



Committee of the Whole Board

February 8, 2016
Education Centre, Board Room

MINUTES

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

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

Regrets:

Trustees: D. Sowers, A. Martindale (Student Trustee)

Administration: Nil.

A – 1 Opening

a. Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, G. Anderson 7:15 p.m.

(e) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the agenda be approved as printed

Carried



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(f) **In Camera Report**

Nil.

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

(a) **Parent and Family Literacy Centres (From November 9, 2015)**

Superintendent De Vos contacted the Ministry of Education about the direction of a letter from Grand Erie District School Board regarding the Board's interest in increasing the number of PFLC's. Ministry Representatives advised that there is currently a 'status quo' until the new vision for child care is released. Ministry representatives suggested postponing writing a letter until more information is available about next steps for Best Start Child and Family Centres.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Parent and Family Literacy Centres Update as information.

Carried

Trustee Collver would like to be proactive, not reactive, and still believes that Grand Erie District School Board should send a letter to position ourselves as ready and capable to take on additional PFLC's.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the GEDSB write a letter to the Ministry of Education about Best Start Child and Family Centres prior to the end of February 2016.

Motion was defeated.

C – 1 **Director's Report**

The Director highlighted:

- Heather Carter provided an update about the Child and Youth Mental Health Strategy and introduced a new student-inspired campaign that focuses on the mental health and well-being of students. The messages were co-created with students and touch on themes about how students can recharge their wellness, connect with one another to develop positive relationships, what to do in a crisis, and how to reach out to help others. Student Trustee Brown supports the messages, graphics, and most importantly the input provided by students. The Be Well Campaign will be shared later in February. Director Blancher thanked Heather on the excellent work that she has done with our students.



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- Ministry of Education has released the Guide to Pupil Accommodation Reviews as a resource for parents. This document has been posted to our website, will be shared with school administration, and used during orientations at future ARCs.
- Semester 2 in Secondary Schools and Term 2 in Elementary Schools has begun
- Multi Year Plan meeting Thursday Feb. 18 5:30 – 7:00

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of February 8, 2016 as information.

Carried

D – 1 New Business – Action/Decision Items

(a) Draft Proposed School Year Calendar 2016-2017

Superintendent Baker presented the proposed modified calendars from the School Year Calendar Committee. Modified calendars need to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by March 1, 2016.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the calendars recommended by the School Year Calendar Committee in the report "School Year Calendars 2016-17".

Carried

(b) Proponent Award – Custodial Supplies and Equipment

Superintendent Gunn explained the summary of the results of this RFP; only one proponent met the minimum requirements of the RFP.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award for Supply and Delivery of Custodial Supplies and Equipment as set out in Request for Proposal **2016-29-P** to

Dominion Equipment and Chemical.

Carried

(c) North Brant Elementary Accommodation Review Committee Report

Superintendent Baker shared a summary report from the ARC Committee, and the five suggested options.

Trustee Collver thanked Superintendent Baker for his efforts.



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Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the GEDSB receive the North Brant Elementary Accommodation Review Report as information.

Carried

A second motion was recommended for the Board's consideration:

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the GEDSB place the North Brant Elementary Accommodation Review Report on the Committee of the Whole 2 meeting agenda in September, 2016.

Carried

(d) **Capital Priorities – School Consolidation Projects**

Ministry of Education released Memorandum 2015:B16 which calls on Boards to submit business cases identifying their major capital needs for School Consolidation Capital Projects and New Construction of Child Care. The question was raised about asking for funds prior to the completion of the South East Norfolk Elementary ARC. Superintendent Gunn explained that Ministry timelines necessitate the submission of a plan and pointed out that this does not bind the Board to a specific consolidation option.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the School Consolidation Capital Priorities for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Carried

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

(a) **Employee Assistance Program Annual Report (HR112)**

Superintendent Sincerbox explained the details of the report which included costs of the program and statistical data on its utilization.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Employee Assistance Program Report, 2014-2015 as information.

Carried



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(b) **Public Meeting Schedule for Special Education Annual Review**

Superintendent Thompson spoke to the public meeting schedule for SEAC's annual review.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report "Public Meeting Schedule for Special Education Annual Review" as information.

Carried

(c) **Advanced Placement Report**

Superintendent Nesbitt spoke to the Advanced Placement strategy in Grand Erie secondary schools. He explained that there are 3 delivery models and that a university credit may be received by challenging the AP exam. All teachers that deliver AP programs are AP Canada certified. Student Trustee Brown thanked the board for providing these excellent programming options.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Advanced Placement Report as information.

Carried

E – 1 **Bylaw/Policy/Procedure Consideration - Action/Decision Items**

(a) **BL5 Board and Committee of the Whole Board Meetings – Rules of Procedure**

Director Blancher explained the requested revision to the policy that will build leadership capacity. This request was raised at the Chair's meeting as a learning opportunity for Committee Vice-Chairs. It was suggested that this could be a discussion between chair and vice-chair rather than set 'at least 2 meetings' and that performing in the role at an in-camera meeting may prove less daunting. Another area of Bylaw 5 was discussed regarding in-camera items and how the Bylaw states that "designated items will be returned at the conclusion of the meeting". Discussion around privacy concerns with being able to print in camera items at home took place with no resolution at this time.

Proposed wording: "The chair will consider opportunities for a Committee Vice-Chair to chair either an In-Camera or an Open Session meeting."

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the revision to Bylaw 5 – Board and Committee of the Whole Board Meetings – Rules of Procedure, as amended.

Carried



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(b) **FT9 Transition Committees**

Superintendent Gunn explained the proposed changes to the policy which included clarifying when moving students from one school to another, and the number of School Council representatives on the Committee.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy FT9 – Transition Committees.

Carried

E – 2 **Administrative Procedure Consideration – Information Items**

(a) **F105 Playground Equipment**

Superintendent Gunn reported that this policy is going out to stakeholders for review.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure FT105 – Playground Equipment to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 29, 2016.

Carried

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

Superintendent De Vos shared that this policy is going out to stakeholders for review.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure SO121 - "Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 29, 2016.

Carried

(c) **HR111 Personal Protective Footwear**

Superintendent Gunn explained that this Policy was out for review and that comments received resulted in a few amendments. New wording for Experiential Learning Teachers will be drafted for trustee consideration prior to final approval on February 22, 2016.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure HR111 – Personal Protective Footwear as information, as amended.

Carried



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(d) **HR119 Progressive Discipline**

Superintendent Sincerbox explained this Procedure was out for comment and comments were received. Edits included grammatical and clarification corrections.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Administrative Procedure HR119 — “Progressive Discipline” as information.

Carried

F – 1 **Other Business**

(a) **OPSBA Report/ Public Education Symposium 2016 Report**

Trustee Sloat reported that the next OPSBA Board of Directors’ meeting will be held February 19-20, 2016.

Trustee Felsky provided an update from the Public Education Symposium (PES) that was held two weeks ago. Leading priorities for 2015-2016 are: the whole child and student well-being, new generation education, Trustee-Building leadership capacity, labour relations and education funding. Members learned about the role of the Ombudsman’s Office; contact Trustee Alex Felsky if you’d like more information. The theme of the presentations was intent vs. impact. The CEO of United Way Peel delivered a compelling presentation titled “The 3 P’s”. There was an interesting breakout session around legal issues. An important reminder that when performing Board business regardless of what device you are using or email address, please consider what you share over electronic means. There was also a presentation by a lawyer on the Role of Trustees related to the Education Act; the powers of a single trustee as opposed to as a member of the board. Key Dates: the next Central West Regional meeting will be hosted by GEDSB on April 9th (date to be confirmed) and it is hoped that it will include a tour of the Mohawk Institute. The hope is that as many Trustees as possible can be present; Education/Labour Relations/HR Symposium is March 31st – April 1st in Toronto; Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health is April 7th & 8th in Toronto; OPSBA General Meeting June 9th – 12th in Ottawa.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the OPSBA report and PES update as information

Carried

G – 1 **Correspondence**

Nil



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H – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Carried

Committee of the Whole Board No.2 Chair, Greg Anderson