



MINUTES

Present: D. Dean, Board Chair, G. Anderson, R. Collver, D. Dean, B. Doyle, A. Felsky, J. Harris, J. Richardson, K. Sandy, C.A. Sloat, D. Sowers, T. Waldschmidt, E. Marr (Student Trustee), B. Newman (Student Trustee)

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

Regrets:

Trustees: Nil

Administration: Nil

A – 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Dean 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: J. Richardson

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 Chair, D. Dean at 7:20 p.m.



Regular Board Meeting
August 29, 2016
Education Centre, Board Room

C.A. Sloat (mentor for the 2016-2017 student trustee representing the North) welcomed and introduced Brett Newman, a grade 12 student at Paris District High School who is involved in school council, school athletic council, Chair – Relay for Life, and works part time.

R. Collver (mentor for the 2016-2017 student trustee representing the South) welcomed and introduced Elizabeth Marr, a grade 12 student at Waterford District High School, who is a proud “Waterford Wolf” and is active in the school and community, and was co-president of school council last year.

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

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: R. Collver
THAT the Agenda be approved as printed.
Carried

(f) **In Camera Report**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: A. Felsky
THAT the Board approve the recommendations for Adding to the Replacement/Casual Principal and Vice-Principal List.
Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: D. Sowers
THAT the Board approve Item D-1-b recommendation #1.
Carried

Moved by: D. Sowers
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT the Board approve Item D-1-b recommendation #2.
Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Board approve Item D-1-b recommendation #3.
Carried



Regular Board Meeting
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Education Centre, Board Room

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board approve the Director's Operational Goals for 2016-2017.

Carried

(g) **Memorial – Ashton VanEvery**

The memorial statement was read by G. Anderson.

(h) **Memorial – Katherine O'Hara**

The memorial statement was read by C.A. Sloat.

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration took a moment of silence to honour Ashton and Katherine.

(i) **Presentations**

Nil.

(j) **Delegations**

Nil.

B – 1 Approval of Minutes

(a) **Regular Board Meeting – June 20, 2016**

R. Collver requested that the delegations presented to the Board by George Araujo and Alan Duthie in June in regards to Young Canada day be forwarded to all trustees.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, held June 20, 2016 be approved.

Carried



(b) **Special Board Meeting – July 7, 2016**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, held July 7, 2016 be approved.

Carried

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

Nil.

D – 1 **Director's Report**

The Director highlighted:

- A. Nesbitt, Superintendent of Education announced his retirement this summer, we are currently in the recruitment process to fill this position
- The Annual Director's Kick off meeting will be held on August 30, 2016
- Camp SAIL provided students with an opportunity to continue their learning during the summer months. There was a focus on literacy and numeracy in the morning, and reading and oral communication built into the afternoon recreation program
- Welcome back events begin this week to welcome new Grade 9 students and all students to secondary schools in Grand Erie
- More than 40 Grand Erie secondary students were hired and placed at various Grand Erie sites and community organizations throughout the district through Focus on Youth, a Ministry of Education funded program.

Grand Erie District School Board is setting a new direction to help guide the work provided for the students. Success for Every Student is at the centre of our new Multi-Year Plan.

This will be achieved through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The indicators that will support our goal include Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology, and Community. The Multi-Year Plan video was presented to trustees.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of August 29, 2016 as information.

Carried

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

(a) **Approval of Next Year CW and Board Schedules of Agenda Items**



i. Committee of the Whole Board

B. Blancher presented the schedule and referred to the schedule of one committee meeting per month. Trustee Honoraria currently scheduled for September 12, 2016 should be scheduled on November 14, 2016.

Discussion included the roll out plan for the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey. B. Blancher will confirm to trustees when a report on the TTFM survey data will be presented.

D. Dean explained that BL25 is scheduled on September 12, 2016. It was suggested during the Chairs Committee meeting to put a motion to refer BL25 to an AdHoc committee for consultation.

L. Thompson explained that the Special Education sessions will be scheduled throughout the year, as opposed to the previous practice of holding the meetings in the spring. The dates will be discussed at the first SEAC meeting of the year.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2016-2017 Committee of the Whole Board meetings, as revised.

Carried

ii. Regular Board

B. Blancher presented the schedule that sets out the regular overview reports to be presented at board meetings.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Proposed Schedule for the 2016-2017 Regular Board Meetings.

Carried

(b) Approval of the IPRC Composition

L. Thompson presented the report which is consistent with Bylaw 8 and Regulation 181/98.

Moved by: D. Sowers

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt



THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Identification, Placement and Review Committee structure and jurisdiction as set out in the IPRC Terms of Reference included in Bylaw 8.

Carried

(c) **OPSBA Membership for 2016-2017**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Sowers

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the 2016-17 OPSBA Membership Fee of \$54,963 plus HST for payment.

Carried

E – 2 **New Business**

(a) **Annual Operating Plans – School Year 2016-17**

B. Blancher explained that Senior Administration and staff have prepared the Annual Operating Plans to guide their work and the work of the system.

