



## **GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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

### **Committee of the Whole Board No. 2 Meeting May 14, 2012, 7:15 p.m.**

#### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

**Trustees:** C.A. Sloat, Chair, J. Angus, R. Collver, D. Dean, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, A. Everets, B. Johnston, M. Macdonald, 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:** C. Lefebvre

**Administration:** Nil.

#### **A – 1 Opening**

##### **(a) Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

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

E. Dixon declared a conflict of interest concerning an In Camera property matter.

##### **(c) In Camera Session**

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 6:30 p.m.

**Carried**

##### **(d) Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Chair, C.A. Sloat, at 7:15 p.m.

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

It was recommended to move up items D-2-b Student Trustee Selection and D-2-c Student Senate Report after C-1 Director Report.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

**Carried**

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Secondary Teachers Self-Funded Leave Plan.

(g) **Delegations**

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board hear the delegations from Steve Talos and Barb Galuppi that were received today prior to 4:00pm.  
**Carried**

(i) **Steve Talos re: Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Committee Review Report and Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Review – Senior Administration Report**

Steve Talos presented his delegation.

(ii) **Barb Galuppi re: Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Committee Review Report and Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Review – Senior Administration Report**

Barb Galuppi did not attend the meeting to present her delegation.

Moved by: B. Johnston

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the delegations for information.

**Carried**

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

(a) Nil.

**C – 1 Director's Report**

J. Forbeck shared a number of activities happening this week. The Minister of Education visited Walter Gretzky Elementary School on May 11, 2012 to celebrate the opening of the new joint school with the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board. The 2012-2013 school year calendars were approved. Equity and Inclusive Education continues with "LGBTQ Perspective and Allies in Education" on May 17, 2012.

Reach Ahead and summer school registration is now open. Write to Give on May 9, 2012 involved student authors in more than 35 schools across the Board.

The Canadian Book Centre announced winners of the Book Week 2012 Writing Contest for kids and teens. Zoe Huyge, a student at Port Rowan Public School was one of seven winners for her submission.

Superintendent Anderson visited elementary schools in Brantford and Brant County and focused his report on achievement, environment and engagement in these schools.

Northward's all-star reading program and reading intervention for primary grades involve four components: first primary division assembly, laminated reading strategy in all classrooms, all-star coach and parent component.

Onondaga-Brant celebrated the new playground equipment; over \$30,000 was raised by the community. A cross curricular activity focused on the anniversary of the Titanic and involved the whole school.

Brier Park focus on thinking skills, involves a strong focus on literacy in the school, instructional technology, smart boards in all classes, and the math learning cycle.

Major Ballachey and Central Public School held family literacy evenings.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's report of May 14, 2012 as information.

**Carried**

**D – 1 New Business – Action/Decision Items****(a) 2012-13 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule**

J. Forbeck presented the proposed schedule for 2012-2013 and proposed to move the October board meeting from October 22 to October 29, 2012.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2012-13 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule, as amended.

**Carried**

(b) **Mileage Remuneration Review**

J. Gunn referred to the table on unleaded gas prices and the increase in the past year. He referred to two vehicles in the study, and recommended an increase of one cent to .47 per kilometer.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: B. Johnston

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board increase the current mileage rate to \$0.47 per kilometer, effective September 1, 2012 subject to final budget approval.

**Carried**

(c) **Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Review - Committee Report and Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Review – Senior Administration Report**

J. Forbeck discussed the Accommodation Review Committee report and Accommodation Review report from Senior Administration, and as per FT5 is bringing to the Committee of the Whole No.2 to receive as information.

All of documentation was organized and provided to trustees to begin their review. J. Gunn presented the Senior Administration report, and A. Nesbitt reviewed Senior Administration recommendations for each school.

R Collver complimented the ARC Committee as a very dedicated group that focused on all the secondary schools in Norfolk and explained that Policy FT5 is Ministry driven.

In response to D. Dean, A. Nesbitt explained that Advanced Placement classes can be run as a discreet class or as a grouped class.

He added that Advance Placement classes allow for students to earn advanced standing in University while the student is still attending secondary school.

