



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2022

6:30 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

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Present: Board Chair: S. Gibson, Board Vice-Chair: B. Doyle, Trustees: G. Anderson, C. VanEvery-Albert, R. Collver, E. Dixon, J. Richardson, C.A. Sloat, T. Waldschmidt, D. Werden, Student Trustees: C. Kitchen, R. Mitchell

Administration: Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: W. Baker, K. Graham, L. Munro, A. Smith, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Wyszynski, Recording Secretary: C. Dero

Regrets: Trustee D. Dean, Student Trustee S. Green

Guests: A. Myhal, D. Eelkema, S. Purdy, M. Shirton, J. Snell, L. Woods, C. McVean

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, S. Gibson at 6:30 p.m.

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

Nil

(c) **In Camera Session**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried

(d) **Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Board Chair S. Gibson called the Public meeting to order by at 7:15 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(e) **Memorials**

(i) **Grace McSweeney, Bellview PS Student**

Chair Gibson read the memorial statement.

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

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) **In Camera Report**

Nil

(h) **Presentations**

(i) **Lead Learn Inspire Award**

The Learn Lead Inspire award recognizes the students, staff members and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to our school communities,



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aligning with the Board's mission to build a culture of learning, well-being and belonging.

Director Roberto and Superintendent Baker recognized educators Jamie Snell, Michael Shirton, and Lance Woods, as the April 2022 Learn Lead Inspire Award for their role in supporting student athletics during a challenging time, for their ongoing commitment to increasing participation in athletics, and for building a culture of well-being and belonging in Grand Erie schools.

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **March 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. (Regular Board Meeting)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held March 28, 2022 be approved.

Carried

Trustee Collver noted that the Ministry of Education has now asked that school boards continue reporting absences.

(b) **April 11, 2022, 6:30 p.m. (Committee of the Whole)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held April 11, 2022 be approved as amended.

Carried

Superintendent Wyszynski clarified that the original project committee members for the Elgin Ave. project will be approached to see if they are still interested in being on the committee.

C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes/Previous Meetings**

Nil

D - 1 **Director's Report**

(a) **Director's Highlights**

J. Roberto provided highlights about:

- One Stop Grad Shop
- National Volunteer Week
- Ministry funding for tutors
- New Primary and Junior EQAO assessment overview, including digitization, new features, and a support plan.
- New elementary science curriculum
- Revised grade 10 Civics and Citizenship course



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- New grade 9 science course
- GEPIC Speaker Series - Dr. Gordan and Dr. Singh on April 28, 2022
- 2022-23 School year calendars have been approved
- Grand Erie's Inclusive Language Guide will be available in the next couple of weeks
- Not Just a Day but a Way April 22, 2022 PA Day
- Project Search - Information Night on May 5, 2022
- Supporting an Ecole Dufferin sound barrier - The Chair will be circulating for Trustee input a letter drafted to solicit support from MPP Will Bouma to seek funding for the construction of a sound barrier for Ecole Dufferin the reduce the impact of highway noise on learning and well-being at the school.

Superintendent Graham, Superintendent Smith, A. Myhal, S. Purdy, and D. Eelkema spoke to:

- Grand Erie's recent graduation rate and goals
- Student success initiatives and the goals for the Student Success Team
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship (OYAP) Program, Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program, and Dual Credit opportunities
- De-streaming
- Student Voice
- Professional learning around culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy

A. Myhal will confirm the number of students that are currently enrolled in the Dual Credit program.

Superintendent Smith answered questions about the number of student success teachers in high schools, celebrating students who receive a certificate of achievement, the meaning of culturally responsive and relevant, and how to support teachers who may be uncomfortable with new curriculum.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of April 25, 2022 as information.

Carried

E - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**

Nil

F - 1 **Committee of the Whole Report – April 11, 2022**

Presented as printed

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the recommendations 1-3 and 5-20 from the April 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole Board meeting as follows:



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- 1. Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval**
 - i) THAT the following Policies and Procedures be referred to a later date as noted:
 - SO27 Acceptable Use of Information Technology (May or June)
 - P2 Honouring Indigenous Histories, Cultures and Traditions (May or June)
 - SO19 Privacy and Information Management (May or June)
 - SO32 Exclusion of Students (May or June)
 - SO23 Human Trafficking (May or June)
 - HRXXX Right to Disconnect (May or June)
 - SO102 Student Admission/Registration (Fall of 2022)
- 2. French Immersion Review Plan**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board commence a review of the French Immersion program.
- 3. Elgin Ave PS Renovation**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Elgin Ave PS Renovation report as information and that a report will come to Committee of the Whole in January of 2023.
- 4. Ryerson Heights Elementary – Request for Name Change**
 - i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rename Ryerson Heights Elementary School to Edith Monture Elementary School.
 - ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board disband the Renaming Committee Ryerson Heights Elementary School.
- 5. Director's Highlights**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of April 11, 2022 as information.
- 6. Quality Accommodation Update**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quality Accommodations Committee Report as information.
- 7. Student Trustee Report – Livestream Board Meetings**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board recommends that Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board meeting are live streamed, including both audio *and* visual content effective June 13th, 2022.
- 8. Education Week 2022**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Education Week 2022 Report as information.



