



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

*Head Office, 349 Erie Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 5V3*

Committee of the Whole Board No. 1 Meeting June 4, 2012, 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Trustees: J. Angus, Vice-Chair, R. Collver, D. Dean, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, A. Everets, B. Johnston, C. Lefebvre, M. Macdonald, C.A. Sloat, D. Werden, B. Featherston (Student Trustee), P. Fleetwood (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director — J. Forbeck; Superintendents — G. Anderson, W. Baker, B. Blancher, J. Gunn, McDonald, A. Nesbitt; Recording Secretary — D. Fletcher

REGRETS:

Trustees: Nil

Administration: Nil

NO

A – 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

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

J. Angus, D. Dean, B. Johnston and M. Macdonald declared a conflict of interest concerning an In Camera legal matter.

(c) **In Camera Session**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: C. Lefebvre

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 6:00 p.m.

(d) **Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, J. Angus, at 7:18 p.m.

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

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: C. Lefebvre

THAT the agenda be approved, as printed.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Johnston

THAT the Director of Education's performance review for the 2011-2012 school year has been completed.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT Item C-1-c be approved.

Carried

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

(a) **Bylaw 17 Communication with the Board** (from May 7, 2012)

Recommendations were made to provide definitions and clarity of the roles of Chair and Secretary to the Board. It should be explained that correspondence needs to be addressed to the Chair and/or Secretary to the Board for the information to be brought to the Board table.

Another option suggested is to explore the idea of providing options on the website that forwards appropriate information to the Chair, Secretary to the Board, or trustees.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 17 - "Communication with the Board", as amended.

Carried

C – 1 Director's Report

The Director announced that June is Aboriginal Awareness month in the Grand Erie District School Board, and postcards will be circulated for voluntary aboriginal self-identification.

B. Blancher provided an update on Camp SAIL, which will run at King George this summer for three weeks Monday to Thursday. The literacy program will run in the morning and the YMCA will run the afternoon program featuring activities such as

arts/crafts, mad science and aboriginal group presentations. A parent information night will be held on June 19, 2012.

W. Baker discussed a second literary camp supported through the Learning Environment Branch at the Ministry of Education. It will take place Houghton, with a location to be confirmed. Previous and present Valley Heights Turning Point students will take a leadership role as junior and senior counselors, in the 19 day program starting July 16, 2012.

M. Macdonald highlighted the concept of “Imagination Library”, and suggested looking into books for these summer literacy programs.

In response to R. Collver, W. Baker explained the program would focus on grades one through three, and would also provide literacy for any other family members at the camp.

In response to A. Everets, W. Baker confirmed bussing would be provided with the establishment of pick up points.

In response to D. Werden, W. Baker stated that funding came specifically for the Low-German Mennonite community, however is open to all students in grades one through three.

J. Angus requested dates and opportunities for which trustees can visit these programs.

The Director spoke about the Council of Exceptional Children Awards Night and highlighted the many awards present to students, staff members, and parents from Grand Erie District School Board.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's report of June 4, 2012 as information.

Carried

D – 1 Bylaw/Policy/Procedure Consideration — Action/Decision Items

(a) Bylaw 8 - Terms of Reference for the Grand Erie Compensatory Education Steering Committee

J. Forbeck explained the updates to Bylaw 8 with the additional of Terms of Reference for Grand Erie Compensatory Education.

The composition of the committee was reviewed and revisions made.

In response to D. Werden, J. Forbeck explained that the union representative would be selected by EFTO, OSSTF, and CUPE. Parent representatives would be identified by principals.

The initial years would include the Director and/or Superintendent as participants on the committee.

R. Collver recommended bringing a status report in February to take into consideration the staffing component.

C. A. Sloat inquired if there is a budget to organize and support events to promote Learning opportunities about compensatory education for leaders and staff of Grand Erie.

J. Forbeck explained annual learning events would be discussed by the committee.

J. Forbeck explained the community poverty breakfast meeting will occur on Wednesday June 6, 2012 in Jarvis and discussed how an anti-poverty group in Haldimand Norfolk is in the beginning stages of development.

In response to D. Dean, J. Forbeck recognized the large size of the committee with 25 to 30 members and suggested a facilitation approach in meetings.

J. Forbeck explained facilitation in a group of 25 committee members would be defined as smaller working groups.

R. Collver requested the Striking Committee meet to discuss trustee representation on this committee. The Striking Committee comprised of R. Collver, D. Dean, B. Doyle, A. Everets, C.A. Sloat and D. Werden will meet on June 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 8 – “Terms of Reference for the Grand Erie Compensatory Education Steering Committee”, a standing committee of the Board, as amended.

Carried

(b) FT1 – Major Construction Projects

J. Gunn reviewed the comments received and revisions made to the policy. A number of amendments were made to the Appendix A – School Design Guidelines.

Moved by: C. A. Sloat

Seconded by: M. Macdonald

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve FT1 – “Major Construction Projects”.

Carried

(c) **FT2 – New School Construction Projects**

J. Gunn explained similar changes to FT1 were made to FT2.

Moved by: A. Everets

Seconded by: C. Lefebvre

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve FT2 – “New School Construction Projects”.

Carried

(d) **FT3 – Naming of Schools**

J. Forbeck referred to suggestions provided around re-naming of schools.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve FT3 – “Naming of Schools”.

Carried

(e) **SO9 – Cyberbullying**

G. Anderson explained two comments received.

Moved by: C. Lefebvre

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve SO9 – “Cyberbullying”.

Carried

D – 2 Administrative Procedure Consideration — Information Items

(a) **F106 Donated Appliances, Equipment and Furnishings**

J. Gunn explained some minor amendments that were made.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure F106 “Donated Appliances, Equipment and Furnishings” as information.

Carried

(b) **FT105 Playground Equipment**

J. Gunn noted a number of suggestions were provided. The procedure was rewritten to improve the organization of information with no changes made to standards and policies.

In response to E. Dixon, J. Gunn explained that installations of playground equipment by volunteers is not permitted because of liability issues and risks to the Board associated with this.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure FT105 - "Playground Equipment" as information.

Carried

(c) HR110 Hiring Procedures

M. McDonald explained that in 2011, this administrative procedure was presented to the Board with comments from stakeholders. Since that time, changes came forward from the Ministry of Education's Operational Review and changes in regards to the Accessibility for Ontarians and Disabilities Act. The recommendation is to forward to appropriate stakeholder for comments with these changes incorporated.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure HR110 – "Hiring Procedures" to all appropriate stakeholders to comment to be received by November 2, 2012.

Carried

E – 1 New Business – Action/Decision Items

Nil.

F – 1 Correspondence

Nil.

G - 1 Adjournment

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Carried