



MINUTES

Present: Chair, C.A. Sloat, J. Angus, R. Collver, E. Dixon, D. Dean, B. Doyle, T. Waldschmidt, D. Werden, K. Amy (Student Trustee), K. Manning (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director — J. Forbeck; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, B. Blancher, J. Gunn, A. Nesbitt, M. McDonald, S. Sincerbox; Recording Secretary — D. Fletcher

Regrets:

Trustees: A. Everets, C. Lefebvre, M. Macdonald

Administration: Nil.

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair C.A. Sloat at 6:30 p.m.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

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

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

Board Chair C.A. Sloat welcomed everyone to the Open Session at 7:18 p.m.



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

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: R. Collver
THAT the agenda be approved as printed.
Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: D. Dean
Seconded by: R. Collver
THAT Item C-1-b Operating Agreement with the Norfolk County Public Library for signature by the Board signing authorities be approved.
Carried

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: D. Werden
THAT Item C-1-c Operating Agreement with the City of Brantford and Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for the continued joint use of the Branlyn/Notre Dame School Community Centre for signature by the Board signing authorities be approved.
Carried

Moved by: D. Werden
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT Item D-1-a be approved.
Carried

Moved by: E. Dixon
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT Item D-1-b Term Appointment for Special Project Teacher Consultant for Math be approved.
Carried



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Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT Item D-1-c Term Appointment for English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher Consultant be approved.

Carried

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT Item D-1-d be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorial – Hunter Dorish, Lakewood Elementary School**

The memorial statement was read by D. Werden.

(h) **Memorial - Brad Sergeant, Delhi District Secondary School**

The memorial statement was read by R. Collver.

(i) **Presentations**

Nil.

(j) **Delegations**

Nil.

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) **December 9, 2013 (Inaugural Board Meeting)**

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting, held December 9, 2013 be approved.

Carried



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(b) January 13, 2014 (Committee of the Whole No. 1 Meeting)

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Meeting held January 13, 2014 be approved.

Carried

R. Collver voiced a concern regarding the uncertainty of funding for the literacy summer camp “Learen enn Spälen” and requested a letter be sent to the Ministry in support of this program.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education in support of continuing this program.

Carried

(c) January 13, 2014 (Special Board Meeting)

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held January 13, 2014 be approved.

Carried

(d) January 20, 2014 (Committee of the Whole No.2)

D. Dean provided correct wording under Single Track French Immersion Accommodation in regards to a secondary school location and expansion issue.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Meeting held January 20 2014 be approved, as amended.

Carried



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

Nil.

D – 1 Director's Report

The Director highlighted:

- Specialist High Skills Major Programs in Grand Erie: Students in secondary schools
- National Sweater Day – World Wildlife Federation (WWF) Event: WWF- school participation includes: Central PS, King George PS, Ryerson Heights, Echo Place, St. George, Boston, Houghton, Fairview Ave. (Dunnville) and Paris District High School.
- Commonwealth Class (CWC) Initiative: Congratulations is extended to Major Ballachey who has been chosen as one of 15 schools that will be participating in the CWC initiative
- Black History Month: Schools across the system are engaging in activities that commemorate Black History Month.

Major Ballachey was commended for the Commonwealth Class (CWC) Initiative with the hope that these students may attend a future Board meeting to share in their experience.

Presentation: 211 – Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk Community Database

Kristin Pass, Executive Director of United Way

- When seeking information and services in the Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk communities, there's a service that residents can access for all community, social, non-clinical health and related government services
- 211 helps to navigate the complex network of human services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Website : www.info-bhn.ca

Presentation: "What kind of World Would We Make"

Students from North Ward School

- Social Justice/Leadership Initiatives
- 3,310 books collected by students at the school to connect students in Uganda
- Clothes, milk bags, and other items have been collected to support the global cause



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Trustees and guests were impressed with the students' passion and commitment to the initiative.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: D. Dean

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Carried

E – 1 Student Trustee's Report

No report.

F – 1 Committee Reports

(a) Committee of the Whole No. 1 – January 13, 2014

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Report dated January 27, 2014 as follows:

1. Director's Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 13, 2014 as information.

2. BL28 Trustee Code of Ethics

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 28– "Trustee Code of Ethics", as amended.

3. SO14 Equity and Inclusive Education

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO14 - "Equity and Inclusive Education" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 4, 2014.

4. SO18 Environmental Education and Stewardship

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO18 – "Environmental Education and Stewardship" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 4, 2014."



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5. **SO19 Privacy and Information Management**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO19 – “Privacy and Information Management” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 4, 2014.
6. **F2 Budget Development Process**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F2 – “Budget Development Process”.
7. **HR5 Harassment/Objectionable Behavior**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy HR5 – “Harassment/Objectionable Behavior”.
8. **SO26 Events Planning and Organizing**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO26 – “Events Planning and Organizing”, as amended.
9. **SO136 Equity and Inclusiveness Education**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure SO136 – Equity and Inclusiveness Education” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 4, 2014.”
10. **HR102 Working with Blood-Borne Infections, Precautions and Practices**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure HR102 – “Working with Blood-Borne Infections, Precautions and Practices” as information.
11. **FT101 Smoke-Free Environment**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure FT101 – “Smoke-Free Environment” as information.
12. **Correspondence**
 - (a) Rainham Central School Council
THAT Senior Administration follow-up with the Rainham Central School Council and report back to the board.

