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## MINUTES

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

**Teleconference:** D. Sowers

**Regrets:**

**Trustees:** Nil

**Administration:** Nil

**A – 1 Opening**

**(a) Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, B. Doyle at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of conducting the In Camera Session.

**(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Nil.

**(d) Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, B. Doyle at 7:15 p.m.

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

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Agenda be approved as printed.

**Carried**



(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the term extensions, subject to final budget approval and ministry funding.

**Carried**

(g) **Memorial**

Nil.

(h) **Presentation – Student Recognition Awards**

The recognition program is Grand Erie District School Board's way to honour and celebrate students who have accomplished excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts, as well as excellence in the community.

Kataliya Sorensen, Nathaniel Reid-Smith, Sarah Lyn Carter, Hailey Cole, Shasta Ritchie and Liam Allen, were honoured with this award and were presented with a certificate from Brenda Blancher, Director of Education and Brian Doyle, Vice-Chair of the Board.

There were ten students in total from BCI's French Immersion program who took their French-language skills to another level last spring and participated in the Diplôme D'études en Langue Française examination (DELFF). The DELF exam is frequently used around the world in marketing, with employers, and higher education institutions. It signifies a high level of French proficiency and bilingualism. This is the first time that Grand Erie FSL students have participated and successfully completed the exam. The other five students who were unable to attend are Elizabeth Balint, Montana Schott, Raina Ritchie, Austyn Antonowicz, and Matthew Hudson.

Liam Allen, a Grade 7 student from Ecole Fairview was the youngest black belt on the Canadian team last year. He travelled to Brazil for the World Karate Organization's championship with Don Warrener's Martial Arts Academy. During this major competition, he won gold in both his division and the older division of kata, and weapons kata; gold in sparring for his division; and silver in sparring in the older division. As a result he received an overall gold medal in the junior division for the competition.

The recipients were congratulated by the trustees and responded to questions regarding their accomplishments.



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Education Centre, Board Room

- (i) **Delegation**  
Nil.

**B – 1 Approval of Minutes**

- (a) **Regular Board – February 22, 2016**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held February 22, 2016 be approved.

**Carried**

- (b) **Special Board Meeting – February 29, 2016**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held February 29, 2016 be approved.

**Carried**

- (c) **Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – March 7, 2016**

R. Collver requested clarification if discussion has taken place with Executive Council around the Empower, LLI, LITE reports being scheduled to come to board in February.

D. Dean spoke to the data/evidence of success of consistency of teachers in the Compensatory Education schools and requested if this information could be provided in the next Compensatory Education report.

R. Collver queried if there has even been a calendar that tracks time spent out of the classroom for professional development.

C.A. Sloat requested the full list of all schools be shared.



Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting – March 7, 2016 be approved.

**Carried**

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

Nil.

**D – 1 Director's Report**

The Director highlighted:

- Focus on Youth: The Director and Chair of the Board visited the Glenhyrst Art Gallery during March Break to see the Focus on Youth participants and students engaged in an arts camp
- South East Norfolk Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review: The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Lynndale Heights
- Multi Year Plan Session: The next session will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

**Presentation - Focus on Youth**

Grand Erie partnered with local not-for-profit groups to provide hired students to join their youth staff leaders/counsellors at established March Break camp programs.

Focus on Youth is a Ministry of Education funded program that allows Grand Erie to provide employment opportunities for youth, with a focus on hiring and supporting the employment experiences of 'at-risk' youth.

The goal of Focus on Youth is to provide greater access to high quality programs for children and youth in our community. Focus on Youth provides learning, leadership and employment opportunities for youth and offers free use of school space for children and youth based programming. Programs were operating at various locations throughout the City of Brantford and the County of Brant.

Five of the youth staff leaders/counsellors attended the Board Meeting to share what they learned during the week, and how this experience will prepare them for future job opportunities.

3 students were offered jobs after their March break placements.



Trustees were impressed with their enthusiasm, and pleased to hear positive experiences.

**Presentation - Staff Wellness Committee**

Monique Goold, Principal of Centennial Grand-Woodlands and Chair of the Staff Wellness Committee provided an update about the committee. Recently a survey was issued to all staff members across Grand Erie District School Board. The committee seeks to address the well-being and health needs of all Grand Erie employees in a proactive manner.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of March 21, 2016 as information.

**Carried**

**E – 1 Student Trustee's Report**

M. Brown reported that she attended and organized the Board Council Conference for the Ontario Student Trustees' Association and shared three highlights from the meeting:

- Hearing from engaging speakers such as the mayor of Ottawa and John Moses who has been working in Brantford to preserve the history of the local residential school and pushing for more education system wide on FMNI history, culture and past.
- Working even closer with Public Board Council. The PBC had organized and executed their Mental Health Conference to hear from students what should change and what worked in their schools. During the conference the Public Board had the opportunity to hear from panelists on transgender inclusivity
- Networking with the other student trustees from around the province

The next student senate meeting will be held on April 19, 2016 to hear student voice and hold elections for incoming student trustees.

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustee's Report of March 21, 2016 as information.

**Carried**

**F – 1 Committee Report**



(a) **Committee of the Whole Board – March 7, 2016**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole Board dated March 21, 2016 as follows:

J. Harris requested that Recommendation No. 4 be separated from the main report.

A vote was taken on Recommendations No. 1-3 and 5-13.

