



Committee of the Whole Board No.1

January 11, 2016
Education Centre, Board Room

MINUTES

Present: T. Waldschmidt - Committee Chair, G. Anderson, R. Collver, D. Dean, B. Doyle, A. Felsky, J. Harris, J. Richardson, K. Sandy, C.A. Sloat, D. Sowers, M. Brown (Student Trustee), A. Martindale (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director — B. Blancher; Superintendents – D. Abbey, W. Baker, L. De Vos, J. Gunn, A. Nesbitt, S. Sincerbox, L. Thompson; Recording Secretary – D. Fletcher

Regrets:

Trustees: Nil.

Administration: Nil.

A – 1 Opening

a. Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

(c) In Camera Session

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Harris

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

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session

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

(e) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval

Item B-1-c Additional Professional Activity Day was added to the agenda.



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Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: R. Collver
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: G. Anderson
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board ratify the Collective Agreement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, District 23, for the period from September 1, 2014 up to and including August 31, 2017.
Carried

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

(a) **French Immersion Update**

B. Blancher reviewed the proposed process in January 2016 for the French Immersion Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Enrolment Cap – Randomized Selection Process
- Exceptions to the Random Selection Process
- Communication Plan
- Wait List
- Wait List Timelines

Questions/Comments from Trustees

- It was requested that trustees are provided a copy of the communication sent to parents and are updated regarding the number of students on the wait-list
- It was suggested to revise the motion to state “2016/2017” instead of short term plan
- Appendix A and Appendix B be approved separately

Appendix B - Elementary French Immersion Accommodation Consultation Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference was reviewed with revisions:

- Committee Composition Section 2.8 – A total of 10 parents (also include a parent from Paris Central) and a total of 22 members on the committee
- Section 4.2 – “The final report to come to the Board in June 2016” – the report should be approved for Ad Hoc committee as per BL8 Committees of the Board



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Amendments to the report include:

- Motion – revised to change “Short-Term Plan” to 2016/2017 and to add Appendix A after French Immersion Kindergarten Registration
- Clarified that one representative will be from the local Branch of Canadian parents for French
- Page 5 – revised to change “Oak Park” to “Oakhill Drive”

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the 2016-2017 School Year Plan for French Immersion Kindergarten Registration – Appendix A as information, as amended.

Carried

R. Collver placed a motion on the floor to request that Appendix B be separated from the report and approved in a separate motion.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the elementary French Immersion accommodation consultation Ad Hoc committee Terms of Reference.

Carried

A. Felsky placed a motion on the floor to have the Ad Hoc Committee include two representatives from the Canadian Parents for French.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Terms of Reference include two representatives for the Canadian Parents for French for the elementary French Immersion Accommodation Consultation Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference.

Defeated.

B. Blancher explained that at the Regular Board meeting held on November 23rd meeting, the committee composition was not established or confirmed but has since been developed through consultation with senior administration.

(b) **Revised 2015-16 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule**

B. Blancher proposed combining the committee meetings in February due to the agendas being light. BL5 “Board and Committee of the Whole Board Meetings - Rules of Procedure” was referenced.



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Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the revised the 2015-16 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule in accordance with Bylaw 5 section 14.

Carried

(c) **Additional Professional Activity Day**

W. Baker reviewed background and additional information and is recommending the approval of an additional professional activity day on February 26 2016 with final approval by the Ministry.

Trustee comments

- Importance of providing adequate notice to parents to arrange day care provisions
- Query of how the date was determined
- Query if the co-terminous board has approved this date

W. Baker clarified that parents could be notified as early as January 12, 2016. The date was determined through consultation with the School Year Calendar Committee, Executive Council and Coterminous Board who has approved this date.

B. Blancher explained the challenge of receiving this information on December 18, 2015 from the Deputy Minister and trying to find a date before April 15, 2016 as requested by the Ministry.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the additional 2015-2016 Professional Activity Day on February 26, 2016.

Carried

C – 1 **Director's Report**

The Director highlighted:

- Grade 8 Student and Parent Information Nights: Secondary schools from Brantford/Brant and Norfolk are engaged in Grade 8 Nights this week. Dates and times for the schools who are hosting an information session this month can be found on the Board's website
- The Multi-Year Plan Committee will hold the first meeting on January 13, 2016
- Student Senate will hold an on-line meeting on January 14, 2016
- North Brant Elementary Accommodation Review Committee will meet on January 14, 2016
- The Director and Trustee Sandy will meet with the Six Nations Council regarding the Tuition Agreement Report on January 12, 2016



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L. De Vos reported that the Lakewood Day Care officially opened Dec 7, 2015 with 7 families and will be holding an official grand opening in the spring in partnership with the Board.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 11, 2016 as information.

Carried

D – 1 Bylaw/Policy/Procedure Consideration - Action/Decision Items

(a) SO24 Copyright – Fair Dealing Guideline

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy SO24 - "Copyright – Fair Dealing Guideline" to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by April 1, 2016.

Carried

(b) FT1 Major Construction Projects

J. Gunn reviewed the two proposed amendments.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy FT1 - "Major Construction Projects".

Carried

(c) FT2 New School Construction Projects

J. Gunn reviewed the one proposed amendment.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy FT2 - "New School Construction Projects".

Carried



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(d) FT3 Naming of Schools

J. Gunn explained that there were no comments received.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy FT3 - "Naming of Schools".

Carried

(e) FT4 Community Use of Schools

J. Gunn noted there were numerous comments received, and proposed changes to language. No revisions were made in relation to the policy content. He further explained 7a Restrictions and Limitations does not include school related events (ie: dance-a thons).

J. Gunn clarified that the costs of booking a school are provided at the time of booking, in terms of security and custodial duties.

C.A. Sloat recommended that a standardized location be used for handbooks and manuals.

B. Blancher will follow up for discussion with executive council.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy FT4 - "Community Use of Schools".

Carried

D – 2 Administrative Procedure Consideration – Information Items

(a) F106 Receipt of Charitable Donations

J. Gunn reviewed the comments received and amendments made. Further amendments included changing the word "appraisal" to "assessment of value" to address the comment for 6a.

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure F106 - "Receipt of Charitable Donations" as information, as amended.

Carried



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(b) **P104 Learning Resources Selection**

L. De Vos reviewed the comments received and amendments made.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure P104 – “Learning Resources Selection” as information.

Carried

(c) **P105 Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR)**

A. Nesbitt reviewed the comments received and amendments made.

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure P105 – “Prior Learning Assessment Recognition” as information.

Carried

E – 1 **Other Business**
Nil.

F – 1 **Correspondence**

(a) **Ministry of Education**

(b) **Peel District School Board**

(c) **Waterloo District School Board**

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: G. Anderson

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

Carried

G – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C. A. Sloat
Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Carried