior students. Students collect Grandview Bucks and can spend them at a trinket table. This year, thanks to the GEPIC grant, we were able to bring in Mad Science for two fun stations that were full each rotation. It was a successful event.

Greenbrier Public School

- **Example #1 – Fall Fair/Meet the Teachers**
 - Food, drinks, games, and prizes as well as demonstrations by the Fire Department, the SPCA and Food for Thought. Teachers were able to mix and mingle in a relaxed setting with families.
- **Example #2 – Family Wellness Night**
 - Utilized a PRO grant for an evening of wellness workshops covering a variety of topics, including: meditation, anti-bullying and art therapy, etc. Held at North Park Collegiate. Families in attendance enjoyed this free event. Along with their children, they were able to learn new skills.
- **Example #3 – Parent to Parent Sale**
 - Parents were able to sell their used children's clothing and toys along with vendors who also set-up tables. It was successful in raising funds and also bringing awareness to the playground sub-committee and their goals.

Hagersville Elementary School

- **Example #1 – Family Movie Night**
 - Whole school and their families invited to watch *Matilda*, which was on in the gym. We sold popcorn, chips, candy bags and refreshments. Very well received, approximately 70 attended.
- **Example #2 – Meet the Teacher BBQ**
 - Families were invited to meet teachers and enjoy hotdogs and cake at the school. This event is always well attended, especially by the Primary to Junior-aged children and their families.
- **Example #3 – Family Literacy Night**
 - Thanks to a GEPIC grant, we hosted Telling Tales and author Jennifer Mook-Sang. She interacted with the children and talked about how reading led to her writing. She also read from her books. Refreshments were provided. Attendance was not as great as we hoped, however, the families that came were given a very personal experience and had a wonderful time.

Houghton Public School

- **Example #1 – Harvest Dinner and Auction**
 - Parents/community members enjoyed an authentic Mexican meal, cooked by our parents, followed by a live auction. Each classroom prepared a theme basket for the auction. This event was very well attended by members of our school and our community.
- **Example #2 – Hot Lunches**
 - Families were provided with an opportunity to order a hot lunch each Wednesday, cooked and served by parents. Cost was always \$2 or less, and the money raised helped pay for the renovation of our Learning Commons.
- **Example #3 – Christmas Open House**
 - Families were encouraged to come to the school to see their child(ren) perform a song or skit at our Christmas Open House. Turnout was excellent.

James Hillier Public School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Complimentary apples, water, freezes and cookies were given to students at a school council booth. Teachers opened their classrooms to parents. Event attracted new school council members.
- **Example #2 – Parent/Student Yoga Nights**
 - Following in-class yoga instruction, an evening yoga session was held for students and their parents. A popular annual event with nearly 60 attendees.
- **Example #3 – Fun Fair**
 - Held by school council to bring families to the school for a fun, year-end event. Activities included games, face painting, henna tattoos, dunk the teacher, chocolate bar slide, lottery raffle and food trucks. Great turnout and fun had by all.

Jarvis Public School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher BBQ**
 - Volunteer and council information table to welcome families, answer questions, promote volunteerism at the school, and invite parents to join school council. Connections were made and we gained two new members as a result.
- **Example #2 – Mad Science Family Night**
 - Sponsored by a GEPIC grant. Families were invited to participate in an evening of science-based activities. Families explored three stations, engaging with scientists, and tried some take-home experiments. Grandparents attended as well and felt welcomed. We received encouraging feedback, with requests to do this again.
- **Example #3 – Art with Heart Family Portrait Painting Night**
 - Sponsored by a PRO grant. We invited families to paint portraits of each other with guidance from Art with Heart instructors. We filled the gym and attracted a crowd that doesn't normally join in. We received positive feedback and appreciation for organizing a creative, art-focused activity.

J.L. Mitchener Public School

- **Example #1 – Grandfriend Tea**
 - Thanks to a GEPIC grant, teachers were able to host an event serving tea, punch and cookies along with showcasing kids art and handmade flowers. Event aimed to engage grandparents in a school setting. A lot of our volunteers are grandparents, so it's nice to show them that they are needed. We had approximately 200 people attend.
- **Example #2 – Mad Science and Science Fair**
 - Using a PRO grant, we were able to invite Mad Science and hold a science show. Volunteers served free pizza and drinks to families, while the Book Fair was held in the library and individual classrooms showcased different experiments. Well-attended, with 40+ families.
- **Example #3 – Year End BBQ**
 - We close out every year with a free BBQ (hotdog, drink and ice cream treat). This takes place with the help of volunteer firefighters who prepare the hotdogs. Families have a picnic outside between the Primary and Junior/Intermediate awards assemblies. Event brings community members, teachers and families together before the summer break.