**Carried**

J. Harris requested that a report be provided to trustees in June that will provide information related to monitoring and evaluation of the Compensatory Education Plan.

R. Collver requested that the report provide feedback regarding the scheduling of Empower, LLI, LITE reports in February and how often teacher instructional time is affected due to participation in in-service sessions that take teachers away from the classroom.

B. Blancher confirmed that a report will be scheduled on the CW2 agenda on June 13, 2016 to address the information requested above.

A vote was taken on Recommendation No. 4

**Carried**

**G – 1 New Business**

(a) **Major Construction Update**

J. Gunn provided an update that the Coronation Redevelopment Project is underway and just slightly behind schedule. Substantial completion of the project is anticipated for August 2016.

Capital Priorities Grant approval of \$5,819,700 has been received from the Ministry of Education with costs to date of \$2,280,497. The total project costs may exceed the approved grant by \$45,000 for a total of \$5,864,700.



J. Gunn explained that at the time when the scope and budget was set, there was not an understanding of the full cost that would be incurred to disconnect and transport the portable.

The Major Ballachey HUB is completed. The Board approved a budget of \$85,000 from Facility Renewal and School Improvement Funding for 2014-2015. The project was completed using internal forces for a cost of \$68,250.86

J. Gunn clarified that this agreement is not yet final under the proposed agreement. The HUB would be for use from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and any use beyond that time would require a permit through the school rental system. The permit would be at no cost but provides information regarding the use of the school.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Project Report as information.

**Carried**

(b) **Schedule of Budget Review Meetings**

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Budget Review Meetings as follows at 6:00 p.m.:

1. May 4, 2016
2. May 11, 2016
3. May 18, 2016
4. May 26, 2016

**Carried**

(c) **Appointment of Non-Board Audit Committee Members**

J. Gunn recommended that William Lovekin be appointed as a non-board audit committee member for a three-year term ending January 31, 2019.



Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the appointment of William Lovekin as non-board audit committee member for a three year term ending January 31, 2019.

**Carried**

#### H – 1 **Other Business**

##### (a) **Summary of Accounts – February 2016**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of February 2016 in the amount of \$7,598,262.40 as information.

**Carried**

##### (b) **Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – February 18, 2016**

J. Gunn noted an omission on the Safety Audit Tracking Report. Pauline Johnson's inspection was completed on February 26, 2016, and should show an xx under the month of February.

T. Waldschmidt inquired about 8.4 Critical Injuries. J. Gunn explained critical injuries are clearly defined and referred to a broken arm as an example. He also noted that 43 injuries falls within the normal range for a Board with approximately 26,000 students.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – February 18, 2016" as information.

**Carried**

##### (c) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 4, 2016**

L. Thompson referred to Item A-1 (c) ii bullet #5 and noted that it should read "Students with multiple learning **exceptionalities** are identified as "multiple handicapped" so not counted in the single identification as, eg.; blind, deaf, etc.





Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 4, 2016” as information.

**Carried**

(d) **Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Minutes – February 23, 2016**

J. Gunn explained that 7.1 Policy and Procedures will be posted for trustee feedback by May 10, 2016.

R. Collver inquired about 6.0 Safety and the large increase in the number of preventable accidents. J. Gunn explained that number of increase falls within the range of two to seven which is considered minimal.

A. Martindale inquired asked about possible transportation in the Haldimand area like the magnet transportation offered in the Brantford area for those students interested in taking university classes that may not be offered in their secondary school.

J. Gunn addressed the geographic challenge of transporting students between the two areas with time constraints throughout the school day. He will gather more information.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Minutes – February 23, 2016” as information.

**Carried**

(e) **Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Minutes – January 21, 2016**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Minutes – January 21, 2016” as information.

**Carried**



(f) **Native Committee Minutes – December 8, 2015**

B. Blancher noted that Shaun McMahon and Helen Miller were in attendance at the meeting.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Native Advisory Committee Minutes – December 8, 2015” as information.

**Carried**

(g) **Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes - January 21, 2016**

L. Thompson noted the minutes would be revised to reflect the proper spelling of Alex Felsky.

G. Anderson addressed a concern with the attendance at the Compensatory Education Steering Committee meetings and asked if the number of committee members and meeting time are seen as barriers for attendance.

R. Collver explained that as a committee member, the committee is in the first phase of conversations to address this and is optimistic this will improve over time.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the “Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes – January 21, 2016” as information.

**Carried**

(h) **Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 25, 2016**

C.A. Sloat requested more information on the no cost three-month trial of Lexia Core 5, an American literacy program. L. Thompson explained that a principal of a Compensatory Education school secured a free trial and is reviewing the information and data from the survey and has shared it with other principals, in the event they are interested.

J. Harris requested the clarification on the following items: 1) Common view requires partnerships - What are we doing to enhance partnerships? and 2) Where are the reviews in the process of the Durham Blue Print?



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L. Thompson clarified that the common view requires partnership mapping is one of the focus topics for the next Compensatory Education Steering Committee meeting

She explained how interest from a Compensatory Education school principal in the Durham strategy prompted her to connect with the Durham School Board to retrieve information on its' effectiveness.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Harris

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the "Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 25, 2016 as information.

**Carried**

### I – 1 Correspondence

Nil.

### J – 1 Adjournment

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**Carried**

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Board Vice-Chair, Brian Doyle