



MINUTES

Present: J. Angus, Committee Chair, R. Collver, D. Dean, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, A. Everets, M. Macdonald, 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

Administration: Nil

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, J. Angus at 6:30 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 legal, and personnel matters at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, J. Angus, at 7: 21 p.m.



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

Agenda items D-1-c, D-1-d, and D-1-e were added to the In Camera agenda.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: D Werden

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Agreement for Joint Use of Facilities between the Board, the City of Brantford and Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board be approved, as amended.

Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the appointments to the elementary principals' pool be confirmed.

Carried

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the appointments to the secondary vice-principals' pool be confirmed.

Carried

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the appointments to the elementary vice-principals' pool be confirmed.

Carried

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



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(a) **Student Trustee Selection (BL29)**

K. Manning and K. Amy introduced Madelaine Brown, from Brantford Collegiate Institute & Vocational School. She was welcomed by the trustees.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate's report on the appointment of the following Student Trustees for 2014-15:

Grand Erie North: Madelaine Brown

Grand Erie South: Erin Creed

Carried

(b) **Grand Erie Learning Alternatives Review Update** (from February 10, 2014)

This report is a follow up from the Grand Erie learning Alternatives Review Report brought to the board on February 10, 2014. It provides an update on short term recommendations with possible budget implications and short term and future recommendations.

A. Nesbitt reviewed the recommendations in detail. He clarified that the literacy programs target at risk grade 8 students who have literacy deficiencies.

With regards to covering the expenses of the .5 vice principal, there is a need to commit to that goal and for the position to be a self-funded position. There was teaching sections allocated to high and moderate needs in the compensatory education, with three sections given to GELA as part of that model.

J. Forbeck indicated that there are three components in the compensatory plan that apply to GELA: 1) participation on the steering committee 2) 12 sections were funded last year in secondary schools including GELA and 3) GELA is included for funding for trips and activities based on student numbers.

A. Nesbitt clarified that there may be more vacancies than staff in the vice principal pool. The .5 vice principal position would also have three teaching sections in a secondary school.

It was explained that the organization of the GELA budget will be reviewed so it can be more easily understood by academic leaders.



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A. Nesbitt explained that the long range recommendation to facilities is to look at the location and lease for the City Centre as the best location for adult continuing education.

J. Forbeck clarified that the next report on GELA coming to the Board would be the annual report, which will address the program side of the organization. Any recommendations with budget implications will come to the budget table for trustee approval.

It was suggested an update with all of the recommendations be provided.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Grand Erie Learning Alternatives Review Update Report", as information.

Carried

(c) **Transportation Review – Princeton Area Routes** (from March 31, 2014)

This report is a follow up report from the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Report brought to the board on March 17, 2014. It was requested that a further review be provided of the transportation arrangements for the Out of District (OOD) students from Princeton area who currently attend Paris District High School.

J. Gunn reviewed the three options considered for the students. Ride times and financial implications were considered and the STSBHN recommends no immediate changes to the number of buses in the greater Princeton area.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Transportation Review – Princeton Area Routes Report as information.

Carried

C – 1 **Director's Report**

The Director highlighted:

- The following items were celebrated to highlight student learning in the trades sector:
 - Fifteen students from six different Grand Erie secondary schools competed in this year's Ontario Technological Skills Competition on May 6. Two of our students won Gold – Emma Lee in Floristry from SCS and Jonathan Fintas from Tollgate in Brick Masonry



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- In conjunction with the competition, Grand Erie and the Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie hosted 270 female-students from our secondary schools to attend a luncheon and presentation by Centennial College President Ann Buller. The event was a well-attended success.
- Cayuga Secondary School students in the dual-credit welding program participated in the Canadian Welding Bureau test. All students in the program achieved both the secondary credit and the Mohawk College credit, and passed the CWB test, granting them their Level One accreditation. Congratulations CSS welding students.
- A video presentation on the T.R.A.D.E.S. Program at Sprucedale Secondary School was shown
- Student Forum on 21st Century Educational Technology - The Ed Tech Team will host an event on May 15, 2014 that invites three students from each school who have been involved in Phase 1 through 3 of the Grand Erie Ed Tech Initiative. This is exclusive to Grades 5-8, Secondary Math, Science and Canadian and World Studies classes, plus all Self- Contained Special Education classrooms. Special guest Will Richardson will support a discussion on how technology makes for an amazing learning experience.
- Education/Mental Health Week Appreciation – Acknowledgment was given to staff, school administration, parents, and students for making Education Week and Mental Health Week (May 5-9) a great success. In particular, the Director thanked the Education Week Committee led by Heather Robinson, the Mental Health Steering Committee, led by Heather Carter and the Leadership and Development Steering Committee led by Elaine Thomas. He also thanked Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations for supporting and coordinating the many events across the system. The Director extended his appreciation on behalf of Senior Administration and Trustees for the tremendous effort demonstrated during the week.
- Appointments to the 2014-15 Minister’s Student Advisory Council: The Director was pleased to announce and congratulate two students from Grand Erie who were selected to be on the 2014-15 Minister’s Student Advisory Council: Tobias March from Major Ballachey Public School and Sabastian Montoure from Central Public School.
- The Haldimand Secondary School Accommodation Review Committee meeting will be held on May 15, 2014 at Dunnville Secondary School
- West Lynn Public School be recognized on May 21, 2014 and will receive a community partner award from United Way in recognition of their fundraising efforts
- The Ministry of Education have approved the school year calendars for 2014-2015