Langton School

- **Example #1 – Spring Open House**
 - Parent council provided a pizza dinner. Families were also encouraged to visit a social media booth to talk about the do's/don'ts of social media for kids. Parents were also asked to fill out a survey to help recruit more volunteers. Very well attended and a few volunteers were recruited.
- **Example #2 – Christmas Celebration**
 - Parent volunteers gathered to make and serve turkey dinner to the school. Santa arrived to hand out a small bag of candy to each child. Funds were raised by the parent council group and a small donation from students.
- **Example #3 – Taco Dinner Night**
 - Parent council organized a Taco Dinner Night to raise money for our playground equipment. Families enjoyed a traditional Mexican dinner and also had the chance to bid on silent auction items.

Lynndale Heights Public School

- **Example #1 – Lunch Making 101**
 - Jason Mayo, the Flavours Ambassador for Norfolk County, came to teach parents from Lynndale, Elgin and West Lynn about healthier lunch options. He brought quick and easy examples and provided a take home pamphlet.
- **Example #2 – 20th Anniversary Celebration**
 - Parent council pulled together a 13-table vendor show, a large silent auction table, and four food trucks to feed visitors. A great event for parents and the community. A huge turnout. From the silent auction and vendor show, we raised over \$1,200 towards our Learning Commons initiative.

Mapleview Elementary School

- **Example #1 – Parent Council Meeting**
 - We held our monthly meetings at a local coffee shop to encourage a relaxed and inviting atmosphere for parent participation.
- **Example #2 – Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Parents could visit the new classroom of their child(ren) and meet their new teacher. This was our first year as Mapleview, so it was a great opportunity to meet new teachers for many parents.
- **Example #3 – Christmas Open House**
 - In lieu of a Christmas concert, we held a Christmas Open House to welcome families to our new building. It was a first look around the school for many parents/community members. Students decorated their classes for the event. We had a large turnout (175-200 people).

Mt. Pleasant School

- **Example #1 – Winter Wonderland Concert**
 - Parents were invited to see each class perform a holiday song or show.
- **Example #2 – Annual Turkey Lunch**
 - A turkey meal was prepared by parents and served to students/staff. Parents were encouraged to attend and volunteer. This event attracted the largest parent volunteer turnout of all the programs at our school.
- **Example #3 – Meet the Teacher Night and Book Fair**
 - Parents were invited into the school to meet their child(ren)'s teacher and visit the learning commons.

North Ward School

- **Example #1 – Parent Teacher Night**
 - Parents feel welcomed and get to meet their child's teacher.
- **Example #2 – Christmas Concert**
 - Students perform in front of parents and art work is displayed.
- **Example #3 – Education Showcase**
 - Activities in each classroom to showcase different aspects of education. Teachers answered questions. Each student had a piece of artwork up in the gym. Event allows parents to come into the school and enjoy some fun activities with their children.

Oakland-Scotland Public School

- **Example #1 – Art Night**
 - In response to positive feedback from last year's event, parent council hosted another Art Night funded by a PRO grant to support the mental health of students through engagement in the arts. Evening included a demonstration on how to weave milk bags into mattresses for the homeless.
- **Example #2 – Nutrition Program**
 - Thanks to the generosity of our community and a number of parent volunteers, the school continues to offer students a nutrition program. Whether taking part in food shopping, preparation, or serving students, parent volunteers support students' ability to focus, learn and achieve.
- **Example #3 – Fam Fest 2019**
 - A variety of activities and entertainment for families – within the school and the larger community. Months of planning and preparation go into bringing together community groups, attractions, games, food trucks, and live music. Raised over \$6,000 for the school.

Paris Central Public School

- **Example #1 – Christmas Extravaganza**
 - Organized by school council. Families were invited to the school for Christmas ornament painting, hot chocolate and popcorn, holiday games and activities as well as holiday-themed STEM activities.
- **Example #2 – Increase the Peace Tour**
 - Featured Quincy Mack and Scott Jackson. This event was organized and hosted by school council using a PRO grant. Families were invited for an evening of entertainment and positive messaging.