The structure of the reports have been revised to align with the Multi-Year Plan. The five plans include: Well-Being, Technology, Community, Equity and Environment. Achievement will covered through the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement that will come to the Board in late September.

Superintendents spoke to the plans.

i. Well-Being

L. Thompson reported on the following goals in the annual operating plan:

- Staff, students and parents will promote health and well-being and will know how to access supports when needed
- Create and promote an enabling environment where all students can participate fully in their education
- Develop measurements to better understand the impact of the Educational Technology Plan on staff and student learning



In terms of focus groups and committee meetings, L. Thompson clarified she is currently working with G. Rousell, System Research Leader to develop a plan for data gathering.

Some feedback from trustees included lack of measurement information within the Evidence of Progress box on the AOP.

B. Blancher further explained that the AOP highlights four year goals, providing goals and strategies for the current. Evaluation and measurements will be provided over the next four years.

ii. Technology

D. Abbey reported on the following goals in the annual operating plan:

- Develop measurements to better understand the impact of the Educational Technology Plan on staff and student learning
- Increase staff knowledge of the technology available for teaching, learning and workplace applications
- Optimize our data systems to ensure that information is accurate, reliable, and easily accessible
- Provide an up-to-date technology infrastructure that meets the needs of classroom, administration and departments

D. Abbey clarified for the 13 sites that are unable to hook into fibre optic external data connections, one of the alternative solutions is to divert bandwidth through towers.

In terms of expanding Educational Technology Student Groups, the goal is to develop working relationships between students and teachers. Students would learn new transferrable skills to share with other students.

In terms of data integration of LITE and PowerSchool, many hours were spent duplicating information by having to enter information on both platforms. The goal is to streamline the process to avoid this.

B. Newman can see how the direct impact of faster internet would be beneficial in the classroom in terms of student learning. Teaching time is minimized in the classroom when internet challenges are present.



D. Sowers left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

iii. Community

S. Sincerbox and B. Blancher reported on the following goals in the annual operating plan:

- Facilitate opportunities for the use of strategies to encourage and support family involvement in our schools and learning at home
- Develop a process to formally integrate and celebrate the partners whose contributions enhance the learning experiences of our students

B. Blancher clarified that the resource strategies for family involvement available to Administrators and School Councils will also be available to families.

iv. Equity

W. Baker reported on the following goals in the annual operating plan:

- Reduction in the incidence of bullying among students
- Increase in the sense of belonging among students

C.A. Sloat recommended that Safe and Inclusive Schools committee be considered as a Board committee.

W. Baker explained that training on restorative practices will be provided for staff and will be especially beneficial to those who may be lacking confidence.

v. Environment

J. Gunn reported on the following goals in the annual operating plan:

- Ensure continuity of services and programs
- Improve on Energy and Environmental Conservation at all Grand Erie sites
- Make the best of space in Board schools
- Create learning spaces to reflect current teaching and learning needs
- Build a culture of care and respect in all schools and workplaces

He further explained how increased ECO awareness would focus on providing project funding assistance to those schools endeavoring to achieve higher Eco Schools ratings.



Changing culture could begin with front line non-teaching staff that the community would encounter on the telephone or walking through the front entrance.

B. Blancher referred to the status of the annual operating plans and noted future iterations. The updates provided in May will provide information of what was learned and what will be required in the next year to meet goals.

B. Blancher noted that a plan has yet to be determined on posting of the annual operating plans on line.

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: A. Felsky

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Annual Operating Plans of Senior Administration for the school year 2016/17 as information.

Carried

(b) **Major Construction Update**

J. Gunn reported on the major construction project update for Coronation Redevelopment. He addressed the scope, status as of August 23, 2016, and budget. Tom Oldman, Manager of Facility Services was credited for ensuring that budget stayed on track.

J. Gunn explained that the four additional portables at École Confédération will remain until the accommodation for the French Immersion program has been managed.

C.A. Sloat inquired about the gym and cycling room project at Pauline Johnson. J. Gunn confirmed that the project was completed well within budget estimates.

Trustees were invited to a tour of École Confédération on August 31, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

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

Carried

(c) **2014-2015 Energy Consumption/Conservation Report**



J. Gunn explained that this annual report is provided with assistance from Katie Hashimoto, Supervisor of Energy & Environmental Conservation and Facility Services. He provided highlights from background, report data and variables, energy demand and conservation and summary.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the 2014-2015 Energy Consumption/Conservation Report as information.

Carried

G – 1 Other Business

(a) Summary of Accounts – June 2016

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of June 2016 in the amount of \$12,097,536.83 as information.

Carried

(b) Summary of Accounts – July 2016

Presented as printed.

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: K. Sandy

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Summary of Accounts for the month of July 2016 in the amount of \$ 8,834,320.09 information.

Carried

H – 1 Correspondence

(a) Peel District School Board re: Coding into instructional Programs



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(b) Peel District School Board re: EQAO Office

(c) Ministry of Education

Moved by: J. Harris

Seconded by: J. Richardson

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

Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 9:17 p.m.

Carried

I – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: A. Felsky

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, David Dean