



MINUTES

Present: C.A. Sloat, Board Chair. G. Anderson, R. Collver, D. Dean, B. Doyle, A. Felsky, J. Harris, J. Richardson, K. Sandy, D. Sowers, T. Waldschmidt, M. Brown (Student Trustee),

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

Regrets:

Trustees: A. Nesbitt, E. Creed (Student Trustee)

Administration: Nil.

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, C.A. Sloat at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of conducting the In Camera Session.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: G. Anderson

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

Carried

Open Session reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

(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**

Item G-1-c Meetings with Local Councilors was added to the agenda.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Agenda be approved as printed, as amended.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the recommendation for Adding to the Replacement/Casual Principal and Vice-Principal List be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorial – Joanne Hedges, Courtland Public School**

The memorial statement was read by R. Collver

(h) **Memorial – Jordan McIntee, Dunnville Secondary School**

The memorial statement was read by B. Doyle

(i) **Memorial – Mira Dunsmore, Paris Central School**

The memorial statement was read by T. Waldschmidt.

The Paris Central School Council discussed ways to honor Mira's memory and decided that they will forgo Jump Rope for Heart and plan another event to honor her.

(j) **Presentations**

Nil.

(k) **Delegations**

Nil.



Regular Board Meeting
January 26, 2015
Education Centre, Board Room

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) Inaugural Board – December 8, 2014

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting, held December 8, 2014 be approved.

Carried

(b) Committee of the Whole No. 1 – January 12, 2015

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Meeting, held January 12, 2015, be approved.

Carried

(c) Committee of the Whole No. 2 – January 19, 2015

The minutes will be revised to reflect that D. Dean declared a conflict of interest on Item B-1-a and left the meeting.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Meeting, held January 19, 2015, be approved, as amended.

Carried

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

Nil.

D – 1 Director's Report



Regular Board Meeting

January 26, 2015
Education Centre, Board Room

The Director highlighted:

- Improving outcomes for students in the care of CAS: Hagersville Secondary School (HSS) received funding from the Ministry of Education to serve First Nations Metis and Inuit (FNMI) students who are on Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) and under the care of the Children's Aid Society (CAS). These students are faced with significant challenges in their home-life as well as their academic life.
- Archived files reveal artwork from 1998 logo contest Updated on Thursday For "Throwback Thursday", or #TBT as it's known on Twitter and Facebook, Grand Erie celebrated original artwork from the 1998 logo contest. At the Board meeting held on September 28, 1998, the Board logo for the Grand Erie District School Board was unveiled. More than 50 entries were submitted
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Update: Director Forbeck welcomed Michelle Carpenter and Rochelle Winter to the GEPIC as parent representatives from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).
- Family Literacy Day – Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy related activities as a family
- Technology in Kindergarten: In today's Kindergarten classrooms, students are turning to the interactive white boards, tablets and computer screens, which are inviting them to write, count and play with the touch of a finger or pen. These devices are becoming staples for learning in all classrooms across the Grand Erie District School Board. As the board celebrated the completion of the Full-Day Kindergarten implementation in all 60 elementary schools in the Fall of 2014, the start of this school year also marked the final phase of the Education Technology Initiative
- Bell Let's Talk on Wednesday, January 28, 2015: Grand Erie will be participating in Bell's all-day event Let's Talk, where Bell will donate five cents to mental health initiatives for every text message sent, long distance call made, tweet or Facebook share of a Bell Let's Talk image. Staff and students across the board will be joining the conversation in support of increasing awareness, reducing stigma and helping to change behaviours and attitudes about mental health issues. Hashtags to use include #BellLetsTalk and #GEDSB



Presentation – Camp SAIL

B. Blancher highlighted the program Camp SAIL, a program that has been running since 2011. Grand Erie was initially funded with two classes through CODE, and ran at two Brantford schools for three weeks in August. The full day program provided teaching and learning for literacy in the morning and in collaboration with a local partner provided a recreation program in the afternoon. This year the program extended to Lynndale heights in Simcoe.

While each camp has unique features, the programs are the same.

Dennis Wright, Principal at Lynndale Heights was present to report on the experience of Camp SAIL this summer in his school. The program ran from Monday to Thursday, August 11-29, 2014 at Lynndale Heights, Thompson Creek, King George and Princess Elizabeth. D. Wright shared data from the experience and demonstrated through a video how successful the program was this past summer.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 26, 2015 as information.

Carried

E – 1 Student Trustee Report

No report.