- **Example #3 – Family Paint Night**
 - A GEPIC grant. Families were invited to the school to paint a butterfly or dragonfly that will be attached to the fence as a permanent art installation to enhance the playground.

Port Rowan Public School

- **Example #1 – The Stars, the Planets and a Full Moon Science Night**
 - Thanks to a GEPIC grant, the evening was filled with everything space-related. We had various stations, each one featuring a space-themed STEAM activity. Completing the challenges encouraged families to work together as team. Overall response was that it was a fun and informative evening.
- **Example #2 – Holiday Open House**
 - A yearly event that encourages families to attend a fun-filled evening. Classrooms set up to feature a holiday activity requiring family interaction. Hot Chocolate and holiday treats were available. A jolly good time was had by all.
- **Example #3 – Volunteer Social**
 - Held to show appreciation for all parent/community volunteers. After a special presentation by the Kindergarten class, each person was acknowledged for their efforts and food/refreshments were enjoyed. Everyone left with a smile and the intent to return next year.

Prince Charles Public School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Parents had the opportunity to meet their children's teacher, visit the Book Fair and tour the school. School services/groups were promoted (i.e., Strong Start, School Council, Library).
- **Example #2 – Christmas Concert/Open House**
 - Parents come to see the children perform. Event is always very well attended.
- **Example #3 – Fun Fair**
 - Activities included games, face painting, an inflatable maze, balloon animals, fire fighters with their truck, police with their motorcycles and Little Rays Reptiles. Local butchers provided a BBQ dinner from their food truck. Event was a huge success.

Rainham Central School

- **Example #1 – Family Math Night**
 - Held prior to the premier of the school's 'Pirates' performance. Six classrooms were set-up. Each room highlighted a different math activity that families could do together and provided an opportunity to work with our new code-a-pillars. In total, 60 families participated.
- **Example #2 – Meet the Teacher BBQ and Scavenger Hunt**
 - Two gift certificates for Cineplex were purchased as reward and incentive for winners of the family scavenger hunt. School council had a booth set-up for recruitment and information purposes.
- **Example #3 – Community Christmas Business Event**
 - Local businesses donated items to support the school. We combined this event with our Christmas concert. Provided a great opportunity to bring community members together to support one another.

River Heights School

- **Example #1 – Mistletoe Market Holiday Gift Shop**
 - Parent council organized a holiday gift shop, which took place over two days. Students were encouraged to shop at the market, with the purpose of purchasing small Christmas gifts for their family/friends. Many parents volunteered to set up the shop, price items, work as cashiers, assist students with their gift selections, assist students with counting and managing their money, wrap gifts, and clean up at the end.
- **Example #2 – Open House for French Immersion Families**
 - Parent council collaborated with staff to welcome new students/families. The new families will be transitioning from the French Immersion program at Caledonia Centennial in the fall. The purpose was to welcome families, give them a tour of the school, and provide them with a variety of program information. Parent council members were there to answer questions and hand out information. A good number of families attended and were happy to be able to tour the school and gather essential

information. During and after the event, many families thanked parent council for being a friendly, welcoming presence and we were told that many of them now felt more at ease and less anxious about the transition.

- **Example #3 – Track and Field Day**
Parents were invited to participate by either coming to watch their children compete and/or volunteering at the concession booth. A portion of the refreshment sales were given back to the school's fundraising account to be used toward future materials, equipment, and activity needs.

Ryerson Heights Elementary School

- **Example #1 – Updated new School Council Bylaws**
- **Example #2 – Popcorn Fundraiser**
 - To purchase a new Graduation Awards board.
- **Example #3 – Leadership Day**
 - Opportunity for families to see Trade Fair and Innovation stations.

Seneca Central Public School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher BBQ**
 - Outdoor social event with pre-ordered food. Staff met and socialized with parents/students.
- **Example #2 – Winter Concert**
 - Families were invited to watch performances by all classes. Excellent attendance.
- **Example #3 – Celebrate Seneca and Grandparents Day**
 - This annual event allowed visitors to see a variety of student work on display. Excellent attendance, with positive feedback.

