



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, October 25, 2021

Board Room, Education Centre / MS Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

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

Administration: Director – J. Roberto, Superintendents: J. Tozer, R. Wyszynski, Superintendents via MS Teams: W. Baker, K. Graham, L. Munro, A. Smith, L. Thompson, Recording Secretary- G. Santos Gould

Regrets:

Trustees: S. Green (Student Trustee)

Administration: Nil

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

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

Nil

(c) **In Camera Session (6:30 p.m.)**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

(d) **Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement (7:15 p.m.)**

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

(e) **Memorials**

(i) J. Smyth, Ryerson Heights School

D. Dean read the memorial statement of J. Smyth.

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

Presented as printed.

E – 1 Student Trustees' Report – Nil.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

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(g) **In Camera Report**

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(h) **Presentation**

(i) **Learn Lead Inspire Award**

L. Munro called upon J. Roberto to introduce the Learn Lead Inspire Award. J. Roberto proudly commended the 3 former Student Trustees for their outstanding contributions to school communities, culture and who championed a cause to promote belonging and equity. They led a menstrual campaign that is being implemented at the Grand Erie School Board, and Province wide. The students were thanked for their efforts.

J. Roberto presented the first Learn Lead Inspire Award via MS Teams to the following recipients: Ava Burtis, Zachary Garbaty, la'teiekanereh Doxtador-Swamp.

A. Burtis thanked the 23 volunteers who helped with the groundwork and stated the project was 100% Volunteer led. She thanked the Grand Erie School Board for supporting the project and how quickly it was actioned. She was thrilled to see the project is now being implemented.

Z. Garbaty extended his thanks for being recognized for the award and was proud to be part of a great cause. He was thrilled that the project is being implemented in the schools and has come to fruition.

la'teiekanereh Doxtador-Swamp was happy the project is being implemented and thanked the Volunteers as well as, A. Burtis for organizing the committee and campaigning for student advocacy. She is proud to be part of the project.

B. Doyle stated a proud moment for all and further stated, student voice matters, and this is living proof.

C. VanEvery-Albert noted she was happy to see leadership in action.

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – September 27, 2021**

Presented as printed. Suggested revisions were recommended and will be noted/revise as requested.

C.A. Sloat asked for clarification on amendment to minutes and whether revisions/corrections should be noted and how it should be handled. In response, S. Gibson, R. Collver and C. VanEvery-Albert provided different insights on how it was handled and views to what is being practiced at their respective work and from their perspective.

C.A. Sloat further stated there were amendments tabled, those changes were not captured and noted an example, Procedure or Policy on Page 9. J. Roberto responded accountability has been assigned to HR106 and called on J. Tozer to provide more information. J. Tozer noted that Human Resources accountability for reporting to the Ministry was updated in the procedure.



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Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. Vanavery-Albert

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held September 27, 2021 be approved, as amended.

Carried

(b) **Committee of the Whole Board – October 4, 2021**

Presented as printed.

C.A. Sloat stated to amend a Motion regarding the Director's Report and noted that there are two sections being reported namely: Director's Highlights and Leading and Learning in a Pandemic. It was noted, there is no need to do that at this time.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held October 4, 2021 be approved.

Carried

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

Nil

D - 1 **Director's Report**

(a) **Director's highlights:**

J. Roberto thanked the Walter Gretzky Griffins, Mr. Grewal, Principal Marry and Vice Principal Rypma for hosting the launch of 'Great Too' in honour of Coach Wally.

J. Roberto announced, Take Our Kids to Work Day will take place on November 3rd and due to COVID-19, all opportunities will be virtual. The virtual events planned will inspire an exciting and engaging day of career exploration. The theme for Take Our Kids to Work 2021 is You Belong Here. J. Roberto extended her thanks to Superintendents Graham and Smith for arranging these virtual experiences.

J. Roberto announced the launch of menstrual equity campaign, Menstrual Equity GEDSB in alignment with the Ministry's recent announcement to enhance student access to menstrual products. J. Roberto extended thanks to Superintendent Munro for coordinating the launch!

J. Roberto thanked Superintendent Smith and Principal Lead Alison Cooke for coordinating, What to Look For~ Math Learning that took place last week. Author and researcher, Dr. Alex Lawson and Heather Wark joined primary teams and administrators in Math learning sessions focused on Understanding and Developing Student Thinking providing educator teams with learning experiences to gain better insight into student's mathematical development.

J. Roberto recognized a national movement commemorating the legacies of Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack. Secret Path Week took place annually from October 17-



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22. She extended thanks to Superintendent Graham, Principal Lead Robin Staats, and the Indigenous Team for promoting and supporting this event.

J. Roberto announced the importance of treaties and relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. The Treaties Recognition Week will be on November 1-7.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of October 25, 2021, as information.

Carried

(b) **Leading and Learning in a Pandemic**

J. Roberto reported there were no further items to report at this time and opened session for questions from the Board.

R. Collver asked for clarification regarding the province's announcement pertaining to full capacities indoor and when it will be implemented at the school board. J. Roberto is seeking clarification from local Public Health Unit and awaiting response.

C.A. Sloat asked about Cafeteria programs and reopening. R. Wyszynski responded, the reopening of school cafeterias is in process and will be phased in. Cafeteria programs will vary from school to school.

C.A. Sloat brought forward students participating in sports were treated differently by other School Boards and asked to investigate a QR code being generated for contact tracing and agreement between the city and the school board. R. Wyszynski responded he will look into it.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Leading and Learning in a Pandemic Report of October 25, 2021 as information.

E - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**

Nil

F - 1 **Committee Report**

(a) **Committee of the Whole Board – October 4, 2021**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the recommendations from the October 4, 2021, Committee of the Whole Board meeting as follows:



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1. **Delegations**
 - (i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Delegation as information.
 - (ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Delegation as information.
2. **Director's Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of October 4, 2021 as information.
3. **Boundary Review – Banbury Heights School/Branlyn Community School.**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board strike a working group as per policy FT8 Boundary Reviews for the proposed Banbury Heights School/Branlyn Community School Boundary review for stakeholder feedback and input.
4. **Safe School Report.**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Safe Schools Report as information.
5. **Voluntary Indigenous Self-Identification**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Voluntary Indigenous Self-Identification Report as information.
6. **Staff and Student Recognition - Learn, Lead, Inspire**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Staff and Student Recognition process for Learn Lead Inspire report as information.
7. **Grand Erie Workforce Census**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grand Erie Workforce Census as information.
8. **F4 Trustee Honoraria**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward, Policy F4 Trustee Honoraria to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by November 24, 2021.
9. **HR118 Occasional Teacher Evaluation**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board to forward Procedure HR118 Occasional Teacher Evaluation to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by November 24, 2021.
10. **OPSBA Report**

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



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G - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Elementary Class Size**

Presented as printed. R. Wyszynski presented the Elementary Class Size Report, an overview of the Background of the reporting requirement dating back from 2007-2008 whereby the Ministry of Education required Boards to be fully compliant with class size caps such that 90 per cent of primary classes will have 20 or fewer students and up to 10 per cent of primary classes may have up to 23 students. As well as Ontario Regulation 132/12 requiring School Boards to achieve compliance while ensuring that the average class size in grades 4 to 8 to 24.5 or less. R. Wyszynski referenced Appendix A Grand Erie's 2021-22 statistics from the data provided to the Ministry, that full compliance has been achieved.

C.A. Sloat asked if additional staffing is required to meet this requirement. R. Wyszynski responded no.

R. Collver asked for clarification on funding and if everything is within budget. R. Wyszynski responded, yes everything is within budget.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Elementary Class Size report as information.

Carried

H - 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – September 16, 2021**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – September 16, 2021 as information.

Carried

(b) **Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) – September 21, 2021**

Presented as printed.

R. Collver noted the report prepared by PwC is a good report and recommended for all Trustees to read the report and look into a privacy officer at budget time.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) – September 21, 2021 as information.

Carried

I - 1 **Correspondence**

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C.A. Sloat asked for clarification on the 2021-22 school year 'quadmester' system in Ontario and noted there is a big push for the province to return to a regular semester and when that would be. J. Roberto responded that this endeavor would require a tight turn around and at this time will keep to the status quo and will keep everyone posted.

G. Anderson extended thanks and acknowledgement to all Principals for handling this challenging task well.

J - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, G. Anderson