



Committee of the Whole Board

August 24, 2015
Education Centre, Board Room
7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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

Regrets:

Trustees: K. Sandy, M. Brown (Student Trustee)

Administration: Nil.

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

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

He welcomed new Superintendents Linda De Vos and Liana Thompson.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

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

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, B. Doyle, at 7:18 p.m.



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

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Permitted Use Agreement for the Pauline Johnson Collegiate-Kiwanis Field between the Board, the Kiwanis Club of Brantford and the Corporation of the City of Brantford.

Carried

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve that 5.2 Acres at the rear of the Education Centre Property be declared surplus to the Board's future accommodation needs in accordance with S. 194(3)(a) of the Education Act.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve that 5.2 Acres at the rear of the Education Centre Property be offered to preferred agencies at fair market value in compliance with Ontario Regulation 444/98.

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT Item D-1-a be approved

Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Board approve the Director's Operational Goals for 2015-2016.

Carried



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

Nil.

C – 1 Director's Report

B. Doyle welcomed B. Blancher in her new role as the Director of Education.

The Director highlighted:

- Director's Meeting with Administrators: Administrators are meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 for the first 2015-16 School Year Director's Meeting. This year's meeting will be held at Cobblestone Elementary School.
- CAMP SAIL: Summer Adventures in Learning programs are almost over with 6 of the programs set to finish this Thursday – Brant, Brantford and Norfolk, while our Haldimand program ends next Tuesday.
- Secondary School Registration Activities: Kick off events begin next week as schools welcome the new group of Grade 9 students and welcome back the students in Grades 10 – 12 and of course the returning grads
- Focus on Youth Funding: FOY is an initiative that is part of a broader Youth Opportunities Fund. Several large school boards in Ontario have received FOY funding over the past few years and recently Brantford was identified as a community that could benefit from this initiative. The funding can be used to support youth opportunities.

A welcome was extended to new Superintendents Linda De Vos and Liana Thompson and Student Trustee Alex Martindale.

B. Blancher explained that Camp SAIL runs two classes at each site with the exception of King George School which is twinned with Woodman-Cainsville, and runs three classes. There are 238 students in total and 15 classes.

A. Felsky shared positive feedback from a parent of a child who attended the camp and was appreciative of opportunity and couldn't believe the difference in their child through this experience.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of August 24, 2015 as information.

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D – 1 New Business – Action/Decision Items

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

B. Blancher referred to the 2015-2016 schedule of meeting dates approved by the Board on May 25, 2015. Due to the Federal Election called for October 19, 2015, it is being requested that the Committee of the Whole No. 2 meeting scheduled for October 19, 2015 be cancelled and reports from that meeting will either be presented October 5, 2015 or November 9, 2015.

According to bylaw 5 section 14, 2/3 majority is needed to reopen the schedule passed on May 25, 2015.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve reintroducing the 2015-16 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule in accordance with bylaw 5 section 14.

Carried

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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

Carried

(b) Approval of Next Year's CW1, CW2, and Board Schedules of Agenda Items

(i) Committee of the Whole No. 1

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the proposed schedule for the 2015-2016 Committee of the Whole No. 1 Meetings.

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(ii) Committee of the Whole No. 2

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the proposed schedule for the 2015-2016 Committee of the Whole Board No. 2. Meetings, as amended.

Carried

C.A. Sloat suggested that another Data Report – “Tell Them from Me” be added in May 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year data.

(iii) Regular Board

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the proposed schedule for the 2015-2016 Regular Board Meetings.

Carried

(c) Approval of IPRC Composition

L. Thompson presented the report which is consistent with Bylaw 8 and Regulation 181/98.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Identification, Placement and Review Committee structure and jurisdiction as set out in the IPRC Terms of Reference included in Bylaw 8.

Carried

D – 2 New Business – Information Items

(a) Annual Operating Plans – School Year 2015/16

(i) Environment – Safe and Inclusive Schools

W. Baker highlighted Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Equity and Inclusiveness Education, and Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee.



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(ii) **Environment – Quality Accommodations**

J. Gunn reviewed Disaster Recovery Planning and Multi-Year Capital Plan.

(iii) **Engagement – Communications and Community**

B. Blancher reviewed School Messenger Implementation, Refresh Visual Graphics Associated with the Multi-Year Plan, Recognition Plan, Public Health Protocol and Partnerships.

R. Collver requested that the name of the Student Recognition Award, once determined come back to the Board.

(iv) **Engagement – Parental Engagement**

B. Blancher reviewed GEPIC Supporting School Councils, Tell Them from Me, and School Improvement Plans and Beyond the Bake Sale.

R. Collver spoke to the book “Beyond the Bake Sale” and suggested that this plan include that the book also has tips and ideas for principals and staff in addition to school councils to build strong collaborative relationships necessary to create a culture of learning and achievement and may be helpful in developing School Improvement Plans.

(v) **Engagement – Staff Engagement**

S. Sincerbox reviewed four key action areas: Staff Leadership, Employee Relations, Success Planning and Staff Well Being.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Annual Operating Plans of Senior Administration for the school year 2015/16 as information.

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E – 1 **Other Business**

Nil.



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F – 1 Correspondence

- (a) Campaign Life Coalition
- (b) Ministry of Education
- (c) Dave Levac, MPP

G – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Carried

Committee of the Whole Board No. 2 Chair, Brian Doyle