



Committee of the Whole Board No.2

March 17, 2014
Education Centre, Board Room

MINUTES

Present: J. Angus, Committee Chair, , R. Collver, D. Dean, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, A. Everets, C. A. Sloat, 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, M. McDonald, A. Nesbitt S. Sincerbox; Recording Secretary — D. Fletcher

Regrets:

Trustees: C. Lefebvre, M. Macdonald

Administration: Nil

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, J. Angus at 6:52 p.m. for the purposes of conducting the In Camera Session.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 6:52 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, J. Angus, at 7:18 p.m.



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

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Nil.

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

(a) **Haldimand East Elementary – Accommodation Update (from September 16, 2013)**

J. Gunn referred to the background, enrolment/utilization update and the map showing a potential Haldimand east elementary area for review.

J. Gunn clarified that Seneca Central will not be part of review because it relates more to the Caledonia area than the Dunnville area and that two schools have already been added to the geographic area as potential options.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: A. Everets

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.

Carried

C – 1 **Director's Report**

The Director highlighted:

- Equity Speakers Series - the next workshop "Competing Rights, Competing Interests: Who's Got the Say in the End Anyway?" will be held on March 20, 2014
- Simcoe Composite School and Valley Heights will be involved in the Art Folks Event held on March 28, 2014 at the Norfolk Art Centre



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School Visits – W. Baker

Presentation - "Through the Lens of Inclusion"

- Inclusion for Whom?
- Disability and our duty to accommodate based on physical disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech impediment, guide dog/wheelchair, mental impairment, development disability, learning disability, mental disorder, and dysfunction with speaking
- Creed ("Religion") – a set of beliefs and practices that guides adherents
- Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Gender Expression

The next steps for the system will include: provide training sessions for administrators and staff dealing with Human Rights, diversity issues and inclusionary best practices, broaden student involvement in the equity conversation and to establish the Equity & Inclusive Education Steering Committee as a "clearing house" for concerns about equity/inclusion/diversity.

In relation to self-declaration of gender expression, W. Baker clarified gender fluidity and acknowledged the challenges it may present for a school.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of March 17, 2014 as information.

Carried

D – 1 **New Business – Action/Decision Items**

Nil.

(a) **Allocation of Self-Contained Classrooms for 2014-2015**

S. Sincerbox referred to rationale, FDK projected needs for September 2014, budget implications and communication plan.

Discussion involved the estimated number of gifted students at 21 for Jarvis and steps taken to increase the estimated number of gifted students at 9 for Centennial Grand Woodlands.



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S. Sincerbox explained that a communication plan is intended for parents regarding this program.

In relation to the Bellview On Track Program, S. Sincerbox clarified data will be considered to access the program success, however the data does not provide absence and credits.

R. Collver stated that the Special Education Advisory Committee approved and supports this report.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the locations and number of self-contained classrooms for 2014-15, as outlined, pending budget deliberations.

Carried

(b) **Trustee Determination and Distribution**

J. Gunn explained that for each election cycle, the Board determines wards and if there is an area in jurisdiction that is treated as a low population area. Appendix A "Proposed Trustee Distribution – 2014 Regular Election" is comprised of data provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

Moved by: A. Everets

Seconded by: B. Doyle

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.

Carried

(c) **Board Approved Transportation Review**



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Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) are in the process of building working parameters and reviewing current bus information for the purposes of planning routes the 2014-15 school year.

The following services fall outside of the defined transportation parameters and students benefiting from the service have been assigned a travel code of "Board Approved" transportation for the current school year:

- Norfolk Secondary Students
- Oakland-Scotland to WDHS Express Route
- Caledonia to Cayuga Secondary Express Route
- Norwich/ Otterville students attending Delhi District Secondary School
- Students attending River Heights
- Out of Boundary Students attending Houghton PS
- Section 23 Students – Woodview Program

The Board discussed the cost difference between the Norwich/Otterville and Princeton/Drumbo and the need to allocate two buses for 38 students for Princeton/Drumbo students attending Paris District High School.

P. Kuckyt clarified the current restrictions to the Princeton pick up area.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the transportation route exceptions listed in this report for the 2014-15 School Year.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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.

Carried

(d) **Compensatory Education Action Plan**



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(i) Compensatory Education Plan

The EQAO achievement results at level three and four for moderate and high needs compensatory schools were highlighted. J. Forbeck reviewed the Steering Committee Membership, Compensatory Education Action Plan 2013-2014 and the Compensatory Education Action Plan for 2014-2015. An area of investigation for the future identified was school climate data.

