



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2025

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

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

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

Absent: L. Whiton

A - 1 **Opening (6:28 p.m.)**

(a) **Roll Call**

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

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

(c) **In-Camera Session (6:30 p.m.)**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Board move In-Camera.

Carried

(d) **Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Student Trustee Shields read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(e) **Call to Order**

Chair Gibson called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

(f) **Additions/Deletions/Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorial**

(i) **Gayle Book**

The memorial of Gayle Book was read by Chair Gibson.

(h) **In-Camera Report**

That Item D-1-a be approved.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

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(i) **Learn Lean Inspire Awards**

Director Roberto presented Learn Lead Inspire Awards to Carrie Swartz, Director of Museum Experience at the Toronto Holocaust Museum and the entire museum team who exemplify outstanding dedication to their communities and embody a shared commitment to inspire learners.

(j) **Showcase**

Director Roberto introduced Judy Gardner, Principal of Banbury Heights School, Meghan Cameron, a teacher at Cayuga Secondary School, Jackie Watkins, a mathematics teacher consultant and Brian Wilson, a Grade 6 teacher at Cedarland Public School who each shared how their visit to the Toronto Holocaust Museum has impacted them and their work with students.

(k) **Delegations – Nil**

B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

THAT the Board accept the January 27, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: G. Anderson

(a) Approve the minutes of:

- (i) Annual Board meeting dated December 9, 2024
- (ii) Regular Board meeting dated December 9, 2024

(b) Receive the minutes of:

- (i) Six Nations Advisory Committee meeting dated September 26, 2024
- (ii) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting dated October 24, 2024
- (iii) Special Education Advisory Committee meeting dated November 14, 2024
- (iv) Special Education Advisory Committee meeting dated December 12, 2024

(c) Receive the correspondence from:

- (i) Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board dated December 2, 2024
- (ii) Waterloo Region District School Board dated December 12, 2024
- (iii) Durham District School Board dated January 13, 2025
- (iv) Near North District School Board dated January 17, 2025

Carried

C - 1 **Committee Recommendations and Reports**

(a) **Special Education Advisory Committee Report dated January 9, 2025**

Moved by: C. A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the appointment of Simon Jennins, Community Living Brant, to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remainder of the Term 2022-2026.

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(b) **Special Finance Committee Meeting Report dated January 13, 2025**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the school boundaries for Caledonia Centennial Public School, Seneca Central Public School, J.L. Mitchener Public School, and the new school boundary for the new Caledonia school, as outlined in Figure 1, effective September 1, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the establishment of a working group for École Dufferin and École Confederation French Immersion Boundary Review.

Carried

(c) **Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated January 13, 2025**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board approve the draft School Year Calendars 2025-26.

Carried

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

E - 1 **Report of the Director**

Director Roberto highlighted the following:

- Math Competition Winners
- Read Your Way to the Fair
- Innovation Hub in Action - Future Ready Citizens STEAM program
- Helping Birds and Bats
- Ford Auto Parts Donation
- Tech is Grand
- Student Trustee Donation
- Norfolk General – Project Search
- Mental Health Resources
- Caring for our Communities
- Softball Scholarship
- Conestoga Partnership
- Centre for Excellence Grand Opening
- Days of Significance
- GEPIC Event
- Student Trustee Elections

In addition, Ministry approval to build a new elementary school in Paris was highlighted.



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F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report** – Nil

G - 1 **New Business - Action / Information Items**

(a) **Major Construction Project Report**

Presented as printed.

H - 1 **OPSBA Report**

Trustee Van Every-Albert advised of the following:

- Public Education Symposium was held January 24 -25, 2025 in Toronto
- Board meeting at the end of February
- Indigenous Trustee's Council
- OPSBA AGM in June
- Canadian School Board Association Annual meeting in Winnipeg

I - 1 **Adjournment**


Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Carried


Chair S. Gibson


Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto