



Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2018

Education Centre, Board Room

MINUTES

Present: G. Anderson, R. Collver, D. Dean, J. Harris, J. Richardson, K. Sandy, C.A. Sloat, D. Sowers, A. Hauser (Student Trustee), J. Hsiao (Student Trustee), A. St. Pierre (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director - B. Blancher; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, L. De Vos, D. Martins, S. Sincerbox, L. Thompson, R. Wyszynski; Recording Secretary – L. Howells

Regrets:

Trustees: D. Sowers - Committee Chair, A. Felsky – Committee Vice-Chair, B. Doyle

Administration: Nil

A - 1 Opening

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary of the Board, B. Blancher at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board nominate T. Waldschmidt as Acting Chair for the September 10, 2018 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting.

Carried

(a) Roll Call

Acting Chair T. Waldschmidt assumed the Chair.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel, and legal matters at 6:31 p.m.

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(d) **Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Acting Committee Chair, T. Waldschmidt at 7:15 p.m.

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

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Agenda be approved.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Term Appointment of the Teacher Consultant, Secondary Student Success from September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 (with the possibility of extension) pending Board budget approval.

Carried

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

Nil

C - 1 **Director's Report**

Director's highlights:

- On August 28, we received a Memo from the Ministry regarding MATH. The key points are:
 - The government is asking that all educators focus on math fundamentals and is providing supports to help these efforts – A Teacher's Guide and a Parents' Fact Sheet which is not new content
 - Ministry of Education will be providing a virtual training session focused on the fundamental math concepts and skills. These will place in the fall of 2018 with registration beginning on September 30th.
 - Ministry is refocusing funding from the RMS to a focus on the fundamentals of math to support math leads at the board and school level dedicated to fundamental math skills and allow for release time for training and learning.



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- Board Improvement plans are required to identify student needs and actions to improve fundamental math skills and this year the achievement plans are not due until November 30th.
- Ministry has requested that one mandatory PA day before the Christmas Break be devoted to math. For Grand Erie, those days will be October 2 – Elementary and November 16 – Secondary.
- P.A. Day this Friday September 14, 2018 for both Elementary and Secondary
- 2018-19 OPHEA Healthy Schools Certification registration closes October 26, 2018 and is open to all elementary and secondary schools. We will be sharing this information with our schools
- To provide some awareness for Trustees, Graduate Brantford is a re-emerging issue and Brantford is wanting Grand Erie's support and use of our logo. We support the mandate.
- By-Election in Haldimand County – in late August information was shared with Trustees that due to one of the Trustee candidates in Haldimand Country becoming ineligible to run after the nomination period closed, the Municipal Elections Act states that since this would result in acclamation of the other 2 candidates, the election becomes void and a by-election will have to be held. Haldimand County has scheduled the by-election for November 19, 2018 with nominations closing on October 5, 2018. The preliminary cost for the by-election is \$48,000, the majority of voters in Haldimand County are English Language Public School supports and this is a significant factor in the cost of running the County-wide by-election. The county is still pursuing this issue in the hopes that a by-election is not required. They have MPP Toby Barrett taking this on but until they hear differently, the county has to proceed with planning the by-election. The major issue for Grand Erie is that Section 7(3) of the Municipal Elections Act lays out that costs incurred in conducting an election shall be paid by the local municipality but indicates that they shall be reimbursed for "reasonable costs" when the clerk conducts a by-election for a local board.

R. Collver asked about the memo on math and if Grand Erie will be continuing with our strategy/plan? B. Blancher responded we will. R. Collver further asked about the Education Funding 2018-19 memo and when will Trustees see a report on this? B. Blancher responded that Sr. Administration has done a preliminary review but requires more time to review the memo and will come back to the Board with a report.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of September 10, 2018 as information.

Carried



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D - 1 New Business – Action/Decision Items

(a) Trustee Honoraria

R. Wyszynski referred to the Trustee Honoraria report providing background and the detailed calculations for the proposed honoraria effective December 1, 2018.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Trustee Honoraria for the period from December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019 as presented.

Carried

D – 2 New Business

(a) Enrolment Update

R. Wyszynski referred to the Enrolment Update data report and reviewed the laydown data report which included enrolment projections, actual enrolment as of September 7, 2018 and enrolment history.

G. Anderson noted the increase in elementary and asked if there are any real hot spots in Elementary schools. S. Sincerbox responded that we are still working with staffing and at this time can't comment on a real hot spot.

C.A. Sloat commented about the number of students from our elementary schools that don't make it to our secondary schools and wondered if there was some brainstorming strategy required to focus on this. G. Anderson agreed with C.A. Sloat comment.

B. Blancher responded that Exec Council does talk about this issue a lot and we need to take a look of what we can do in West Brant through the Quality Accommodations Committee

D. Dean commented on the secondary transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 school presentations model introduced last year and noted he did not agree with the changes that we made to our practice. D. Dean further noted we should allow our Principals to take a more aggressive and visible approach to limit the competition with the non-Grand Erie secondary schools.

R. Collver noted we need a Grand Erie strategy and believes that the Quality Accommodations Committee should take this strategy on.



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Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board received the Enrolment Update Report as information.

Carried

(b) **Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Annual Report**

D. Martins referred to the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) report and reviewed the 2017-18 school year data which consisted of:

- Percentage of Students by Age Profile (age calculated as of December 31, 2017) including ratios males to females
- Number of Students by Activity
- Student Enrolment
- Credit Summary
- Cumulative Data Summary Analysis

D. Martins provided a high level overview of the summary and next steps.

G. Anderson and J. Harris thanked D. Martins for the clarity of the report and the work of her team.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Supervised Alternative Learning Report as information.

Carried

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

(a) **SO124 Animals in Schools and Worksites (including Emotional Support, Therapy and Service Animals)**

L. Thompson referred to the SO124 Animals in Schools and Worksites Report noting that Procedure SO124 – Service Dogs in Schools was approved by the Board in June 2018, however new information regarding emotional support, therapy and services animals required updates to the existing procedures. This revised new procedure also includes information from the Administrative Memo “Animals in Schools”.



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Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure SO124 – Animals in Schools and Worksites (including Emotional Support, Therapy, and Service Animals) to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by December 7, 2018.

Carried

(b) **Bylaw 36 Municipal Elections Compliance Audit Committee**

B. Blancher referred to the Bylaw 36- Municipal Elections Compliance Audit Committee report providing background and referred to the new draft Bylaw recommended for approval.

B. Blancher referred to some minor edits to item 2.4 on the Terms of Reference.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 36 – Municipal Elections Compliance Audit Committee, as amended.

Carried

E – 2 **Procedure Consideration – Information Items**

Nil

F - 1 **Other Business**

Nil

G - 1 **Correspondence**

Nil

H - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Carried

Committee of the Whole Board Acting Chair, T. Waldschmidt