The Board discussed secondary school data shows positive trends are seen in elementary schools, budget implication of Empower, Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) Data, Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Kit cases and challenges (Training and Networking between non-compensatory and compensatory schools), School Support Initiative (SSI) (information sharing), support for Family Parent Literacy Centres, and the importance of social and climate surveys

Trustee and committee input was encouraged. The final plan will be presented to the Board in June 2014.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Werden

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.

Carried

(ii) Compensatory Education School Selection Report – 2013/14

Grand Erie's compensatory schools index scores align with the poverty and socioeconomic risk in the board. The index uses the risk factors of income, education level of parents, and lone parent families to determine which neighbourhoods/schools needs of intervention and supports to ensure academic success for students.

One noted change from last year is the addition of GELA day program students for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Board discussed the lack of 2011 census data and the possibility of rolling schools in together for the 2015-2016 school year.

J. Forbeck referred to Port Rowan and the difference in needs compared to Thompson Creek. The Ministry highlighted Port Rowan as one of 16 schools in the province that showed growth in achievement scores.



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Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

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.

Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the designation for high and moderate needs Compensatory Schools for 2013/14.

Carried

(iii) Compensatory Education Plan Funding Report

This report determines what resources were used last year and the factors that will be helpful as budgets and formulas are being built.

The chart was reviewed to show resources, details, and potential funding sources.

The Board discussed how the role of the ½ ESL consultant and enhanced budgets provide qualitative measures, additional administrators providing support in the learning atmosphere, un-measurable events such as out of classroom activities, Brantford schools requiring a different model, outcome of instructional leadership in the classroom and attendance counselors tracking attendance patterns for data collection.

Trustees requested greater research based evidence that that this plan is making a difference.

J. Forbeck clarified the support the literacy coach provides in student achievement, and other evidence based factors such as the Empower program and the LLI program.

He addressed the development criteria that will determine items that the Ministry funding does not provide for and this information to be included in the report coming June 2014.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

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.

Carried



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D – 2 New Business – Information Items

(a) Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) – Annual Report

J. Gunn invited Phil Kuckyt, Manager of Transportation Services to present the report.

P. Kuckyt reviewed:

- Route and Vehicle Statistics included route breakdown by vehicle class, average vehicle cost by vehicle type, average daily kilometers travelled by vehicle type, vehicle utilization % by vehicle type, and daily distances by travel type
- Student Data included eligibility and total registered versus transported
- Courtesy ridership included ride time/distance comparison, student ride times by range
- Consortium Update included E&E Re-review, board of directors goals and objectives and website usage
- STSBHN going forward included communication, goals and objectives

The Board discussed out of boundary students qualified for bussing, decrease in courtesy seats, routes/ride times, and fuel estimator calculations,

It was suggested to provide a column with types of eligibility for those students actually riding the bus.

The bus operators were commended for transporting students safely to and from schools in this challenging winter. The transportation department was recognized for timely responses to parents resulting in very few parental concerns addressed to trustees.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried

(b) School's First Child Care Retrofit Update

B. Blancher reviewed background, actual costs for child care retrofit year 1, and additional information.



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Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: E. Dixon

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

Carried

(c) **Threat/Risk Protocol**

W. Baker referred to background and additional information, timeline, and recommendation and invited C. Bibby, Social Worker to present the protocol.

C. Bibby reviewed the protocol and how the process is to better understand the needs of students at risk. It is a collaborative community response to student threat-making behavior.

The Board discussed the consequences and interventions, the role of the principal as it applies to this issue of threat assessment, board signatory, and the protocol developed into policy or procedure.

C. Bibby clarified to the Board that the outlined questions are guidelines to help staff to focus on the necessary information required. Training continues on an on-going basis and was held in September with all administrators and social workers.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Committee of the Whole No. 2 Meeting continue past 10:00 p.m. to deal with remaining items on the agenda.

Carried

It was agreed that senior administration will review the document as a policy.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried



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E – 1 Other Business

(a) OPSBA Report

Nil.

F – 1 Correspondence

(a) Bluewater District School Board

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Werden

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

Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss Personnel and Legal Matters at 10:22 p.m.

Carried

G – 1 In Camera Report

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT Item B-1-b be approved.

Carried

H – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Carried

Committee of the Whole Board No. 2 Chair, Jane Angus