St. George-German Public School

- **Example #1 – Meet the Teacher BBQ**
 - School council partnered with the local Lions Club who sold food. Participation from over 80% of our parents.
- **Example #2 – Family Fun Fair**
 - Annual Family Fun Fair attracts hundreds of families. Lions Club sold food and a variety of community groups took part. Proceeds support school projects.
- **Example #3 – Family Wellness Night**
 - Thanks to a PRO grant, school council brought in an instructor to run wellness activities. These included family yoga and mindfulness craft building. The event was very well attended.

Teeterville Public School

- **Example #1 – Chris D'Sousa Afternoon Program**
 - Parents were invited to attend an interactive program highlighting equity and inclusion. Presentation offered parents insight into anti-bullying initiatives and promoted thoughtful at-home discussions about identities and stereotypes.
- **Example #2 – Education Week Open House Desserts**
 - Free yogurt parfaits and fruit-topped cake created the point of contact to make parents aware of the provincial request for feedback on proposed changes to education. Parents were invited to take a print out with the email address to encourage participation in the province-wide consultation.
- **Example #3 – Volunteer Tea**
 - Worked with school staff to provide an afternoon appreciation event for parents and community members who contribute time to various school endeavours.

Walsh Public School

- **Example #1 – Art with Heart**
 - Picasso-themed painting event for families. Approximately 80 attended.
- **Example #2 – Christmas Open House**
 - Each classroom hosted different winter-themed activities.

- **Example #3 – Walsh Gets Groovy with The Dudes and Education Week Open House/Book Fair**
 - Planned an outdoor concert with beverages and snacks. Band couldn't come, so the evening was reorganized as an indoor event. The evening of the event, weather caused a power outage, which led to the cancellation of the whole event. Will try again next year.

West Lynn Public School

- **Example #1 – Family Game Night**
 - Different activities in each room (i.e., board games, vintage video games, volleyball, dodge ball, etc.) to encourage families to play together. We had 20 families participate. Positive feedback.
- **Example #2 – Family Fun Night**
 - Various activities spread across the yard. Outdoor movie at dusk on a big screen. Third consecutive year. Attendance continues to grow, with positive feedback.
- **Example #3 – Holiday Shop**
 - Our second annual Holiday Bazaar. Highly attended event.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

Cayuga Secondary School

- **Example #1 – Parent Teacher Night**
 - Information table at Parent Teacher Interviews to promote awareness and involvement. Resulted in a significant starting base of parents for the rebuilt school council.
- **Example #2 – Student Awards Banquet**
 - Collaboration and support of annual awards banquet attended by students and parents. Pasta dinner was provided along with an engaging speaker to augment the award presentations.
- **Example #3 – Information Presentation to Parents on Vaping**
 - Information presentation by the Health Unit. Very high level of interest. Confirmation by parents that their previous knowledge was not sufficient to make informed decisions.

Hagersville Secondary School

- **Example #1 – Interrupting Anxiety and Online Safety and Consent – Community Information Night**
 - Event raised awareness of online safety, healthy relationships and consent as well as strategies for children and parents dealing with anxiety. Over 35 people in attendance. This was a PRO grant.

McKinnon Park Secondary School

- **Example #1 – Clubs and Athletic Awards Banquet**
 - Partnered with student council to run a Clubs and Athletic Awards Banquet for students, staff advisers, coaches, parents and guardians. Over 100 people attended.
- **Example #2 – Drama Club Production**
 - Drama Club had two productions this year, including one dinner theater evening. Each production had over 100 people in attendance, including parents and community members.
- **Example #3 – Social Media Enhancements**
 - Efforts were made to increase our presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram in order to improve communication with parents and community members.

North Park Collegiate and Vocational School

- **Example #1 – “What’s Your Plan?” Trades, Technology and Jobs Fair**
 - Event to raise awareness about non-university careers/education options. Focused on the trades with representatives from colleges, major employers, and community-support organizations. Provided food, drinks and a host of great door prizes. Formal program featured two lively panel discussions and a keynote speaker. Also included an open house with booths hosted by all of the participating organizations and sponsors. Feeder schools were invited. Over 100 participants attended.
- **Example #2 – New/Revitalized Social Media**
 - We started a new Facebook group and revitalized Twitter. The idea was to experiment with social media as a tool for reaching parents and disseminating important information. As a result, our numbers grew and we had good turnout to school council meetings.
- **Example #3 – School Council Participation at Parent Events**
 - Members of school council were present at many of the events happening at the school. We set up a table, and sometimes sponsored drinks/snacks. We handed out relevant information and spent time meeting and talking to parents.