A. Nesbitt commented that if the Faith Based program was to be implemented it may need to be introduced in a similar fashion as the French Immersion roll out in Norfolk and Haldimand areas. He also referred to a school St. Catharines that was visited to learn about the Faith Based Program. He commented that he was very hesitant to predict necessary enrolment numbers to make the program viable because not enough work has been done on that issue. Very preliminary numbers would predict 60-80 students to start the program.

In response to R. Collver, A. Nesbitt explained a discussion has not occurred with Senior Administration regarding the elementary level participating in the Faith Based Program.

A. Everets added that the demographic shift is more pronounced in parts of Grand Erie District School Board, and the reality is that a sixth high school was added into an area of five high schools that were not currently full.

J. Forbeck noted that the ARC recommended restricting bussing for grades nine and 10 while Senior Administration did not look at restrictions on bussing for any of the grades.

B. Featherson left at 8:39 p.m.

D. Werden spoke to the following recommendations:

International children program is a strong program that is split up within the board. We stopped recruiting aggressively in China, larger boards became more aggressive. We had no relationship with recruiter.

Out of catchment bussing area does not require policy change. Special needs situations exist throughout the whole board.

With regards to the long term plan for school consolidation, we have two aging buildings and are pouring money into them. From a business point of view, this is a prime opportunity to take three buildings and right size for the future.

Can we ask the Ministry for money like Hamilton? Eventually Waterford will be in same boat when enrolment decreases, fewer programs are offered.

New buildings are appealing to students, and that is why they choose new schools. Do it for the future and not just for today.

The trustees are requesting further information on the following prior to October 2012:

- Faith Based Program – How will this happen? What are the numbers needed to make it feasible? Is it viable? Can we offer program at the elementary level (Gr 7 and Gr8)? What are the types of supports for staffing? What is the definition of “faith”, which faith?
- Projected costs of relocating Doverwood to Port Dover Composite School
- Consideration for the Arts focused type program
- What are the bussing options offered for pilot programs
- Cost of baccalaureate program
- Cost of 2012-2013 full programming at Port Dover Composite School
- Cost of advanced placement program
- Cost of recruiter for international program
- New school option

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: M. Macdonald

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Review – Committee Report as information.

**Carried**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Review – Senior Administration Report as information.

**Carried**

Moved by R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board place the Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Review – Committee Report and Senior Administration Report for consideration at the Committee of the Whole #2 meeting scheduled October 15, 2012.

**Carried**

Moved by: J Angus

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board request that senior administration bring back further information on the Norfolk Secondary School Accommodation Review as discussed as soon as the information is available.

**Carried**

(d) **Compensatory Education Schools Funding Report – 2012-13**

J. Forbeck explained the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee would be coming to the Committee of the Whole No.1 Meeting on June 4, 2012. He reviewed the types of resources, details and funding sources in the plan.

In response to J. Angus, J. Forbeck discussed how the difference between moderate and high need secondary schools were reviewed with a focus on staff and students. The SSI model for secondary schools is used, with the high need schools have the furthest to go.

In response to D. Werden, J. Forbeck explained that all schools have a school improvement plan and discussions with the Principal and Superintendent will tailor the program to fit the needs of that school

In response to D. Werden, J. Forbeck stated that smart goals are part of the Board Improvement Plan and schools will create smart goals that are monitored by their Superintendent. Measures such as attendance, climate and achievement are used to measure improvement. The goal is to reduce the gap between high, moderate and low needs schools.

He added that the steering committee will review all data on an on-going basis and bring back a report February 2013.

In response to R. Collver, J. Forbeck explained that in relation to dollar figures not shown for the enhancements, we are not asking for any principals to be funded from learning opportunities grants. Each Vice-Principal is staffed as .5 VP, and as .5 Teacher.

D. Dean supports the plan and the expectations of the Literacy LRT Coach in direct contact with the students.

In response to C. A. Sloat, J. Forbeck noted that full-time LRT is in addition as each school has a .5 LRT. With regards to information coming prior to February 2013, he added that at this time the data is not in the proper form and is taking steps to ensure we have the data available.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve funding for staff and enhancements in high and moderate needs Compensatory Schools for 2012/13 from Learning Opportunities Grants, subject to final budget approval.

**Carried**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board requests the Director write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that the Grand Erie District School Board be provided with a parent and family literacy centre.