F – 1 Committee Report

(a) Committee of the Whole No. 1 – January 12, 2015

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Report dated January 26, 2015 as follows:



1. **In Camera Report**
 - (a) THAT Item B-1-a be approved.
 - (b) THAT Item B-1-b be approved.
2. **Director's Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 12, 2015 as information.
3. **HR Principal/Vice-Principal Selection Process**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy HR6- "Principal/Vice-Principal Selection Process" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 3, 2015.
4. **SO5 School/Site Security and Lockdown**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO5 - "School/Site Security and Lockdown" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 3, 2015.
5. **BL26 Chairs' Committee**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 26 – "Chairs' Committee".
6. **BL27 Electronic Meetings**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 27 – "Electronic Meetings", as amended.
7. **BL29 Student Trustee**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 29 – "Student Trustee", as amended.
8. **BL31 Borrowing Bylaw re: Good Places to Learn**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind Bylaw 31 – "Borrowing Bylaw: Good Places to Learn".
9. **FT13 Pride of Place**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy FT13 – "Pride of Place".
10. **FT14 Environmental Standards for Facility Operations and Maintenance**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy FT14 – "Environmental Standards for Facility Operations and Maintenance".
11. **HR1 Bereavements**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy HR1 – "Bereavements".



12. **HR8 Workplace Violence**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy HR8 – “Workplace Violence”, as amended.
13. **SO21 School Food and Beverages**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO21 School Food and Beverages.
14. **SO29 Threat/Risk Assessment**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO29 – “Threat/Risk Assessment”.
15. **HR123 Workplace Violence**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind Administrative Procedure HR123 – “Workplace Violence”.
16. **SO112 Appropriate Student Dress**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure SO112 – “Appropriate Student Dress”.
17. **SO118 Opening and Closing Exercises at School**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure SO118 – “Opening and Closing Exercises at School”.

Carried

(b) **Committee of the Whole No. 2 – January 19, 2015**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Report dated January 26, 2015 as follows:

1. **Haldimand East Elementary – Accommodation Update**
THAT the first meeting of the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee be held on March 11, 2015 at J. L. Mitchener School.
2. **Director’s Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director’s Report of January 19, 2015 as information.



3. **Set Pre-Budget Meeting Dates**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Pre-Budget Consultation Meetings as follows as amended:
 1. February 25, 2015
 2. March 3, 2015
4. **Category III Trips**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report "Category III Trips" As information.
5. **Enrolment vs Capacity by School**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report "Enrolment vs Capacity by School" as information.
6. **A Framework for French as a Second Language Update**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report "A framework for French as a Second Language Update" as information.
7. **Tutoring Pilot Program Update**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Tutoring Pilot Program Update" as information.

Carried

H – 1 **New Business**

- (a) **Major Construction Update**
Nil.
- (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, 2014.

He explained that an understanding of high credit needs would be required to see how they would affect the secondary school forecast for the development of the next budget.

Once a student reaches 34 credits, any credits taken after that are funded differently by the government. Those extra credits are funded at approximately 1/3 of the amount that any credits up to 34 are. The Board will need to determine how to plan, budget and accommodate for these students in terms of the number of credits.



R. Collver inquired if there would be challenges with staffing for semester two due to the enrolment of secondary students less than forecasted.

J. Gunn explained that staffing levels are carefully being monitored for the second semester to see if there is any staff not allocated. Staffing is planned according to budget.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the three months ended November 30, 2014 as information.

Carried

(c) **Meetings with Local Councilors**

C.A. Sloat received a verbal invitation from Mayor Friel to initiate a meeting with local council. These meetings have been held in the past successfully in Brantford, Brant County, and Norfolk.

It was agreed to approach local councils to schedule informal meetings.

I – 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Summary of Accounts — December 2014**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of December 2014, in the amount of \$9,809,520.65 as information.

Carried

(b) **Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes - December 18, 2014**



J. Gunn noted the minutes in section 7.5 should say “that an air monitoring study was completed for Ebase room #1108 after a pipe leak damaged the drywall”.

D. Dean voiced a concern about the carpet issue at Paris District High School and if the library was closed for three weeks. J. Gunn was aware of the issue but not familiar with the length of time the library was closed. He further explained that the carpet had been inspected by the school’s Health and Safety committee several times and was not a concern until a staff member initiated a Ministry of Labour complaint. The problem was due to water issues last year.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – December 18, 2014” as information.

Carried

(c) **Student Senate Minutes – December 2, 2014**

Presented as printed. J. Forbeck commended student trustees M. Brown and E. Creed on a great job chairing the on-line meeting on-line with many different locations participating.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Student Senate Minutes – December 2, 2014” as information.

Carried

(d) **Compensatory Education Committee Minutes – October 16, 2014**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Compensatory Education Committee Minutes – October 16, 2014” as information.

Carried



(e) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – November 13, 2014**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – November 13, 2014” as information.

Carried

J – 1 **Correspondence**

Nil.

K – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, Carol Ann Sloat