



MINUTES

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

Administration: Director — B. Blancher; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, L. De Vos, J. Gunn, A. Nesbitt, L. Thompson; Recording Secretary – D. Fletcher

Regrets:

Trustees: A. Martindale (Student Trustee)

Administration: S. Sincerbox

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Nil.

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, T. Waldschmidt at 7:15 p.m.

(e) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

(f) In Camera Report

Nil.



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

(a) Revised 2015-2016 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule

B. Blancher referred to the 2015-2016 Committee/Board meeting schedule approved in May 2015 and proposed that the CW and Board meetings in August of 2016 be combined and scheduled on August 29, 2016. Adjournment times last year showed that both meetings ended prior to 8:00 pm.

Agenda items for the CW meeting on August 22, 2016 appear to be annual straight forward reports that can be scheduled for the Board meeting on August 29, 2016.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the revised 2015–16 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule.

Carried

C – 1 Director's Report

Presentation: Water Conservation Project at Russell Reid School

The Russell Reid Water Conservation Project started out in the classroom where groups of students were given a choice of five different topics to explore about water. Some students made a water filter, while others created a school campaign about water usage or came up with a plan to renovate the school's water usage. From there, the smaller groups working on the renovations came together to form a larger group of ten students, five researchers and five presenters.

Students presented their findings to the Board, including problems they found in the school and how much water Grand Erie uses in its schools. The students also shared recommendations to reduce water usage and make water friendly suggestions for students and staff in other schools.

In honour of the school's findings, students will be hosting the 'Water is the New Gold' Assembly on Thursday, June 16, starting at 9:15 a.m.

Trustees were impressed with the articulate manner the presentation was shown by the students and their passion and willingness to share this information. The students fielded questions from trustees.



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B. Blancher thanked the students for their interest in water conservation and for sharing their project findings. She also thanked their teacher Michaela Kargus for taking classroom learning beyond the classroom.

The Director highlighted:

- The Council for Exceptional Children Annual Awards were presented in the following categories on May 31, 2016 at Jean Vanier Catholic Elementary School. The award recipients include:
 - **Professional Support Service Awards:**
Krista Srigley, Grand Erie District School Board
Christine Bibby, Grand Erie District School Board
 - **Student Achievement Awards:**
Aydin Laform, Hagersville Elementary School
Rowan McFarland, Delhi Public School
Evan Robert Havens, Hagersville Elementary School
Jesse Kotris, Cayuga Secondary School
Sara St. Pierre- Szplitgeiber, Cayuga Secondary School
 - **Paraprofessional Awards:**
Agnes Gajdo, Hagersville Elementary School
Jerry Blue, Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School
 - **Teacher of the Year Awards:**
Melanie Ruigrok, Thompson Creek Elementary School
Kimberlee Murray, North Park Collegiate
Jo-Ann Duns, Hagersville Elementary School
Sandra Burnell, J.L. Mitchener Public School
- Grand Erie Trustees, Senior Administration and colleagues will honor retirees at the annual retirement dinner on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.
- Focus on Youth partners students with organizations that are helping strengthen our community. Through employment with Focus on Youth, students will gain valuable job skills, leadership training and build their resume. Students receive specific job training like level C first aid, WHMIS, and youth program development. Applications are due Thursday June 9, 2016.
- Friday June 10, 2016 is a Professional Activity day for elementary schools

A. Nesbitt will confirm to trustees the number of students who will have an opportunity to participate in the Focus on Youth Program during the summer.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of June 6, 2016 as information.

Carried



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

(a) **BL1 Board Composition**

B. Blancher reviewed the suggestions received.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 1 – “Board Composition”.

Carried

(b) **BL6 Minutes**

B. Blancher reviewed the suggestions received. The title has been revised to reflect that bylaw refers to only committee and board meetings and that all other minutes are referred to in BL8.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 6 – “Minutes”, as amended.

Carried

(c) **BL15 Trustee Expenses**

B. Blancher noted that the bylaw will be revised to reflect the recent change in title name of administrative assistant to executive assistant. In addition, “supported devices” will be added so ensure that IT department can provide the proper support.

Other revisions include providing clarification to procedures #4 and #5.

J. Gunn explained that the final allocation for computer and office equipment and supplies wasn’t finalized during the final budget discussion which is why the procedure doesn’t have a dollar amount. The total value that was placed in the two budget lines is approximately \$25,000.

R. Collver suggested that the procedure should be clear in explaining that equipment must be purchased through the board.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 15 – “Trustee Expenses”, as amended.

Carried



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(d) P2 Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statements

B. Blancher referred to this new policy that has been developed to incorporate the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statements previously brought to the Board for discussion.

The word “traditional” was discussed with the Native Advisory Committee and the Aboriginal Education Team and at this time “traditional” is included in front of the word territories in the draft policy going out for comment.

B. Blancher suggested that after the policy has gone out for stakeholder comments, trustee input would be valuable to develop how the board will acknowledge bullet #1 “Will acknowledge the traditional territories of the Six Nations of the Grand River and give recognition to the Mississauga’s of the New Credit at the opening of the Regular Board Meeting each month”.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward P2 – “Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statements” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 4, 2016.

Carried

D – 2 Procedure Consideration – Information Items

(a) FT111 School Initiated Facility Upgrades

J. Gunn noted this procedure will be going out for comment and referred to minor revisions.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure FT111 – “School Initiated Facility Upgrades” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 4, 2016.

Carried

(b) HR122 Cellular Telephones

J. Gunn addressed revisions made to procedure #10 (cellular telephone usage outside of Canada) and procedure #19 (Air watch software).

J. Gunn explained that those cellular phones on a monthly plan would fall well within the cap that trustees will have. D. Abbey estimated that there are 230 cellular phones.



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Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure HR122 – “Cellular Telephones” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 4, 2016.

Carried

(c) **FT105 Playground Equipment**

J. Gunn referred to the amendments made as a result of comments provided.

C.A. Sloat inquired if the AODA component can become prohibitive to some schools?

J. Gunn explained that there is no AODA requirement for every school at this time.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure FT105 – “Playground Equipment” as information.

Carried

(e) **SO121 Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area**

L. De Vos referred to comments received and revisions made. Procedures 4-8 are now referred to in the “Elementary Manual for Requests to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area”. The manual addresses four sections: 1) Current Out of Area Students Who Have Been Previously Approved 2) Siblings of Current Out of Area Students Who Have Been Previously Approved #) New Out of Area JK-Grade 3 Student Requests, and 4) New Out of Area Grades 4-8 Student Requests.

D. Dean requested a statement remain in the procedure regarding consultation with principal for out of area requests.

C.A. Sloat suggested that the procedure should state who the requests are reviewed annually by.

K. Sandy left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

B. Blancher explained that the manual will be maintained in the same manner as other manuals in that when it requires a revision, then the procedure is not required to come back to the table for review.



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G. Anderson cautioned that a more prescriptive procedure may present challenges as situations vary across the board.

D. Sowers left the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure SO121 – “Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area” as information, as amended.

Carried

E – 1 Other Business

(a) Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee - Disband

B. Blancher presented the recommendation to disband the committee. The final report was brought on April 25, 2016.

B. Doyle, as the Chair of this Accommodation Committee thanked the team.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board disband the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee.

Carried

(b) Special Education Advisory Committee Membership

L. Thompson requested approval for the addition of Keith Anderson as a representative of the Family Counselling Centre of Brant.

C.A. Sloat recommended adding that the term ends on November 30, 2018.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the addition of Keith Anderson to the Special Education Advisory Committee as a representative of the Family Counselling Centre of Brant, with the term ending November 30, 2018.

Carried



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F – 1 Correspondence

(a) Thames Valley District School Board

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the correspondence as information.

Carried

G – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

Committee Chair of the Whole Board No.1, Tom Waldschmidt