**Carried**

(e) **Community Partnership – Brantford Field of Dreams**

M. McDonald spoke to the process and benefits of this project and acknowledged Greg Woodcroft, Principal of PJCVS and David Dean, Board of Trustee as the representatives that connected with the Kiwanis Club.

J. Gunn explained the process that Senior Administration followed to comply with F3 and F105 – Capital Related Fundraising and Community Donations and found this proposal congruent with the Multi-Year Plan and viable for the Board.

The Board Considerations were reviewed.

D. Dean introduced the key people involved: Joan Griffin, Bob Johnson, Crystal Graves and Joel Balberman, the Brantford Field of Dreams Committee (Melanie Kraemer, Neal Stamer, Ken Chisholm) and Greg Woodcroft. He explained the benefits to this dream and the key is the first step to gain commitment from another organization that is community based. He thanked the Kiwanis Club for leadership for all of the programs that they support. He explained the three conditions Kiwanis has requested.

In response to M. Macdonald, J. Gunn explained that the majority of the project is involves installation of the field, and if started at the end of the school year it could take four months total with possibly minimal effect on the school program.

In response to J. Angus, J. Gunn confirmed that other schools in need of facility renewal funding would not be affected, this would be established as a priority for future facility renewal grants allocations.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: D. Werden

Grand Erie District School Board approve the PJCVS-Brantford Field of Dreams project and Facility Renewal Grant commitment of \$250,000 from the 2012-13 budget plus \$75,000 from each of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets subject to final approval to proceed once full project funding commitments are in place.

**Carried**

P. Fleetwood and A. Everets left the meeting at 9:41pm

(f) **Facility Partnerships – Annual Facility Status Report (FT118)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve that the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Facility Partnerships – Annual Facility Status Report for Notification to Potential Partners.

**Carried**

**D – 2 New Business – Information Items**

(a) **MISA Update**

B. Blancher invited Sally Landon to discuss the Managing Information for Student Achivement update.

B. Blancher outlined S. Landon's work and projects in her role of the MISA leader.

In response to C.A. Sloat, B. Blancher stated the MISA Board amount in 2010-2011 was \$109,734 and no Board amount in 2011-2012. The EPO grant for next year for MISA is \$44,193.

In response to C.A. Sloat, B. Blancher explained the types of supports put in place for schools are types of professional development. She added that the plan is to bring data more often.



In response to C.A Sloat, S. Landon explained that to some extent a principal is able to access some reports, however there are some detailed reports that she still provides.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Angus

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

**Carried**

**(b) Student Trustee Selection (BL29)**

B. Featherston and P. Fleetwood detailed the Student Senate Meeting on May 3, 2012 in relation to the student trustee elections. They introduced David Fleet, as the student trustee from the north and Laramie Bradovka as the student trustee from the south.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustee Selection (BL29) as information.

**Carried**

**(c) Student Senate Report**

B. Featherston and P. Fleetwood summarized the Student Senate Meeting on May 3, 2012, with updates on student trustee election, student voice conference, and speak up in a box. They felt that the schools are strengthening their connection with the community with many school planned events.

J. Forbeck thanked them for their strong leadership skills and enthusiasm.

In response to B. Johnston, B. Featherston explained that one of the common issues with the schools in regards to WIFI is the full access of it. B. Blancher added that is ongoing challenge that ITS is aware of and are now ahead of the challenge.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate Report as information.

**Carried**

**(d) French Immersion Program Review Update**

B. Blancher presented an update since the last report in May 2011. The Ministry continues to be in consultation regarding the revised French Immersion curriculum and has not set a date for release of the revised curriculum documents. Implementation of the revised curriculum will begin in September 2013.

Moved by: D. Dean  
Seconded by: J. Angus  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the French Immersion Program Review Update as information.

**Carried**

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**Other Business**

(a) **OPSBA Report**

Nil.

F – 1 **Correspondence**

(a) **Haldimand County Police Services Board**

Moved by: D. Werden  
Seconded by: R. Collver  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive correspondence as information.

**Carried**

(b) **The Corporation of the City of Brantford**

It was recommended that the Board forward this letter to the Consortia to decide on attending these meetings or committing to attend.

Moved by: D. Werden  
Seconded by: D. Dean  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive correspondence as information.

**Carried**

G – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: M. Macdonald  
Seconded by: D. Dean  
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**Carried**