



MINUTES

Present: C.A. Sloat, Chair, J. Angus, R. Collver, E. Dixon, D. Dean, B. Doyle, M. Macdonald, T. Waldschmidt, D. Werden, K. Amy (Student Trustee), K. Manning (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director — J. Forbeck; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, B. Blancher, J. Gunn, A. Nesbitt, M. McDonald, S. Sincerbox; Recording Secretary - D. Fletcher

Trustees: A. Everets, C. Lefebvre

Administration: Nil.

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair C.A. Sloat at 6:30 p.m.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss legal, property and personnel matters at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

Board Chair C.A. Sloat welcomed everyone to the Open Session at 7:27 p.m.



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

Agenda Items D-1-b and C-1-g were added to the In Camera agenda.

Agenda item H-1-I Email standards was added to the agenda.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Nil.

(g) **Memorial – J. Hoffman**

The memorial statement was read by B. Doyle.

(h) **Presentation**

Nil.

(i) **Delegation**

Nil.

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) **February 24, 2014 (Regular Board Meeting)**

A correction was made under C-1-a Board Improvement Plans, individual graduation plans should read as “individual education plans”.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held February 24, 2014 be approved, as amended.

Carried



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(b) March 3, 2014 (Committee of the Whole No. 1 Meeting)

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Meeting held March 3, 2014 be approved.

Carried

(c) March 17, 2014 (Committee of the Whole No.2)

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Meeting held March 17, 2014 be approved.

Carried

C – 1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Minutes

Nil.

D – 1 Director's Report

The Director highlighted:

- Grand Erie Parent Engagement Symposium was hosted by the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) on Saturday March 29th at Waterford District High School. Topics included early learning, secondary program options, safe schools and bullying prevention and mental health. Another session will be held on Wednesday April 16, 2014
- Congratulations were extended to the grade 8 students from Woodman who achieved a gold medal finish in the Skills Ontario Cardboard Boat Challenge.

System Implementation and Monitoring (SIM) Presentation

B. Blancher addressed the importance that SIM has provided to teachers and students. Lori Barkans, Principal Leader for School Effectiveness, Dennis Wright, Principal at Lynndale Heights, and Tara Cronkwright, teacher at Banbury Heights were invited to present.



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Highlights of the SIM Presentation include:

- The SIM initiative was established in 2009 – at first it stood for Schools in the Middle to denote those schools where 50 – 74% of students were achieving the provincial standard on EQAO assessments
- Two years ago the initiative was renamed System Implementation and Monitoring to put the focus on work with school improvement teams in supporting professional learning in elementary schools focused on improving student achievement results with a particular focus on literacy and numeracy outcomes.
- The focus of SIM is in providing a targeted learning opportunity for school teams – the Principal and teachers – to work together in a co-learning and co-leading format to identify their most urgent student learning need and set specific goals and targets for student learning. The journey of SIM requires the school team to plan and implement specific teaching and learning strategies, monitor student progress and adjust strategies as required.
- SIM is a major component of the capacity building strategies included in our annual Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

A. Nesbitt provided an update and highlighted advantages of the program:

- The AP program is a school-driven model rather than a central model as philosophy of the plan
- AP courses can help students gain: year one university credit(s), early acceptance into university and scholarships
- The next steps include AP exam training in Toronto for interested schools and to continue the training that many schools had in November. There is an AP Summer Institute in July
- Nine secondary schools are currently looking at AP or pre-AP, which include a blended (primary model) or the club model
- The implementation plan of the AP program will vary from school to school; most will be back mapping and creating a Pre-AP program

A. Nesbitt clarified how students are evaluated on the Ontario Curriculum and the AP exams are written in May (during school day), students can obtain a first year credit depending on university and their standings and how the program may provide advantages in competing for scholarships.



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Meetings have occurred with union groups regarding the implementation plan and components; principals and their teams will make the school-based decisions for this program.

Preliminary talks with communications have occurred, with a commitment to advertise in July when teachers have completed their training.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of March 31, 2014 as information.

Carried

E – 1 Student Trustee's Report

K. Amy invited trustees to the Student Senate meeting on April 8th, 2014. Student council representatives from all secondary schools will be attending to hear about the Education Technology initiative and Mental Health initiative. Student trustee elections will also be held for the 2014-2015 school year.

K. Manning reported that she will be attending Northward Elementary School as part of the Social Justice team to speak on "Pink Day".

F – 1 Committee Reports

(a) Committee of the Whole No. 1 – March 3, 2014

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 1 Report dated March 31, 2014 as follows:

1. F5 Advocacy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy F5 – "Advocacy" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 30, 2014.



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2. **FT11 Facilities Partnerships**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy FT11 – “Facilities Partnerships” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 30, 2014.
3. **HR2 Consideration of Employee Concerns**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy HR2 – “Consideration of Employee Concerns” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 30, 2014.
4. **F102 Purchasing Card Program**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure F102 – “Purchasing Card Program” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 30, 2014.
5. **F103 Travel and Expense Forms**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure F103 – “Travel and Expense Forms” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 30, 2014.
6. **FT112 Disposal of Surplus Furnishings and Equipment**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure FT112 – “Disposal of Surplus Furnishings and Equipment” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 30, 2014.
7. **FT113 Student Transportation – Junior and Senior Kindergarten**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board rescind Administrative Procedure FT113 – Student Transportation – Junior and Senior Kindergarten.
8. **FT118 Facilities Partnership**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Administrative Procedure FT118 – “Facilities Partnership” to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by May 30, 2014.

Carried

(b) **Committee of the Whole No. 2 – March 17, 2014**

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Report dated March 31, 2014 as follows:



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1. **Haldimand East Elementary – Accommodation Update**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board establish an Accommodation Review of Haldimand East Elementary Schools including Anna Melick Memorial, Grandview Central, Fairview Avenue, Thompson Creek, Rainham Central and J.L. Mitchener Schools to commence Spring 2015.
2. **Director's Report**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of March 17, 2014 as information.
3. **Allocation of Self-Contained Classrooms for 2014-2015**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the locations and number of self-contained classrooms for 2014-15, as outlined, pending budget deliberations.
4. **Trustee Determination and Distribution**
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board designate no municipal area as a low population area for the regular election of 2014 and THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the number of trustees to be elected in the regular election of 2014 from each municipality 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 Wards 3 & 7 — 2 trustees, elected at large
Haldimand County — 2 trustees, elected at large.
5. **Board Approved Transportation Review**
 - (a) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the transportation route exceptions listed in this report for the 2014-15 School Year.
 - (b) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board request Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk to review transportation efficiencies from Princeton Drumbo area to Paris District High School with a report to Board by the Committee of the Whole No. 2 meeting in May 2014.
6. **Compensatory Education Action Plan**
 - (i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the review charts for the 2013/2014 Compensatory Education plan and the 2014/2015 draft Compensatory Education Plan for information.
and;
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board send a letter to local members of Federal Parliament (MP) indicating our concern with the replacement of the census Long Form with the Voluntary National Household Survey.
 - (ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the designation for high and moderate needs Compensatory Schools for 2013/14.



- (iii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the direction for staffing and resource enhancements for compensatory education schools for 2014/2015, subject to final budget approval.

7. **Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) – Annual Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk – Annual Report as information.

8. **School's First Child Care Retrofit Update**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report on the School's First Child Care Retrofit Update as information.

9. **Threat/Risk Protocol**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board refer back to Senior Administration and the date of report to Board will be determined.

10. **Correspondence**

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

11. **In Camera Report**

THAT Item B-1-b be approved.

Carried

G – 1 New Business

(a) **Major Construction Update (FT2)**

J. Gunn referred to the report that details FDK Addition Projects – 2014. Single Classroom Additions are planned for Lynndale Heights, Mount Pleasant, Rainham Central, Fairview Avenue, Thompson Creek, Paris Central and Banbury Heights. Two classroom additions are planned for Burford, Oneida Central and River Heights.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Update as Information.

Carried



(b) Community Partnership Incentive Plan and Pride of Place Program Update

J. Gunn explained how the Facility Services Department oversees a number of projects each year that seek to improve and enhance the aesthetic appearance and street presence of the Grand Erie's Schools and address priorities of the school community. These projects are funded through the Board Facility Renewal Grant.