Paris District High School

- **Example #1 – An evening with Dr. Jean Clinton – Student Brain Under Construction**
 - Held in partnership with the local Brant elementary schools, Dr. Jean Clinton spoke about why students do what they do at different ages and stages of development. Approximately 75 parents attended. All feedback was positive. A working group has formed to bring Dr. Clinton back.

Simcoe Composite School

- **Example #1 – Wellness Through Compassion**
 - We established a Wellness/Compassion source for students to help with participation in school programming.
- **Example #2 – Website**
 - Website needed to be updated in order to help parents/students find information. Council, along with the Principal and staff, helped establish how website maintenance is handled. This allowed for easier navigation and retrieval of information.
- **Example #3 – Parent Engagement at Future Grade 9 Night**
 - Increased presence of parent council at Grade 9 night with the goal of being part of school events moving forward. Greeted parents and future Sabres. Provided information about what parent council does and encouraged parents to get involved.

Tollgate Technological Skills Centre

- **Example #1 – Grade 9 Parent and Student BBQ**
 - Very well attended. Gave students/parents the opportunity to pick-up timetables and meet teachers/administration. They also received a tour and were given the chance to find classrooms, lockers, etc. Great relationship-building. New students/parents felt welcome. Helped ease some nerves for the first day of school.
- **Example #2 – Toronto Rock Lacrosse Game**
 - Event that was subsidized (and therefore affordable). Students/parents travelled by bus to see a professional lacrosse game. This was a one-of-a-kind opportunity for many and everyone had a great time. A fantastic compliment to the new lacrosse program that started at Tollgate in 2018-19.
- **Example #3 – Future Grade 9/Grade 7 Nights**
 - Both nights provided students/parents the opportunity to learn about the requirements of secondary school and the programs that are unique to our school. Participants received a lot of important information and had the opportunity to ask questions.

Valley Heights Secondary School

- **Example #1 – Parent Group Social Meetings**
 - Twice a year, school council meets at a local restaurant to encourage parents to attend in a less formal atmosphere. This initiative has increased the number of parents attending meetings.
- **Example #2 – Facebook Group/Social Media Activity/Instagram Account**
 - As many parents are unable to attend meetings, we have actively used a Facebook group since 2015 as a mechanism to communicate with parents and share meeting information. It also provides an open forum for parents to engage. Currently, the group has 116 members.
- **Example #3 – Future Grade 9 Parent Night**
 - Parents and students entering Grade 9 attended an evening “in the Valley” with interactive displays. They also had a chance to tour the school and participated in a question and answer session. The results were higher Grade 9 enrolment, lots of engagement with staff, parents and students as well as decreased anxiety for students/parents for the new school year.



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education & Secretary
 FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
 RE: **Summary of Accounts – June 2019**
 DATE: August 26, 2019

Recommended Action: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
 THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of June 2019 in the amount of \$8,808,257.48 as information.

Rationale/Background

The summary of accounts for the Grand Erie District School Board for each month is provided to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
 Superintendent of Business & Treasurer



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education & Secretary
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Summary of Accounts – July 2019**
DATE: August 26, 2019

<p>Recommended Action: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$10,219,652.67 as information.</p>
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Rationale/Background

The summary of accounts for the Grand Erie District School Board for each month is provided to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer



JOINT USE AGREEMENT
TASK FORCE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019
1:30 p.m.

Charlie Ward Room,
Brantford City Hall

Councillor Carpenter in the Chair

1. ROLL CALL

City of Brantford

Members: Councillor Weaver, Councillor Carpenter, Mayor Davis, Sandy Jackson (General Manager of Community Programs), Darryl Lee (Chief Administrative Officer)

Staff: Lori-Dawn Cavin, Glenn Brown, Chris Gauthier

Grand Erie District School Board

Members: Rafal Wyszynski (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Trustee David Dean

Staff: Kathryn Underwood (Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Business)

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Members: Tracey Austin (Manager of Communications & Community Relations), Jim LoPresti (Corporate Services Advisor), Trustee Bill Chopp, Trustee and Chair of the Board Rick Patrella,

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. PRESENTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS

None

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Joint Use Agreement Renewal Discussion

4.1.1 Agreement to the Removal of Affiliates

Moved by: B. Chopp
Seconded by: R.Weaver

Agreement to the Removal of Affiliates with the exception of Neighbourhood Associations.

