



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2025

7:15 p.m.

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

Present: Chair: S. Gibson, Vice-Chair: T. Waldschmidt, Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, B. Doyle, L. Passmore, E. Thomas, T. Sault, C.A. Sloat, C. VanEvery-Albert, L. Whiton, Student Trustees: A. Hill, O. Prince, C. Shields

Administration: Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: P. Ashe, K. Graham, L. Munro, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerbroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Manager: R. Strang, Senior Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

Guests: Senior Manager P. Kuckyt

Regrets: Trustee R. Collver

A - 1 Opening (6:30 p.m.)

(a) Roll Call

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest - Nil

(c) In-Camera Session (6:31 p.m.)

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board move In-Camera.

Carried

(d) Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(e) Call to Order

Chair Gibson called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

(f) Additions/Deletions/Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) Memorial - Nil

(h) In-Camera Report

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT Item B-1-b be approved.



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Recorded Vote:

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt - yes
Trustee VanEvery-Albert - yes
Trustee Sault - yes
Trustee Whiton - no
Trustee Passmore - yes

Trustee Doyle - yes
Trustee Anderson - no
Trustee Thompson - yes
Trustee Bradford - yes
Chair Gibson - yes

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT the Board join other Ontario School Boards in legal proceedings against Meta Platforms Inc (Facebook & Instagram), ByteDance Ltd (TikTok), and Snap Inc. (Snapchat) for disruption of students' fundamental right to education.

Recorded Vote:

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt - yes
Trustee VanEvery-Albert - yes
Trustee Sault - yes
Trustee Whiton - yes
Trustee Passmore - yes
Trustee Doyle - yes

Trustee Sloat - yes
Trustee Anderson - yes
Trustee Thompson - yes
Trustee Bradford - yes
Chair Gibson - yes

Carried

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Thomas

THAT Item C-1-b be approved.

Recorded Vote:

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt - yes
Trustee VanEvery-Albert - yes
Trustee Sault - yes
Trustee Whiton - yes
Trustee Passmore - yes
Trustee Doyle - yes

Trustee Sloat - yes
Trustee Anderson - yes
Trustee Thompson - yes
Trustee Bradford - yes
Chair Gibson - yes

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT Item D-1-a be approved.

Recorded Vote:

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt - yes
Trustee VanEvery-Albert - yes
Trustee Sault - yes
Trustee Whiton - yes

Trustee Sloat - no
Trustee Anderson - yes
Trustee Thompson - yes
Trustee Bradford - yes



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Trustee Passmore – yes

Chair Gibson - yes

Trustee Doyle - yes

Carried

(i) **Learn Lead Inspire Awards**

Director Roberto presented a Learn Lead Inspire Award to Hailey DeDominicis, who attended Greenbrier Public School and North Park Collegiate and Vocational School, for her outstanding contributions to the arts, exemplified by her recent achievement in screenwriting in the Netflix movie *Our Little Secret*.

Director Roberto presented Learn Lead Inspire Awards to the Innovation Hub Team - Chloe Bedard, Jeff Benner, Phil Cline, Emma Dailey, Karen Edgar, Jason Hall, and Miriam Lapeare for transforming the groundbreaking STEAM learning space, a first-of-its-kind at North Park Collegiate and Vocational School designed to foster an ecosystem of exploration, imagination, and essential skills for students in Grades 7 through 12.

(j) **Student Showcase**

(i) **OSSTF/FEESO Student Achievement Provincial Winners**

Director Roberto introduced Hayden Mitchell and Ethan Harrison, both of Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, and Gracie Smith of McKinnon Park Secondary School, all earning top provincial awards for their artistic contributions in visual art, woodworking and creative writing.

(ii) **Brantford Bulldogs Hockey**

Director Roberto showcased the Brantford Bulldogs Ontario Hockey League team, who bring many opportunities to align mutual goals that enhance the lives, education and future pathways of Grand Erie learners.

