



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2025

7:15 p.m.

Education Centre Boardroom

AGENDA

A - 1 Opening

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- (c) In-Camera Session **(6:30 pm)**
 - (i) Personnel
 - (ii) Legal
 - (iii) Property
- (d) Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement
The Grand Erie District School Board recognizes Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as the longstanding peoples of this territory. We honour, recognize, and respect these communities as well as all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples who reside within the Grand Erie District School Board. We are all stewards of these lands and waters where we now gather, learn and play, and commit to working together in the spirit of Reconciliation.
- (e) Call to Order
- (f) Additions/Deletions/Approval of the Agenda
Recommended Motion:
"THAT the Agenda be approved."
- * (g) Memorials
 - (i) Gayle Book (S. Gibson)
- (h) In-Camera Report
 - (i) Learn Lead Inspire Awards (J. Roberto)
 - (j) Showcase (J. Roberto, R. Vankerrebroeck)
- (k) Delegation

B - 1 Consent Agenda (S. Gibson)

Recommended Motion:

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

- * (a) Approve the minutes of:
 - (i) Annual Board meeting minutes dated December 9, 2024
 - (ii) Regular Board meeting minutes 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



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C - 1 Committee Recommendations and Reports

- * (a) [Special Education Advisory Committee Report](#) dated January 9, 2025 (L. Whiton)
Recommended Motion:
"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."
- * (b) [Special Finance Committee Meeting Report](#) dated January 13, 2025 (B. Doyle)
Recommended Motion:
"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."
Recommended Motion:
"THAT the Board approve the establishment of a working group for École Dufferin and École Confederation French Immersion Boundary Review."
- * (c) [Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report](#) dated January 13, 2025 (B. Doyle)
Recommended Motion:
"THAT the Board approve the draft School Year Calendars 2025-26."

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

E - 1 Report of the Director

F - 1 Student Trustees' Report

G - 1 New Business - Action / Information Items

- * (a) Major Construction Project Report (R. Wyszynski) (I)

H - 1 OPSBA Report

I - 1 Adjournment

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned."



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FEBRUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
03	04	05	06	07
			Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting 6:00p.m.	
10	11	12	13	14
Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.				
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
Regular Board Meeting 7:15 p.m.			Six Nations Advisory Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.	

In Memoriam

Gayle Book, a member
of the School Culture and Well-being Department

It is with great sadness, that we inform you of the passing of Gayle Book.

Gayle was energetic and passionate about supporting students, families, and schools. She took great pride in helping others. As a member of the School Culture and Well-being department, she functioned as a member of the Traumatic Emergency Response Team and provided board-wide training in suicide intervention and Restorative Justice.

Our deepest condolences to Gayle's family, friends, staff members, and everyone connected to this loss.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Ashe
Superintendent of Education

Presented at the Grand Erie District School Board's Regular Board Meeting
on January 27, 2025, by Chair Gibson



Annual Board Meeting

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

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

Regrets: Student Trustee O. Prince

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Director Roberto, as Secretary of the Board, at 6:01 p.m.

(b) **Roll Call**

Director Roberto confirmed that roll call had been completed.

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

Director Roberto read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B - 1 **Selection of Slate of Officers for 2025**

(a) **Appointment by the Director of Education and Secretary of the Board of the Scrutineers**

J. Tozer and R. Wyszynski were appointed Scrutineers.

(b) **Method of Nominating**

Nominations for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the 2025 Board were made by email submission.

(c) **Nominations for Board Chair**

Trustee Doyle nominated Trustee Gibson who accepted the nomination. Trustee Sloat self-nominated.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT nominations for the position of Chair of the Board 2025 be closed.

Carried

Ballots were distributed, collected, and tabulated.

Trustee Gibson was declared elected as Chair of the Board 2025.

Chair Gibson assumed the Chair.



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(d) **Nominations for Board Vice-Chair**

Trustee Doyle nominated Trustee Waldschmidt who accepted the nomination. Trustee Thomas nominated Trustee Whiton who accepted the nomination. Trustee Sloat self-nominated.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board 2025 be closed.

Carried

Ballots were distributed, collected, and tabulated.

