



## Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

June 2, 2021, 6:30 pm  
MS Teams Meeting (Virtual)

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### MINUTES

**Present:** S. Nichol (Chair), J. Roberto (Director of Education), W. Baker, Y. Brochu, A. Darling, L. Munro, B. Poladian, D. Sarasas, C.A Sloat, A. Smith, N. Waldschmidt, T. Waldschmidt

**Regrets:** S. Gibson

**Recorder:** Marta Burakowska

**A- 1      Opening**

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement
- (c) Tehahenteh Miller – Guest

A Ceremony was held by Tehahenteh Miller to raise awareness clear our ears, listen and lift us up in a difficult time.

**B- 1      Minutes**

- (a) Approval of Minutes
- Mover: N. Waldschmidt  
Seconder: T. Waldschmidt

**THAT** the Grand Erie District School Board approve the minutes from March 4, 2021.

**Carried.**

- (b) Business Arising from the Minutes
- Nil.

**C- 1      Financial Report**

- (a) GEPIC Budget
  - \$3000.00 left, does not include Ann Douglas Book. If a parent has not received the book by end of June please let us know.
  - Atomic Spark can create the GEPIC video OR the final total will be used for Indigenous Atlas (set of 4), which is funded by National geographic donate to schools on behalf of GEPIC. Produce the video closer to September, proceed with Indigenous Atlas's for Schools.

**D- 1      Updates from the Board Table**

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month, celebrating the history, heritage, diversity and significant contributions that First Nations, Métis & Inuit people have made in shaping Canada.

June 21 is also National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada. This day was created in collaboration with Indigenous organizations and the Government of Canada in 1996

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as a day for all Canadians to recognize the “unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Métis & Inuit peoples.”

The Grand Erie Elementary Teachers’ Federation, in partnership with the Grand Erie, will host a virtual event, Sharing our Voices: We are the Water, to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 18. The virtual event takes place from 1-2 p.m. through MS Teams. Students from Grand Erie, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, will be in attendance to celebrate and honour our relationships with the waters of the Grand River and Lake Erie. The event will feature music, dance, art, sign language and powerful messages on behalf of clean, healthy drinking water.

### Pride Month

Throughout the month of June, students and staff in Grand Erie will celebrate Pride Month to demonstrate support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and to acknowledge significant contributions to making Grand Erie schools safer and more inclusive spaces for everyone.

All Grand Erie schools have a Pride flag, and will be encouraged to display their flag prominently, not only this month, but throughout the school year. Grand Erie’s Safe and Inclusive Schools team will also provide students and staff with resources to help learn, support and participate in Pride Month.

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### Director’s Update

J. Roberto provided an update on Ministry’s Announcement regarding Remote Learning continuing until the end of the School Year.

At this time, our focus is on ensuring safe retrieval of items and return of devices.

Principals working to ensure that these pieces are in place.

Strategic Plan Renewal- focus groups taking place June 3, 2021.

Official Strategic Plan launch will be in the Fall of 2021.

### Asymptomatic Testing:

June 5<sup>th</sup> St. Johns College

June 12<sup>th</sup> North Park Collegiate

June 19<sup>th</sup> Cayuga Secondary School

June 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Trinity Catholic High School

### Working Towards Equitable Learning Pathways

A Smith presented De-Streaming plans to provide more equitable access to options. One of the areas of focus is on Culturally Responsive & Relevant Pedagogy and our shared goal is Inclusive Education. We will work with educators to build and develop culturally relevant pedagogy.

C.A Sloat inquired if the Ministry of Education released the Math Curriculum Document?

A. Smith explained that it will be ready soon. No date available at this point.

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T. Waldschmidt inquired about the approach the teacher would take to be able to grasp everyone's understanding?

A. Smith explained that the approach is to understand where each student is at as well as incorporating strategies and materials we use, text that is used, groupings, etc.

A Smith/ L Munro presented Summer Learning on the GEDSB Website which will launch shortly as well as selection of Summer Camps.

<https://granderie.ca/board/elementary-2/summer-learning>

J. Roberto mentioned the Kindergarten Digital Book that will launch shortly.

L. Munro provided an update on VLA Declaration. Senior Team to gather the data and work on what the program is going to look like. L. Munro mentioned the website section that helps guide parents on their decision.

[Declaration for Online Learning for the 2021-22 School Year](#)

W. Baker provided an update on calendar model and what Balanced Calendar is. Jurisdiction is used in the US, and 29 Boards in Ontario. This would mean that the number of instructional days will not change. 2022/23 School Year will run a Pilot at One Elementary School (in Brantford).

### F- 1 **GEPIIC Chair's Update**

No Updates provided.

### G- 1 **Planning, Discussion and Sharing**

Book Club Reminder – books available at Board Office

GEPIIC Survey to be sent tomorrow

2021/22 – Book Guest Speakers ahead of time (Dr K. Gordon- speaker)

GEPIIC Sub-Committee to help plan First GEPIIC Session

(N. Waldschmidt and S.Darling)

### H- 1 **Other Business**

Y. Brochu provided an update from North Park School Council. 20 parents approximately attend each session. North Park is planning a drive through Graduation for Grade 12.

### I- 1 **Future Meetings**

Thursdays (avoiding SEAC)

October, Nov, Feb, May

Moved by: N. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**Carried.**

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