



MINUTES

Present: D. Dean, Board Chair, G. Anderson, R. Collver, B. Doyle, A. Felsky, J. Harris, J. Richardson, K. Sandy, 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: M. Brown (Student Trustee)

Administration: Nil

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Dean at 6:00 p.m. for the purposes of conducting the In Camera Session.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

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

(e) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval



Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT the Agenda be approved as printed.
Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: D. Sowers
THAT the Director's Performance Appraisal has been completed for the 2015-2016 school year.
Carried

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: D. Sowers
THAT the Board ratify the Collective Agreement Settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Professional Student Services Personnel Bargaining Unit, for the period September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017.
Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: J. Richardson
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Shared Use and Maintenance Agreement between the Board and the National Cycling Centre Hamilton for the Cycling Centre at Pauline Johnson Collegiate.
Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: A. Felsky
THAT Item D-1-e be approved.
Carried

(g) **Memorial – Dimitra Halyk, Banbury Heights School**

The memorial statement was read by A. Felsky. The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration took a moment of silence to honour Dimitra.



(h) **Presentations**

Nil.

(i) **Delegations**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board hear the delegations received at the Regular Board Meeting as per BL11 – Delegations.

Carried

It was requested that Alan Duthie and George Araujo provide a complete copy of their presentation.

Delegations regarding the Young Canada Day Report were submitted and read at the meeting by:

1. Molly McDowell
2. Alan Duthie
3. Don Werden
4. George Araujo

Delegations regarding the Young Canada Day Report were submitted by:

1. Grand Erie District School Board Students: Michaela Papanastasiou, Haidee Scheers, and Lily Johnson
2. Melanie Douglas

Delegation regarding the Young Canada Day Report was read by:

1. David Oliver

Trustees were appreciative of the delegations, phone calls and emails from the community that expressed concerns regarding Young Canada Day. The Young Canada Day Committee was also acknowledged for their continuous hard work.

D. Dean acknowledged the process issue and outcome issue regarding this topic. He explained that the report was delayed in being presented to the board due to information being sought from OSBIE – Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange. He proposed the option of bringing the report back in August to provide more time for input.



B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) Regular Board Meeting – May 30, 2016

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held May 30, 2016 be approved.

Carried

(b) Committee of the Whole No. 1 Board Meeting – June 6, 2016

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – June 6, 2016 be approved.

Carried

(c) Committee of the Whole No. 2 Board Meeting – June 13, 2016

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – June 13, 2016 be approved.

Carried

(d) Special Board Meeting - June 13 2016

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting – June 13, 2016 be approved.

Carried

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

Nil.

D – 1 Director's Report



Presentation – Ganohkwasra

Julia Jamieson, teacher, and Joe Martin, Classroom Child and Youth Worker, presented to the Board about the services and programs they offer. They support youth who are disengaged from their learning environment, experience difficulties at home, and who require additional help managing anxiety in social setting. Teachers provide learning opportunities from a First Nations perspective by integrating the Ontario curriculum and the traditional teachings of the Haudenosaunee people.

D. Sowers left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Presentation – MINDS (Mentors Influencing New Directions) Project

Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook presented the MINDS Project to the Board. She provided highlights of how the project trains senior students at McKinnon Park Secondary School (MPSS) and Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School (PJ) to act as mentors for younger students transitioning to secondary school. At MPSS, senior students mentor the Grade 9 students; at PJ, senior students work with their feeder school students at Major Ballachey, Woodman-Cainsville and Bellview and mentor students entering Grade 9.

The Director highlighted:

- Brant County Health Unit has recognized 12 of our elementary schools for participating in the final year of the Healthy Bites, Healthy Steps program and congratulated students, staff, parents and school council for helping to improve their school nutrition and healthy living environment. See Correspondence I-1-a for a list of schools of recognition
- National Aboriginal Solidarity Day is held on the summer solstice (June 21, 2016) to celebrate the unique heritage, culture and achievements of Aboriginal people. On this day, there are celebrations across Canada that showcase First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and culture
- Kiwanis Field Grand Opening will be held on June 25, 2016. Celebrations include music, games, giveaways, Hamilton Tiger-cats, free BBQ, lunch, photos with the Grey Cup
- The CAGE (Council of Athletics for Grand Erie) event will be a track day held at Lions Park on June 21, 2016
- The school closing ceremony for Ecolè Fairview and Sky Acres will be held on June 23, 2016
- The Brant Area Special Education commencement ceremony will take place at Tollgate Technological Skills Centre on June 24, 2016

Presentation to Student Trustees

Trustees Brian Doyle and Alex Felsky acknowledged the Student Trustees, Madelaine Brown and Alexandria Martindale, and sent their best wishes. B. Doyle and A. Felsky shared their thoughts on how the Student Trustees made a difference for students across Grand Erie.



Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of June 20, 2016 as information.

Carried

E – 1 Student Trustee's Report

A. Martindale thanked trustees and senior administration for their support this year and was appreciative for the learning experience as a student trustee.

(Agenda item G-1-d Young Canada Day was discussed at this time)

F – 1 Committee Reports

(a) Committee of the Whole No. 1 Board – June 6, 2016

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Board dated June 20, 2016 as follows:

1. Revised 2015-2016 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule

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

2. Director's Report

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

3. BL1 Board Composition

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

4. BL6 Board and Committee of the Whole Minutes

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 1 – "Board and Committee of the Whole Minutes", as amended.

5. BL15 Trustee Expenses

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



6. **P2 Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statements**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy P2 – “Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statements” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by November 4, 2016.
7. **FT111 School Initiated Facility Upgrades**
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.
8. **HR122 Cellular Telephones**
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.
9. **FT105 Playground Equipment**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure FT105 – “Playground Equipment” as information.
10. **SO121 Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure SO121 – “Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area” as information, as amended.
11. **Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee – Disband**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board disband the Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee.
12. **Special Education Advisory Committee Membership (This motion was not included previously in the original minutes). It was brought to the September 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and was approved.**
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.
13. **Correspondence**
That the Grand Erie District School Board receive the correspondence as information.

(b) **Committee of the Whole No. 2 Board – June 13, 2016**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Board dated June 20, 2016 as follows:



1. **Compensatory Education – Outcomes Monitoring for 2015/16 and Strategy for 2016/17**
 - i. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Compensatory Education Outcomes Monitoring Report 2015/16 as information.
 - ii. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Draft High Performing Schools Strategy for 2016-2017 as information.
2. **Report of the Elementary French Immersion Consultation Committee**
 - i. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Report of the Elementary French Immersion Consultation Committee as information with recommendations on French Immersion accommodation in the fall of 2016.
 - ii. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board disband the Elementary French Immersion Consultation Committee
3. **Director's Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of June 13, 2016 as information.
4. **Annual Review of the Special Education Plan**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Annual Review of the Special Education Plan, and the submission of the Special Education Report Components Checklist to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Education.
5. **2016-2017 Operating Budget**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2016-17 Operating budget of \$301,848,963.
6. **Strategic Communications Plan**
 - i. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve to disband the Communications and Engagement Committee in Bylaw No.8 Committees of the Board as a Standing Committee of the Board.
 - ii. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board establish an Ad Hoc Committee to create a Strategic Communications Plan.
7. **Updated Police Protocol**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Updated Police Protocol.
8. **Naming of Field at North Park Collegiate**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the naming of new artificial turf field and track located at North Park Collegiate as "North Park Field".
9. **Contract Award – 2016-193-T-LED Lighting Replacements at Various Locations**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award of the contract for LED Lighting Replacements to ProQuip International in the amount of \$880,563.80 plus HST.



10. **Category III Trips (SO105)**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Category III Trips as information.
11. **Implications of 2016-17 Friday the 13th Events on the Port Dover area students**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve **Option Two:**
Transportation Runs in Port Dover/Lakewood Elementary School Remains Open on Friday January 13, 2017.
12. **Update Report – Haldimand Secondary School Accommodation Review Recommendations**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Haldimand Secondary Accommodation Review Update as information.
13. **OPSBA Report**
That the Grand Erie District School Board receive the OPSBA Report as information.
14. **South East Norfolk ARC Update**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the south East Norfolk ARC Update as information.
15. **Correspondence**
 - i. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board prepare correspondence to support other district school boards to support this issue. (Rainy River Letter)
 - ii. THAT the Grand Erie District School Board prepare correspondence to welcome the new Minister of Education and invite her to visit Grand Erie District School Board.

G. Anderson requested that Recommendation No. 8 be separated from the main report.

C. A. Sloat requested that Recommendation No. 6 be separated from the main report.

A vote was taken on Recommendations No. 1-5, 7 and 9-15.

Carried

A vote was taken on Recommendation No. 6

Carried

G. Anderson requested D. Dean to provide an update on the naming of field at North Park Collegiate. D. Dean explained that through recent conversations with the Bison's Alumni Group, he recommended that recommendation No. 8 not be approved until more information has been compiled.

A vote was taken on Recommendation No. 8.

Defeated



Moved by: C. A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board direct Senior Administration to have conversations with Bison's Alumni and the City of Brantford regarding the naming of the field at North Park Collegiate.

Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Regular Board Meeting continue past 10:00 p.m. to deal with remaining items on the agenda.

Carried

G – 1 New Business

(a) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report (Bylaw 8)

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Annual Report as information.

Carried

(b) Quarterly Budget Report (F2)

J. Gunn referred to Summary of Financial Results, Summary of Enrolment and Summary of Staffing for the six months that ended May 31, 2016.

He highlighted from the report:

- Interim Financial Report – Revenue Summary for the nine months ended May 31, 2016
- Interim Financial Report – Expenditure Summary for the nine months ended May 31, 2016

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the nine months ended May 31, 2016 as information.

Carried



(c) **Capital Project Funding Submission**

J. Gunn highlighted from the report the background and Priority Recommendations that include:

- o 2.1 – Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review – School Consolidation Proposal
- o 2.2 A request for Child Care Retrofit funding to support the conversion of classroom space in Hagersville Secondary School for the operation of a new childcare facility

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Capital Project Funding Requests for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Carried

(d) **Young Canada Day** (This was discussed after Agenda item E – 1 Student Trustee Report)

W. Baker reviewed the background in the report and referred to Policy SO3 Involvement of Schools in Community Events, that states, principals may, in consultation with the appropriate Superintendent and with the support of the School Council and the staff, designate a maximum of one instructional day per school year for the purpose of the school participating in such a community event.

SO3 clearly indicates that notification must include the purpose, the nature of the educational activities involved, links to the curriculum and the strategies to ensure appropriate supervision of students for the day.

The five possible options presented carry a certain degree of risk to the students and Board. Senior Administration recommended Option 2 as it presents the least amount of risk.

W. Baker discussed Option #5 and provided a brief summary of meetings that were held with principals, Norfolk Fair Board, and union representatives.

He addressed two questions that senior administration discussed on June 15th that concluded that Option 2 and 4 are the best options:

- How do we know who is at the fair to be supervised?
- How do we know who is at the fair and has left the fair?

B. Doyle inquired who is responsible for the children if schools are closed.



W. Baker explained that the board would be liable if we are supporting an event when the schools are closed and are responsible for providing supervision.

A. Felsky requested clarification on option 2 with respect to parent's chaperoning.

W. Baker explained that to meet standards of supervision, a classroom roster would be required from each teacher. He explained that due to labour action last fall, teachers were unable to participate to provide supervision and therefore elementary students stayed at the school. As a long standing tradition, parents may volunteer to chaperone trips and some others would attend with their children.

G. Anderson referred back to amalgamation and did not recall this coming to the board for discussion. He acknowledged the importance of the fair to the community and also acknowledged the boards' responsibility and concern for supervision as well.

C.A. Sloat noted that this has been an ongoing concern but has never been brought to the table and voiced concerns about supervision.

J. Harris inquired why community partners were not contacted once the risk was identified and that they should have an opportunity to respond to the concerns presented before a decision is made. W. Baker explained how the timelines were very short after information was received from OSBIE and discussed that the challenge would still remain on how would the Norfolk Fair Board help to identify the students' presence at the fair?

A. Martindale explained how McKinnon Park provides a similar opportunity for their students to attend the Caledonia Fair. Classes are shortened and students attend the fair via buses and with parental consent. The high school events are held in the evening which eliminates supervision required by the school.

B. Blancher stated that recent information from OSBIE explained that the fair is considered an uncontrolled environment and that we are responsible for supervision as appropriate to the aged and stage of students on that on that school day.

If Young Canada Day was to be held on a regular school day, parents would be notified of the inherent risks involved in the activities and required to provide parental consent for their children to attend. The schools would also have a list of all students who are at the fair.



According to Policy SO15 - **Out of Classroom Field Trips and Excursions**, involvement in Young Canada Day meets the criteria of an excursion. The goal of senior administration is to ensure safety of all students.

J. Richardson inquired about the level of risk that the Norfolk Fair Board is responsible for. B. Blancher explained that during an instructional day, the liability rests with the board as the board is responsible for the students.

T. Waldschmidt referred to Option 5 and inquired if the schools are closed, are teachers expected to supervise their students? W. Baker confirmed that is the expectation of teachers.

R. Collver spoke about the history of the fair and importance to the schools. She was confident that many partners are looking out for the children on Young Canada Day, and hopes that we continue to work and dialogue with community partners around supervision.

A. Felsky left the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the GEDSB approve Option #5 – **Status Quo with Enhanced Supervision**

All Norfolk schools are closed; transportation to Norfolk schools is cancelled. Students are allowed to attend the Fair. Elementary and Secondary educational staff are expected to attend the Fair to provide supervision.

Carried

A recorded vote was taken with results as follows:

Yeas:

G. Anderson

R. Collver

B. Doyle

J. Harris

K. Sandy

J. Richardson

T. Waldschmidt

Nays:

D. Dean

C.A. Sloat

Carried



It was noted that A. Felsky and D. Sowers were not in attendance to vote.

K. Sandy left the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

(e) **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Letter of Support for Grandfathering Students Currently on IBI Wait Lists**

L. Thompson provided background, additional information and communication regarding the Special Education Advisory Committee's (SEAC) letter to Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister of Child and Youth Services.

R. Collver noted that SEAC would also appreciate the support of the Board endorsing the letter.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve SEAC's letter of support to the Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister of Child and Youth Services, regarding the sentiments outlined in the DSBN letter requesting grandfathering the children currently on the wait list for Intensive Behavioural Therapy Intervention.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board write a letter to the Honourable Minister Coteau endorsing the SEAC letter dated June 14, 2016.

Carried

H – 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Summary of Accounts – May 2016**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of May 2016 in the amount of \$7,972,489.89 as information.

Carried



(b) **Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – May 19, 2016**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – May 19, 2016” as information.

Carried

(c) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – May 5, 2016**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – May 5, 2016” as information.

Carried

(d) **Native Advisory Committee Minutes – April 12, 2016**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Native Advisory Committee Minutes – April 12, 2016” as information.

Carried

(e) **Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes – May 31, 2016**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes – May 31, 2016” as information.

Carried



I – 1 Correspondence

(a) Brant County Health Unit

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

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

Carried

J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, David Dean

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