Carried

(b) **Committee of the Whole No. 2 – January 20, 2014**

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Report dated January 27, 2014 as follows:



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1. **In-Camera Report**
(a) THAT Item D-1-b be approved.
(b) THAT Item D-1-c be approved.
2. **Single Track French Immersion Program Report**
(a) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the redevelopment and expansion of the Coronation School site subject to Ministry of Education approval of capital funding.
(b) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the short term accommodation plan of leasing the St. Bernard's school site to be operated as a twinned school with Ecole Fairview until the Coronation school site is developed subject to Ministry of Education approval of capital funding.
3. **Director's Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 20, 2014 as information.
4. **Set Pre-Budget Meeting Dates**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Pre- Budget Consultation Meetings as follows:
 1. February 4, 2014
 2. February 18, 2014
5. **Category III Trips**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Category III Trips Report as information.
6. **Enrolment vs Capacity by School Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report Enrolment vs Capacity as information.
7. **Superintendent Performance Appraisal**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the draft Ministry Supervisory Officer Performance Appraisal Process as information.

D. Dean requested that recommendation No. 2 be separated from the main report.
C.A. Sloat requested that recommendation No. 4 be separated from the main report.

A vote was taken on recommendations No.1 and 3 and No 5 to 7.
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D. Dean supports both motions but re-affirmed the importance of French Immersion planning for the future and requested a report from Senior Administration.

J. Gunn confirmed that the Quality Accommodations Report is scheduled on the CW2 agenda for March 17, 2014.

A vote was taken on recommendation No. 2

Carried

C.A. Sloat noted that the Haldimand Secondary School ARC Committee has been scheduled on February 18, 2014 therefore the Budget Meeting date on that date needs to be re-scheduled. Proposed budget dates included: Feb 11, 12, 19, 25, and the 26th.

February 12, 2014 was agreed upon for the second budget meeting, if needed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Pre-Budget Consultation Meetings be amended.

1. February 4, 2014

2. February 12, 2014

The question was called on the amendment.

Carried

A vote was taken on recommendations No. 4

Carried

G – 1 New Business

(a) Major Construction Update (FT2)

J. Gunn referred to the report that details FDK Addition Projects – 2014. Single Classroom Additions are planned for Lynndale Heights, Mount Pleasant, Rainham Central, Fairview Avenue, Thompson Creek, Paris Central and Banbury Heights. Two classroom additions are planned for Burford, Oneida Central and River Heights.



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Total approved capital provided by the Ministry for all 2014 (Year 5) FDK additions and retrofit projects is \$7, 678,800.

In response to R. Collver and if this money is in our bank account, J. Forbeck explained that the recent Ministry announcement of capital for 2013-2014 includes the FDK Year 5 capital already released and announced some time ago.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried

J. Angus left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

(b) Quarterly Budget Report

J. Gunn referred Summary of Financial Results, Summary of Enrolment and Summary of Staffing for the three months ending November 30, 2013. The budget assessment for 2013-2014 does not present any trends that require budget changes.

In response to R. Collver, and if the Operating budget for the Director/Supervisory Officers under Risk Assessment is over or under budget, J. Gunn explained some annual expenditures paid in the first quarter are skewing the % analysis.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the period ended November 30, 2013 as information

Carried

(c) OPSBA Report



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- i. Canadian School Board Association
- ii. Charter FNMI Education – developed nationally /road map/ looking for support, law or vision/mission statement?
- iii. Charter of Commitment - References Appendix A
- iv. Chief's Assembly on Education

It was agreed that more information was required prior to discussion on the above correspondence.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

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

Carried

H – 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts – December 2013

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of December 2013 in the amount of \$8,355,766.66 as information.

Carried

(b) Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – December 12, 2013

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – December 12, 2013” as information.

Carried



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(c) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – November 14, 2013**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – November 4, 2013” as information.

Carried

(d) **GEDSB/BHNCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – December 11, 2013**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “GEDSB/BHNCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes” as information.

Carried

(e) **Compensatory Education Committee Minutes – November 7, 2013**

Presented as printed.

R. Collver inquired if we accommodated the request for release time for the workshop ETFO that presented (as noted under #8. Announcements). J. Forbeck confirmed that it was held on January 24, 2014 with another session being held on February 24, 2014.

Trustees are invited to attend.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Compensatory Education Committee Minutes – November 7, 2013” as information.

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(f) **Student Senate Minutes – December 3, 2013**

K. Amy and K. Manning provided a brief update on the online meeting and shared positive feedback from the participating schools. They also shared that one of their goals is to connect more directly with the student leaders at the schools.

The next meeting is April 8, 2013 for student trustee elections.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Student Senate Minutes – December 3, 2013” as information.

Carried

I – 1 **Correspondence**

(a) **Minister of Education re: PFLCs**

J – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, Carol Ann Sloat