CARRIED

4.1.2 Agreement to Remove the \$5.00 User Fee

The removal of the \$5.00 User Fee was discussed in addition to accommodation requests from the City/Neighbourhood Associations. Accommodation requests from the City/Neighbourhood Associations where costs would be incurred would be in unique or emergency circumstances such as snow clearing.

Moved by: R. Weaver
Seconded by: D. Lee

THAT the \$5.00 User Fee BE REMOVED and that a resolution mechanism be established in the event that Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk Catholic District School Board incurs costs as a result of an accommodation request from the City/Neighbourhood Associations (i.e. snow removal).

CARRIED

4.1.3 Agreement to the Inclusion of Arrowdale Golf Course and Sanderson Centre

A general discussion regarding the softening of restrictions at the Sanderson Centre was discussed. It was requested that a review of certain charges such as microphone rental be further explored for reduction. It was communicated that all the charges are based on the cost recovery of maintenance and capital costs. It was further communicated that rechargeable microphones were being implemented and that fees would be reduced as a result.

The inclusion of Arrowdale and Northridge into the agreement was also discussed. Staff to investigate meeting spaces during business hours and

into off-season for discounted rates. Openness for the City to offer Northridge meeting spaces was requested.

A friendly amendment was made to item 4.1.3 to strike out the word “agreement” and to replace with “discussion” and to explore including Northridge into the agreement.

Moved by: D. Lee
Seconded by: R. Weaver

Discussion to the inclusion of Arrowdale Golf Course, Northridge Golf Course and softening restrictions around the Sanderson Centre.

CARRIED

4.1.4 Agreement on a process for modifications to the Agreement

Process for amendments, requests for exceptions, or any future modifications to the agreement. Including a method to require all three parties to sign off on exceptions to the agreement before any implementation of changes would occur.

Moved by: R. Weaver
Seconded by: D. Lee

Agreement on a process for modifications to the Agreement.

CARRIED

4.1.5 Dispute Resolution Process

It was discussed that Step 1 should require staff to resolve issues on the staffing level, Step 2 would include a committee consisting of the CAO, SBO GEDSB, and SBO BHCNDSB and Step 3 would be the Joint Use Agreement Task Force.

Moved by: R.Weaver
Seconded by: B. Chopp

Agreement to a new Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3 dispute resolution process with the goal of the majority of issues being resolved at Step 1. Step 1 to include staff resolution attempts at the staffing level. In the event a Step 1 resolution could not be achieved, a Step 2 resolution committee would be convened, consisting of the CAO, SBO GEDSB, and SBO BHNCDSB. In the event that a Step 2 resolution could not be achieved, a Step 3 resolution would be achieved through the Joint Use Agreement Task Force.

CARRIED

4.2 Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk Catholic District School Board Facility List

BHNCDSB is in the process of substantial revisions of the Community Use of Schools policy and procedures. Included in this process is a review of all sites and whether or not they are included in the available list of Schools for rent. BHNCDSB will consult with the City to ensure that there are no concerns pertaining to the final available facility list.

Moved by: R. Patrella
Seconded by: B. Chopp

Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk Catholic District School Board Facility List.

CARRIED

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Minutes

Moved by R. Weaver
Seconded by D. Lee

5.1.1 Joint Use Agreement Task Force - March 19, 2019

CARRIED

R. Weaver requested that the letters received from the school boards be attached to the minutes.

6. RESOLUTIONS

None

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

DRAFT

Minutes

Present:

GEDSB:

Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer - President

James Richardson, Trustee- Director

BHNCDSB:

Scott Keys, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer - Director

Bill Chopp, Trustee – Director

CSC MonAvenir:

Mario Nantel, Director of Transportation – Director

STSBHN Recording Secretary

Philip Kuckyt, Manager of STSBHN – Secretary & Treasurer

Kathryn Underwood, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Business GEDSB

Regrets:

Brenda Blancher, Director of Education, Grand Erie District School Board

Mike McDonald –Director of Education, Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Andre Blais, directeur de l'éducation CSC MonAvenir

Dereck Chin, Chief of Business CSC MonAvenir – Director

Recorder: Kathryn Underwood, Recording Secretary

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

(b) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval

Moved by: R Wyszynski

Seconded by: M Nantel

That the STSBHN Board of Directors approve the agenda of August 14, 2019 as circulated.