(k) **Delegation – Nil**

B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

THAT the Board accept the March 24, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: B. Doyle

(a) Approve the minutes of:

(i) Regular Board meeting dated February 24, 2025

(b) Receive the minutes of:

(i) Audit Committee dated November 7, 2024

(ii) Six Nations Advisory Committee dated December 12, 2024

(c) Receive the correspondence from:

(i) Bluewater District School Board dated February 25, 2025

(d) Director of Education Highlights

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C - 1 Committee Recommendations and Reports

(a) Special Finance Committee Meeting Report dated March 3, 2025

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the amended school boundaries for École Confédération Elementary School and École Dufferin Public School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective September 1, 2025.

Carried

(b) Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated March 3, 2025

(i) Budget Development Process Policy (BU-02)

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT the Board approve the Budget Development Process Policy (BU-02).

Carried

A recorded vote was requested.

Recorded Vote:

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt - yes

Trustee VanEvery-Albert - yes

Trustee Sault - yes

Trustee Whiton - yes

Trustee Passmore - yes

Trustee Doyle - yes

Trustee Sloat - no

Trustee Anderson - yes

Trustee Thompson - yes

Trustee Bradford - yes

Chair Gibson - yes

Carried

(ii) Major Construction Policy (FA-01)

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the Major Construction Policy (FA-01).

Carried

(iii) Boundary Reviews Policy (FA-08)

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Board approve the Boundary Reviews Policy (FA-08).

Carried

(iv) Fundraising Policy (SO-01)

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board approve the Fundraising Policy (SO-01).

Carried



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(v) **Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (SO-14)**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT the Board approve the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (SO-14).

Carried

(vi) **Community Partnerships Policy (SO-34)**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: E. Thomas

THAT the Board approve the Community Partnerships Policy (SO-34).

Carried

(vii) **Student Concussion and Head Injury Policy (HS-10).**

Moved by: T. Sault

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Board approve the Student Concussion and Head Injury Policy (HS-10).

Carried

(viii) **Environmental and Climate Change Education and Stewardship Policy (SO-18)**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the Environmental and Climate Change Education and Stewardship Policy (SO-18).

Carried

(c) **Audit Committee Meeting Report dated March 6, 2025**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Millard Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP as external auditors for the 2024-25 financial year.

Carried

D - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings – Nil**

E - 1 **Report of the Director**

The following highlights were included in the Director's Report:

- Secondary Math Professional Development
- Facility Services Professional Development
- Innovation Hub Hosts Hackathon
- Family STEAM Event
- Hagersville Secondary Schools EarlyOn Program
- Langton Public School - 'You're a Chef' Program
- Rainham Central Public-School Winter Carnival
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Managing Kids and Tech Event
- Centre for Excellence Words Matter Campaign
- Staff Take Part in Sledge Hockey



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- Youth Citizen of the Year – Hailey Diduck

F - 1 Student Trustees' Report

(a) OSTA-AECO Report

Presented as printed.

(b) Student Senate Report

Presented as printed.

G - 1 New Business - Action / Information Items

(a) Major Construction Project Report

Presented as printed.

(b) Board Approved Transportation Review

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the transportation route exceptions listed in the Board Approved Transportation Review report for the 2025-26 School Year.

Carried

(c) Renaming of Elgin Avenue Public School

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: E. Thomas

THAT the Board approve the request for the naming of Elgin Avenue Public School in Simcoe and that a Special Ad Hoc Naming Committee be struck in the 2024-25 school year as per the Naming/Renaming of Schools and Facilities Policy (FA-03).

Carried

(d) Student Trustee Selection 2025-26

Presented as printed.

H - 1 OPSBA Report

Trustee Van Every-Albert noted the following:

- Annual General Meeting – June 14, 2025
- Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education of the Canadian School Boards Association – July 2-5, 2025


I - 1 Adjournment


Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Carried


Chair S. Gibson


Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto

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