



Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

Thursday, October 26, 2023

6:30 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

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Present: Committee Chair S. Darling, Director J. Roberto, Board Chair S. Gibson, Trustee J. Bradford, Trustee N. Waldschmidt, D. Dean, Superintendent K. Graham, G. Stead, Superintendent R. Vankerbroeck, Superintendent J. White, B. DeMille, E. Huxley, C. Maunder, L. McCormick, J. Oliver, A. Parkin, D. Prince, M. Rahman, B. Reifenstein, J. Smith, S. Strohm, H. Thompson

Recorder: E. Roberts

A - 1 **Opening**

Roll Call / Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement

Superintendent White opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and confirmed that Roll Call had been completed. Superintendent Vankerbroeck read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B - 1 **GEPIC Slate of Members**

(a) **Election of Chair**

Superintendent White called for nominations for the GEPIC Chair for the 2023-24 school year.

S. Darling and N. Rahman self-nominated for the position of Chair.

Superintendent Vankerbroeck confirmed the number of voting members present at 13 and conducted the collection of votes announcing the successful nominee as S. Darling.

Superintendent White congratulated S. Darling on her continuing role as GEPIC Chair for the 2023-24 school year.

(b) **Terms of Reference**

Superintendent White outlined the components of the GEPIC Terms of Reference, explaining that they must align with the Education Act (O. Reg. 612/00).

Moved by: J. Smith

Seconded by: J. Oliver

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee minutes be approved.

Carried

C - 1 **Minutes**

(a) **Approval of the Minutes – May 25, 2023**



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The Committee supported the approval of the May 25, 2023 Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee minutes.

(b) **Business Arising from the Minutes** – Nil

D - 1 **Financial Report**

(a) **GEPIC Budget**

Superintendent White reported that schools have each been allocated \$500 for Parent Involvement, \$200 for School Council for the 2023-24 school year, and that a further \$27,000 is available for larger engagement events.

E - 1 **School Highlights**

Administrators D. Dean (Elementary) and G. Stead (Secondary) shared highlights of school engagement events and activities that occurred in 2022-2023. Grand Erie's strategic priority of learning and Math PD, and incorporating learning goals and success criteria, will be a main focus for schools in 2023-24.

School Council Chairs shared highlights of school activities held and being organized thus far in 2023 24. A welcome event for new boundary change families to Branlyn Public School, meet the teacher nights, and successful fundraising events at various schools were shared. Reduced congestion at Woodman Cainsville Public School resulting from the boundary change was also shared.

F - 1 **System Updates**

Superintendent White shared information about:

- The You Belong Here Campaign at all schools promoting belonging for all students
- 2023-24 initiatives and the Annual Learning and Operating Plan
- Days of Significance recognition in schools and on the board website

G - 1 **Updates from the Board**

Trustees J. Bradford and L. Passmore expressed the importance of parent/caregiver voices and engagement. School Council chairs are invited to submit questions and comments to GEPIC Chair S. Darling.

H - 1 **New Business - Information**

(a) Superintendent Vankerrebroeck provided an overview of the Grand Erie Math Achievement Action Plan (GE MAAP), its key priorities, professional development and coaching supports for schools and classrooms.



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- (b) Superintendent White explained that Communication Boards are being provided to all schools for students with limited language abilities to assist with communication.

I - 1 **Planning for Future Meetings**

- (a) Suggestions for topics and speakers to present to GEPIC members and families during 2023-24 were requested and may be provided to Chair S. Darling.
- (b) A School Council Orientation workshop will be held virtually on the evening of November 23, 2023. Details will be shared with School Councils in advance of this date.
- (c) A GEPIC year-end event will be planned for May 2023. Ideas for planning will be discussed at future meetings.

J - 1 **Future Meetings**

GEPIC

- January 25, 2024
- March, 28, 2024
- May 23, 2024

School Council Orientation

- November 23, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.