Carried.

(c) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

B – 1 In Camera-Legal Matter

(a) **Legal Matters**

Moved by: M Nantel

Seconded by: J Richardson

“That the STSBHN Board of Directors move into In-Camera Session to discuss a Legal Matter at 3:07 pm.”

Carried.

(b) **Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session was called to order by President, R Wyszynski at 3:33 p.m.

C – 1 **New Business**

(a) **SB8 – Consortia Attestation Letter**

P Kuckyt reported that the Ministry of Education will be requiring the transportation consortia from across the Province to complete an attestation letter to confirm that they have adopted recommendations on student transportation. These recommendations have been suggested in reports prepared by the recent Ontario Auditor General and the Ontario Ombudsman’s Office. P Kuckyt reported that he has been reviewing the recommendations in these reports, along with the recommendations noted in the Campbell report, to determine if STSBHN is implementing or currently practicing the recommendations. The Consortia Attestation Letter from the Ministry, outlined in the 2019:SB08 has not been released as of yet and it is currently unknown if/ when it will be issued.

P Kuckyt highlighted to the committee the recommendations that STSBHN has not currently adopted:

Ontario Ombudsman’s Office

Complaint tracking system, contract penalties for violations for procedures not being followed and the consortium to play active role in the route mapping process.

Ontario Auditor General Report

An opt in Policy for parents for transportation and the Harmonized Eligibility distances for students.

Campbell Report

Staggering of the RFP Releases

D – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: J Richardson

Seconded by: M Nantel

“That the STSBHN Board of Directors meeting of June 14, 2019 adjourn at 3:41p.m.”

Carried.

Draft

OPSBA report – July 4-7, 2019**August 26, 2019**

Meeting held at the Canadian School Boards Assn meeting and OPSBA AGM, July 4, 2019

Cathy Abraham, President and senior staff met with the new Minister of Education Stephen Lecce July 3rd. It was an initial meeting to say who we are and why we matter. The Minister asked good intelligent questions

The Minister asked for advice on what he can do to improve the system, looking for out of the box solutions

An invitation has been extended to join our September Board of Directors meeting

Staff matters – Rusty informed us that Wayne McNally has retired from OPSBA and is looking forward to spending time with his many grandchildren, after 40 years of service to public education with many board, Halton, Peel, Toronto and OPSBA. Also introduced Shane Gonsalves, the new Managing Director, Government & Public Affairs for OPSBA

Legislative update

- Decision from Ontario Ombudsman on the high school ARC (Accommodation review committee) for the Near North DSB to be released soon (was released July 18th – link to story in OPSBA media report July 18
- Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) to be updating their trustee PD modules (OESC is a consortium of all 4 provincial School Board associations plus Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE)
- No details on the Health and phys Ed curriculum yet
- Task force on school boards, that was announced a few months ago – no details as of yet
- Executive compensation – meeting with treasury board August 9, looking for good examples of performance pay. Pay is still frozen

2019-2020 OPSBA events

January 23-25, 2020 Public Education Symposium (PES) Sheraton Centre, Toronto

April 23-24, 2020 Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Conference, Sheraton Centre, Toronto

June 4-6, 2020 OPSBA AGM, Westin Hotel, Ottawa

Regional Meetings

November 2, 2019 – joint meeting held with Western Region, meeting to be held in London. There will be a PD component to the meeting, and a common agenda with all regions

March 28, 2020 – Central West meeting, Location to be determined

OPSBA AGM

- Table officers were all acclaimed for next year
- All constitutional amendments were passed
- Policy resolutions
 - Near North DSB resolution on school field trip preparedness was defeated. Most felt that this was a local issue, with local policies with input and guidance from OPHEA (Ontario Physical and Health Educators' Association)
 - Ottawa Carleton DSB resolution on Autism funding supports – there was a lot of discussion around the meaning of the resolution, since Boards support students in different ways; it was approved with some amendments

OPSBA Organizational meeting was held on July 6

Mostly procedural, no one from Grand Erie put their name forward for the policy or program work teams

Next Meeting – September 27/28, 2019

Respectfully submitted

Carol Ann – on behalf of Don Werden