



Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2022

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Committee Chair: T. Waldschmidt, B. Doyle, C. VanEvery-Albert, G. Anderson, R. Collver, E. Dixon, S Gibson, J. Richardson, C.A. Sloat, D. Werden
Student Trustee: C. Kitchen

Administration: Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: W. Baker, K. Graham, L. Munro, A. Smith, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Wyszynski, Recording Secretary: C. Dero

Guests: P. Kuckyt, B. Stone, M. Swyers

Regrets: Trustee D. Dean, Student Trustees S. Green and R. Mitchell

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Committee of the Whole Board Chair, T. Waldschmidt at 6:34 p.m.

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

Nil

(c) **In Camera Session**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel, legal and property matters at 6:36 p.m.

Carried

(d) **Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement**

The Public meeting was called to order by Committee of the Whole Board Chair, T. Waldschmidt at 7:16 p.m. T. Waldschmidt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

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

Director Roberto noted that she received a letter from Dr. Comley, Medical Officer for Brant County, this afternoon. This will be addressed in Leading and Learning in the Pandemic.

Director Roberto added that Honouring Indigenous History, Cultures, and Traditions (P2) was scheduled to be presented this evening but will come to the Committee of the Whole meeting in April, after further review with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

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(f) **In Camera Report**

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(g) **Educator Showcase**

Superintendent Smith introduced M. Swyers and B. Stone, who spoke to some of the work that has been undertaken this year as part of Grand Erie's math strategy. Additional Qualification courses have been offered in collaboration with Lakehead University. Over 100 GEDSB educators are taking part in this learning. The strategies that focus on assessment, gathering data, unpacking the curriculum, and addressing individual student need.

(h) **Delegation**

(i) **J. Cousineau – Kindergarten Masking**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive J. Cousineau's delegation as information.

Carried

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

(a) **Banbury/Branlyn Boundary Recommendation**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board suspend Section 10 of Policy FT8 Boundary Reviews, which states:

10. Following final board approval, all school boundary changes will be effective at the start of the next school year, provided the final decision of the Board is made on or before the January board meeting. Should the Board approval be made later than January in any year, the boundary change will not take effect until after the completion of the next school year to permit time for communication to the affected school communities prior to the submission of secondary course selection sheets and Kindergarten registration.

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the amended school boundaries for Banbury Heights Public School and Branlyn Community School effective September 1, 2022.

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(b) **Kindergarten Masking Discussion**

Discussions took to include the following:

- If there was a need to rescind the motion that was made in January 2021 about kindergarten masking.
- How the community may perceive a motion rescinded at a Committee of the Whole versus the Board Meeting.
- If there was value in waiting for further direction from the Ministry of Education.
- The importance of safety for staff, students, and the community.
- The importance of continuing to align with the coterminous board and transportation.
- Ministry of Education's update regarding guidance on masking for students in grades 1-12, as kindergarten is recommended.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Grand Erie District School Board that the motion passed in January of 2021, *THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve that mandatory face coverings or masks for students in kindergarten, with exceptions where applicable, apply to all kindergarten students following the return to school and the duration of the pandemic*, be rescinded and a decision be made at the Grand Erie Board meeting on March 28, 2022.

D. Anderson – yes

R. Collver – yes

E. Dixon – no

B. Doyle – no

S. Gibson – no

J. Richardson – yes

C.A. Sloat – yes

C. VanEvery-Albert – no

T. Waldschmidt – no

D. Werden – yes

Failed on a tied vote

Recorded non-binding vote – C. Kitchen - no

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive SO17 – Guidelines for Student Accommodation, up to and Including Exemption, from Non-Medical and Cloth Masks report as information.

Carried

C - 1 **Director's Report**

(a) **Director's Highlights**

J. Roberto shared information about the following:

- International Women's Day
- Reflecting on Black History Month
- Grand Erie's Special Education Advisory Committee will welcome author Michael Jacques to the March 10, 2022 meeting.
- Supporting humanitarian relief in Ukraine



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Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of March 7, 2022 as information.

Carried

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

Director Roberto shared highlights from Dr. Comley's letter, which will be included in the minutes.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Leading and Learning in a Pandemic report of March 7, 2022 as information.

Carried

D - 1 **New Business – Action/Decision Items**

(a) **Trustee Determination and Distribution Report**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board designate no municipal area as a low population area for the regular election of 2022.

Carried

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the number of Trustees to be elected in the regular election of 2022 for each municipality set as:

- (i) City of Brantford – 4 Trustees, elected at large;
- (ii) Brant County and Norfolk County Wards 3 & 7 – 2 Trustees, elected at large;
- (iii) Norfolk County less Ward 3 & 7 – 2 Trustees, elected at large; and
- (iv) Haldimand County – 2 Trustees elected at large.

Carried

(b) **Pride of Place and Community Partnership Incentive Plan**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Pride of Place and Community Partnership Incentive Plan Report for 2021-22.

Carried



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(c) **Board Approved Transportation Review**

Presented as printed by Manager of Transportation, P. Kuckyt.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the transportation route exceptions listed in the Board Approved Transportation Review report for the 2022-23 School Year
Carried

Superintendent Wyszynski confirmed that bussing would continue for Haldimand and Norfolk for Section 23 students attending the Woodview program.

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

(a) **Transportation Consortium Annual Report**

Presented as printed by Manager of Transportation, P. Kuckyt.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Transportation Consortium Annual Report for 2021-22 School Year as information.

Carried

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

(a) **Advocacy (F5)**

Presented as printed. Superintendent Wyszynski will ensure that the of the policy is forwarded for comment.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy Advocacy (F5) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 28, 2022.

Carried

(b) **Consideration of Non-Unionized Employee Concerns (HR2)**

Presented as printed. Discussions took place around the process for non-unionized staff to bring concerns forward.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind HR2 Consideration of Non-Unionized Employee Concerns.

G. Anderson – yes

R. Collver – yes

E. Dixon – yes

B. Doyle – yes

S. Gibson – yes

J. Richardson – no

C.A. Sloat – no

C. VanEvery-Albert – yes

T. Waldschmidt – yes

D. Werden – yes

Carried



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(c) **Purchasing Card Program (F102)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure Purchasing Card Program (F102) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 28, 2022.

Carried

(d) **Travel and Expense Claims (F103)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure Travel and Expense Claims (F103) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 28, 2022.

Carried

(e) **Disposal of Surplus Furnishings and Equipment (FT102)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure Disposal of Surplus Furnishings and Equipment (FT102) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by April 28, 2022.

Carried

(f) **Reporting of Wrongdoing (F7)**

Presented as printed.

Discussions took place around the recommendation that trustees update the Code of Conduct to reflect wrongdoing, so that it is in one location and it aligns with the procedure.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy Reporting of Wrongdoing (F7).

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F - 1 **Other Business**

(a) **OPSBA Report**

C. VanEvery-Albert provided a verbal report with the following information:

- OPSBA will be providing a School Board Municipal Election Check List.
- OPSBA Labour Relations Symposium will be on April 28, 2022
- OPSBA Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 29 – 30, 2022.
- OPSBA Annual General meeting will be held on June 9 – 11, 2022.
- A summary of the OPSBA meeting that was held on April 25 – 26, 2022.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: S. Gibson

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

Carried

G - 1 **Correspondence**

- (a) Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB Letter – February 18, 2022
- (b) Waterloo Region DSB Letter – February 2, 2022
- (c) Waterloo Region DSB Letter – February 2, 2022
- (d) Durham DSB Letter – February 25, 2022
- (e) The Children's Safety Village of Brant Letter- February 14, 2022

The Children's Safety Village will be included in the April 19, 2022 budget meeting discussion.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

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

Carried

H - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Carried

Committee of the Whole Board Chair, T. Waldschmidt