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School Visits – D. Abbey

Superintendent Dave Abbey welcomed Paris District High School teacher Mike Parsons to demonstrate his use of the Educational Technology tools in his science classes, which also supports the PDHS School Support Initiative (SSI) goals for literacy improvement.

M. Parsons was joined by Student Trustee Keegan Amy and Ed Tech Initiative teacher Jeff Dumoulin to show the trustees a variety of tools to demonstrate formative assessment and feedback. Presenters also demonstrated the use of clicker technology with the Trustees.

M. Parsons clarified to trustees that the open source text is part of the movement to bring teaching lessons on line.

J. Dumoulin referred to a variety of tools that are interactive with student smart phones and tablets.

D. Abbey noted that North Park Collegiate and Paris District High School are using these tools with the SSI and mapping literacy project.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of May 12, 2014 as information.

Carried

D – 1 New Business – Action/Decision Items

(a) 2014-2015 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule

The following revisions were agreed upon:

- Committee of the Whole No 1 and No 2 meetings will be a combined meeting on October 6, 2014
- Municipal Election day is on October 27, 2014, therefore the Regular Board meeting will be held on October 20, 2014
- Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 30, 2015
- Committee of the Whole Board meeting will be held on August 24, 2015
- Regular Board Meeting will be held on August 31, 2015



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A review of the October agenda items may result in agenda items being moved to September or November.

K. Amy left the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: A. Everets

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2014–15 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule, as amended.

Carried

(b) **Facility Partnerships – Annual Facility Status Report (FT118)**

Administrative Procedure FT118, Facilities Partnerships requires that an annual status report identifies facilities that may be suitable for facility partnerships with respect to new construction and unused space in schools and administrative buildings.

J. Gunn clarified that when Regulation 444 expires, we will offer to those agencies if we wish to leave it surplus.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Facility Partnerships Report as information.

Carried

(c) **Allocation of Educational Assistants – 2014-2015**

Grand Erie Teacher Consultants – Special Education have met with some principals, teachers, and relevant staff to assess the needs of identified exceptional students and special education needs to determine the number of educational assistants to be assigned to each school. Additional educational assistants are allocated for students with extreme support requirements.

S. Sincerbox noted a correction to be made for the Extreme Support Requirements for Physical/Medical Safety Needs. The number should be 191.



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Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the allocation of 300 Educational Assistants, as outlined in the report "Allocation of Educational Assistants 2014-15", pending final budget approval.

Carried

D – 2 New Business – Information Items

(a) MISA Update

B. Blancher explained how Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) was established by the Ministry of Education in 2005 for the purpose of using data to improve student achievement. She referenced the projects that MISA aligned with this year.

Discussion involved a new implementation plan for First Nations Metis Inuit (FNMI) strategies, initiatives to engage with the FNMI community and data sharing.

B. Blancher clarified that funding will be provided through an EPO grant for just over \$44,000.00.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School receive the MISA Update Report as information.

Carried

(b) Student Senate Report

K. Manning presented as printed. The event generated great discussion amongst the students and she looks forward to hearing about the exciting initiatives that Student Senate will be bringing next year.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Senate Report as information.

Carried



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(c) **Data Report – Learner Intervention Tracking for Excellence (LITE) – Referrals for Professional Services**

S. Sincerbox reviewed the report that incorporated a number of factors in response to feedback requested from last year's report.

Discussion involved ROKS (Mental Health workers versus number of student referrals), barriers to helping students, and referrals to outside agencies, wait time, identifying specific criteria, and triaging.

The trustees requested information regarding ongoing partnerships and triaging between the school board and community on the next report.

S. Sincerbox advised that the team is currently reviewing the tracking, referral date and status, and triaging to ensure the proper parameters are determined for a referral to take place in the first place. The team is also working with principals and teacher consultants. He noted the importance in identifying trends in data in terms of absenteeism.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive "Data Report – Learner Intervention Tracking for Excellence (LITE) – Referrals for Professional Services" as information.

Carried

E – 1 **Other Business**

(a) **OPSBA Report**

No report.

F – 1 **Correspondence**

Nil.



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G – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Carried

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