J. Gunn clarified the reason for the cost of catch basins for Cobblestone. The estimates for the addition of air conditioning for Delhi Public are verified by facilities through visits to the school. Air conditioning in other schools will be addressed in a report coming to the Board in April.

He discussed the Pride of Place (POP) project at \$24,000 for the gym floor at Hagersville Secondary and timelines due to the ongoing ARC.

Discussion from the trustees involved card swipes for each school, impact and cost of air conditioning, lockers, temperature of water from water refill stations.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Community Partnership Incentive Plan and Pride of Place Update as information.

Carried

(c) Schedule of Budget Review Meetings (F2)

J. Gunn provided dates of budget meetings to be completed during the month of May. The meeting will start 6:00 p.m.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Budget Review Meetings as follows:

1. May 7, 2014
2. May 14, 2014
3. May 22, 2014
4. May 27, 2014

Carried



(d) Contract Award – FDK Addition at Oneida Central School

J. Gunn presented the recommended award as in report.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award for General Contracting Services for the Oneida Central School FDK Addition project as set out in tender 2014-63-T to Lanca Contracting Inc in the amount of \$843,346 plus HST.

Carried

(e) Contract Award – FDK Addition at Mt. Pleasant School

J. Gunn clarified that business with this contractor has been successful in the past and that the contractor has the capacity for completion on this project.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award for General Contracting Services for the Mt. Pleasant School FDK Addition project as set out in tender 2014-69-T to Lanca Contracting Inc in the amount of \$573,900 plus HST.

Carried

(f) Contract Award – FDK Addition at Burford District Elementary School

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the award for General Contracting Services for the Burford District Elementary School FDK Addition project as set out in tender 2014-67-T to Lanca Contracting Inc in the amount of \$552,700 plus HST.

Carried

H – 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts – February 2014

Presented as printed.



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Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of February 2014 in the amount of \$8,720,982.35 as information.

Carried

(b) Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – February 27, 2014

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – February 27, 2014" as information.

Carried

(c) Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 6, 2014

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 6, 2014" as information.

Carried

(d) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes – October 17, 2013

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Angus

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes – October 17, 2013" as information.

Carried

(e) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes – November 14, 2013

Presented as printed.



Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes – November 14, 2013" as information.

Carried

(f) Compensatory Education Committee Minutes – January 16, 2014

J. Angus clarified that a community impact grant from the Brant United Way (BUW) is offered yearly to those agencies not involved with the United Way. The grant totals approximately \$180,000. BUW received \$450,000 in grant applications, with each agency to receive a maximum of \$20,000.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Compensatory Education Committee Minutes – January 16, 2014" as information.

Carried

(g) Quality Accommodations Committee Minutes – February 28, 2014

J. Gunn reviewed the three recommendations from the committee.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Quality Accommodations Committee Minutes – February 28, 2014" as information.

Carried

(h) Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Minutes – February 25, 2014

J. Gunn addressed 7.2 Policy and Procedure Review: 039-043, policies are posted on the portal for trustee review and comments.

J. Gunn clarified 7.5 AGM and Election of Officers and how the Consortia is a separate corporation, not a school board or public board.



J. Gunn clarified how 7.3 Inclement Weather deals with delegations brought forth to the Consortia, and responses referred back to the boards for consideration. 7.4 Walking distance involved a motion from the BHNCDSD to consider changing walking distances.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Minutes – February 25, 2014" as information.

Carried

(i) School Board Efficiency and Modernization

Trustees queried if there is more information on the OPSBA or Ministry website.

I -1 Correspondence

(a) Ministry of Education - FNMI Education Policy Framework

(b) Ministry of Education - FNMI Education Policy Framework Implementation Plan

(c) Six Nations Council

M. Macdonald referred to the Implementation Plan and provided clarification on what the Ministry plans to do in regards to Engagement and Awareness Building: Performance Measures 8, 9, and 10 and what school boards will do for years 2 and 3: Strategies and Actions for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

J. Forbeck explained how funding works for GSNs, Implementation Framework, and tuition payment for students. He clarified how the role of Native Advisory Committee (NAC) is specific to tuition agreement students and that staff members serving on committee are looking at resources in Brantford.

J. Forbeck clarified how the Ministry will continue to support the students for Performance Measures 5 and 6.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: D. Dean

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

Carried



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J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, Carol Ann Sloat