



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2025

7:15 p.m.

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

Present: Chair: S. Gibson, Vice-Chair: T. Waldschmidt, Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver, B. Doyle, L. Passmore, E. Thomas, C.A. Sloat, C. VanEvery-Albert, L. Whiton, Student Trustees: P. Singh, R. Staats, H. Thompson

Administration: Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: D. Atanas, K. Graham, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerrebroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Associate Director: L. Munro Senior Manager R. Strang, Senior Executive Assistant C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

Regrets: Trustees: T. Sault

A - 1 Opening (6:39 p.m.)

(a) Roll Call

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest - Nil

(c) In-Camera Session (6:31 p.m.)

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board move In-Camera.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(e) Call to Order

Chair Gibson called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

(f) Additions/Deletions/Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) Memorial - Nil

(h) In-Camera Report

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT Item D-1-a be approved.

Recorded Vote:

T. Waldschmidt – yes

R. Collver – yes

C. VanEvery-Albert – yes

G. Anderson – yes

L. Whiton – no

E. Thomas – yes

L. Passmore – yes

J. Bradford – yes



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B. Doyle – yes

Chair Gibson – yes

C.A. Sloat – no

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT Item D-1-b be approved.

Recorded Vote:

T. Waldschmidt – yes

R. Colver – yes

C. VanEvery-Albert – yes

G. Anderson – yes

L. Whiton – yes

E. Thomas – yes

L. Passmore – yes

J. Bradford – yes

B. Doyle – yes

Chair Gibson – yes

C.A. Sloat – no

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT Item D-1-c be approved.

Recorded Vote:

T. Waldschmidt – yes

R. Colver – yes

C. VanEvery-Albert – yes

G. Anderson – yes

L. Whiton – yes

E. Thomas – yes

L. Passmore – yes

J. Bradford – yes

B. Doyle – yes

Chair Gibson – yes

C.A. Sloat – no

Carried

(i) **Learn Lean Inspire Award**

Director Roberto presented Corey Mehlenbacher, a secondary school teacher at Simcoe Composite School with a Learn Lead Inspire Award for his commitment to academic excellence, holistic student support, and community connection. A reflective learner himself, he adapts and evolves his teaching practices to best serve his students.

(j) **Student Showcase - Ziibi Jonathan, Waterford Public School**

Superintendent Vankerrebroeck introduced Ziibi Jonathan, a student at Waterford Public School who began participating at a young age in Pow Wow dancing, performing the energetic and athletic fancy dance at cultural gatherings across North America. Ziibi shares her heritage and traditions through dance and by teaching others about Indigenous culture at school and community events.

Trustee Colver left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

(k) **Delegation – Nil**



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B - 1 Consent Agenda

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board accept the October 27, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

(a) Approve the minutes of:

(i) Regular Board meeting dated September 22, 2025

(ii) Special Board meeting dated September 30, 2025

(b) Receive the minutes of

(i) Governance Committee dated December 5, 2024

(ii) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee dated May 22, 2025

(iii) Six Nations Advisory Committee dated June 19, 2025

Carried

C - 1 Committee Recommendations and Reports

(a) Governance Committee Meeting Report dated September 25, 2025

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Board approve the amendments to General Working By-Law and the General Governance Policy.

Carried

(b) Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Report dated October 2, 2025

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

That the Board approve the appointment of the list of alternates for committee members representing local organizations.

Carried

(c) Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated October 20, 2025

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the following draft policies:

(i) Student Expulsions Policy (SO-07)

(ii) Student Suspensions Policy (SO-06)

(iii) Fees for Learning Materials and Activities Policy (SO-22)

(iv) Visual Identity Policy (SO-25)

(v) Management of Potentially Life-Threatening Health Conditions, including Administration of Medication, in Schools Policy (SO-30)

(vi) Accessibility Policy (SO-31)

(vii) Animals in Schools, including Student Use of Guide Dogs, Service Dogs and Service Animals Policy (SO-33)

(viii) School Councils Policy (SO-02)

(ix) Naming/Renaming of Schools and Facilities Policy (FA-03)

(x) Transition Committee Policy (FA-09)

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D - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings – Nil**

E - 1 **Report of the Director**

(a) **Director's Report – October 2025**

Presented as published.

F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report - Nil**

G - 1 **New Business - Action / Information Items**

(a) **Annual Learning and Operating Plans 2024-25, 2025-26**

Presented as published.

(b) **Elementary Class Size Report**

Presented as printed.

(c) **Trustee Honoraria Report**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the Trustee Honoraria for the period November 15, 2025 to November 14, 2026.

Carried

(d) **Multi-Year Strategic Plan Process**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the Multi-Year Strategic Plan Process.

Carried.

H - 1 **OPSBA Report**

Trustee VanEvery-Albert advised that the Central West meeting will be held on November 1, 2025.

I - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto