



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2024

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

- Present:** Chair S. Gibson, Vice-Chair B. Doyle Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver, E. Thomas, T. Sault, C. VanEvery-Albert, T. Waldschmidt, E. Whiton; Student Trustees: M. Baker K. Gayowsky, A. Skye
- Administration:** Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: P. Ashe, K. Graham, L. Munro, D. Smouter, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerrebroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken
- Regrets:** Trustee L. Passmore
- Guests:** Planning Supervisor: N. Hercanuck, Planning Consultant: L. Morgulis
- A - 1 **Opening (6:30 pm)**
- (a) **Roll Call**
Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.
- (b) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** - Nil
- (c) **In-Camera Session (6:30 pm)**
Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: G. Anderson
THAT the Board move In-Camera.
Carried
- (d) **Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement**
Chair Gibson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
- (e) **Call to Order**
Chair Gibson called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.
- (f) **Additions/Deletions/Approval of the Agenda**
Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT the agenda be approved.
Carried
- (g) **Memorials**
(i) **Carie Ferrell**
The memorial of Carie Ferrell was read by Trustee Bradford.
- (h) **In-Camera Report**
Moved by: J. Bradford
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT Item B-1-c be approved.
Carried



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Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board agree that staff engage Grand River Conservation Authority in discussions to continue outdoor education programming viability for the students of Grand Erie at App's Mills' Nature Centre and other facilities.

Carried

Moved by: E. Thomas

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board remains committed to working together with Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board to support student learning, mental health and well-being, and a sense of belonging at our joint-use school with Brantlyn and value our tri-party agreement with the City of Brantford.

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT Item D-1-e be approved.

Carried

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT Item D-1-f be approved.

Carried

(i) **Learn Lead Inspire Award**

Director Roberto presented Adriana Potichnyj, David Gervais and Pamela O'Halloran with a Learn Lead Inspire Award for their quick thinking, sound decision-making, wisdom and cooperation, which allowed these leaders to navigate through a complex, uncertain situation, and get a colleague crucial help when they recognized she had signs of a stroke.

(j) **Delegations – Cordie Jagt**

Chair Gibson invited C. Jagt to speak. After the presentation, Trustees were given the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT the Board receive and file the delegation.

Carried

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **December 11, 2023 (Annual Board)**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt



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THAT the Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting, dated December 11, 2023, be approved.

Carried

(b) **December 11, 2023 (Regular Board Meeting)**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated December 11, 2023, be approved.

Carried

(c) **December 18, 2023 (Special Board Meeting)**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting dated December 18, 2023, be approved.

Carried

C - 1 **Committee Recommendations and Reports**

(a) **Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Report dated January 11, 2024**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Paul Found, Norfolk Association for Community Living, to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remainder of the Term 2022-2026.

Carried

(b) **Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated January 15, 2024**

Presented as printed.

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

E - 1 **Report of the Director**

Director Roberto highlighted the following:

- Future Grade 9 Nights
- Registration Support Days for Six Nations and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- You Belong Campaign
- Student Trustee Gift Basket Donations
- Sledge Hockey
- Elementary Athletics
- English as a Second Language Program at Pauline Johnson Collegiate Institute
- January Family of Schools Meeting
- New Teach Induction Program (NTIP) Session
- New Principal/Vice-Principal Program
- Professional Development – Math



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- LEAD Grand Erie District School Board
- Careers with Grand Erie

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

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

(a) **Major Construction Project Report**

Presented as printed.

(b) **Draft Proposed School Year Calendars 2024-24**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Board approve the draft Proposed School Year Calendars 2024-25.

Carried

(c) **Approval to Tender Construction of Caledonia Elementary School**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board approve the design of the New Caledonia Joint-Use Elementary School for release of Tender documents.

Carried

H - 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Student Senate Meeting Minutes dated May 5, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(b) **Six Nations Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 28, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(c) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 19, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(d) **Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 16, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(e) **Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 14, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(f) **Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee dated October 26, 2023**

Presented as printed.

I - 1 **OPSBA Report**

Trustee VanEvery-Albert advised of the following

- OPSBA has launched a new brand and logo
- Grand Erie will host the Central West Regional meeting in April
- The Public Education Symposium was a success including the keynote speaker Romaine Mitchell of the Ministry of Education.



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J - 1 Correspondence

- (a) **Superior-Greenstone District School Board dated November 23, 2023**

Presented as printed.

- (b) **Halton Catholic District School Board dated January 9, 2024**

Presented as printed.

- (c) **Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board dated January 15, 2024**

Presented as printed.

- (d) **Bluewater District School Board dated January 16, 2024**

Presented as printed.

K - 1 Adjournment

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto