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- 9. Trustees' Expenses Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Trustees' Expenses Report as information.
- 10. Service Provision for Students with Special Education Needs (P-01)**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy Service Provision for Students with Special Education Needs (P-01).
- 11. Special Education Guiding Principles (P1)**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind Policy Special Education Guiding Principles (P1).
- 12. Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area (SO-121)**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area (SO-121) as information.
- 13. Visual Identity Policy, Procedure, and Guide (SO-25, SO-XXX)**
 - i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy Visual Identity (SO-25) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by May 26, 2022.
 - ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure Visual Identity (SO-XXX) and Visual Identity Guide to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by May 26, 2022.
- 14. Principal/Vice Principal Selection Process (HR-6)**
 - i) THAT Bylaw 9 – Process for Development of Bylaws, Policies and Procedures be waived with respect to rescinding Policy Principal/Vice-Principal Selection Process (HR-6).
 - ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind Policy Principal/Vice-Principal Selection Process (HR-6).
 - iii) THAT Bylaw 9 – Process for Development of Bylaws, Policies and Procedures be waived with respect to circulating Procedure Employee Assistance Program (HR-106) to all appropriate stakeholders for comment.
 - iv) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure Principal/Vice-Principal Selection Process (HR-106) for information.
- 15. Boundary Review (FT-08 & FT-XXX)**
 - i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy Boundary Review (FT-08) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by May 26, 2022.



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- ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure Boundary Review (FT-XXX) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by May 26, 2022.

16. Employee Use of Board-Owned Property and Equipment (FT-114)

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure Employee Use of Board-Owned Property and Equipment (FT-114) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by May 26, 2022.

17. Employee Assistance Program (HR-112)

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure Employee Assistance Program (HR-112) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by May 26, 2022.

18. Principal/Vice Principal Performance Appraisal (HR-124)

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure Principal/Vice-Principal Performance Appraisal (HR-124) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by May 26, 2022.

19. OPSBA Report

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

20. Correspondence

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

Carried

In response to a question from a trustee about how Grand Erie supports a school when there is a name change, Director Roberto explained that Superintendent Thompson will work with Edith Monture Elementary School in terms of communication, branding, school-based needs, the opening, and the budget.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

- (i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rename Ryerson Heights Elementary School to Edith Monture Elementary School.

- (ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board disband the Renaming Committee Ryerson Heights Elementary School.

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G - 1 **New Business**

(a) **MISA Update**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle



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

Carried

- (b) Superintendent Baker clarified that the student census will occur in the fall.
International Students - Fee Structure
Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2022-23 Tuition Fees for international students.

Carried

- (c) **Learning Commons Renovations at Pauline Johnson CVS**
Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the contract for learning commons renovations at Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School from Harrison Bros. Contracting Inc. in the amount of **\$638,060** plus HST.

Carried

In response to concerns about the cost of the project, Superintendent Wyszynski explained that this is partially due to market conditions and the age of the building.

Superintendent Wyszynski also explained that that the amount referenced in the School Improvement Reserve represents a beginning balance and the funds are allocated to use in schools.

- (d) **Use of Board Resources During an Election Campaign (BL35)**
Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw Use of Board Resources During and Election Campaign (BL35)

Carried

H - 1 **Other Business**

- (a) **Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – March 10, 2022**
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Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – March 10, 2022 as information.



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In response to a question from a trustee, Superintendent Wyszynski explained that the intention of changing the Workplace Violence Form is to make it more user-friendly.

(b) **Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – March 24, 2022**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – March 24, 2022 as information.

Carried

Superintendent Baker noted a minor change to C1.1 Cybersafety Resources for Schools, that it should say Grades 3-5.

H – 1 **Correspondence**

(a) Peel DSB Letter – April 8, 2022

(b) HWDSB Letter – April 12, 2022

(c) AMDSB Letter – April 14, 2022

(d) York DSB Letter - April 12, 2022

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

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

Carried

(e) **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

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

Carried

Board Chair, S. Gibson