Trustee Waldschmidt was declared Vice-Chair of the 2025 Board.

(e) **Motion to Destroy the Ballots**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the Scrutineers be directed to destroy the ballots collected during the 2025 Board elections.

Carried

C - 1 **Presentation to the 2024 Board Chair and Vice-Chair**

On behalf of the Board, Director Roberto presented Chair Gibson and Vice-Chair Doyle with gifts of appreciation for their service as Board Chair and Vice-Chair in 2024.

D - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Annual Board meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto



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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, E. 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. Vankerrebroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Manager: R. Strang, Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

Guests: General Legal Counsel J. Bell, L. Counsel, C. Nielsen

A - 1 **Opening (6:25 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: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board move In-Camera.

Carried

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

Chair Gibson 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: G. Anderson

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorials**

(i) **Tyler Nelson**

The memorial of Tyler Nelson was read by Trustee Doyle.

(ii) **Kaitlynn Tessier**

The memorial of Kaitlynn Tessier was ready by Vice-Chair Waldschmidt.

(h) **In-Camera Report**

That Item B-1-c be approved.

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

Carried



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That Item C-1-c be approved.
Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: T. Sault

Recorded Vote:
Vice-Chair Waldschmidt – yes Trustee Collver - no
Trustee VanEvery-Albert – yes Trustee Anderson - no
Trustee Sault – yes Trustee Passmore - yes
Trustee Doyle – yes Trustee Bradford - yes
Trustee Thomas – unavailable Chair Gibson - yes
Trustee Whiton - yes

Carried

(i) **Learn Lean Inspire Awards**

Director Roberto presented Evelyn Waldron, a student at Pauline Johnson Vocational Collegiate Institute with a Learn Lead Inspire Award for immersing herself in numerous aspects of the school community including advocating for sustainability as a member of the Eco Club and representing student voice through leadership roles on Student Council, to organizing events such as Grade 8 Day or leading tours for future students.

(j) **Student Showcase - Bloomsburg Public School – Grades 4 - 6 Choir and JK/SK Class**

Director Roberto shared videos of the Bloomsburg Public School Choir singing Christmas Tree Farm by Taylor Swift and the JK/SK class singing The Elf by the Shelf.

(k) **Delegations – Nil**

(l) **Chair’s Address**

Chair Gibson presented her Inaugural Address.

B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **November 25, 2024 (Regular Board Meeting)**

Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated November 25, 2024, be approved.

Carried

C - 1 **Committee Recommendations and Reports**

(a) **Finance Committee Meeting Report dated December 2, 2024**

Moved by: L. Passmore
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Board approve the Revised Budget Estimates 2024-25.

Carried



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- (b) **Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated December 2, 2024**
Presented as printed.
- (c) **Governance Committee Meeting Report dated December 2, 2024**
Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT the Board approve the amendments to the General Working By-Law and the General Governance Policy.
Carried
- (d) **Governance Committee Meeting Report dated December 5, 2024**
Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Board approve the amendments to the Trustee Code of Conduct – Governance Policy #4.
Carried
- D - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings – Nil**
- E - 1 **Report of the Director**
Director Roberto highlighted the following:
- PROSE Module Launch
 - EA Professional Development
 - Project Search
 - McKinnon Park in Competition
 - Math Newsletters
 - Tech is Grand Erie
 - St. George German Learning Commons
 - United Way Campaign
 - Christmas Food Drive
 - Mental Health Resources
 - Days of Significance
 - Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Presentations
 - Grade 8 Course Selection for 2025-26
 - Education Fair
- F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**
(a) **Student Senate Report**
Presented as printed.



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

(a) **Borrowing Authorities**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board approve the Borrowing Authorities.

Carried

(b) **Trustees Committee Representation 2024-25**

Manager Ireland-Aitken distributed the Committee Representation report.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board approve the Committee Representation 2024-25.

Carried

(c) **Director's Annual Report 2023-24**

Presented as printed.

H - 1 **Committee Minutes for Information** – Nil

I - 1 **OPSBA Report**

Trustee Van Every-Albert advised of the following:

- Public Education Symposium will be held January 24 -25, 2025 in Toronto

J - 1 **Correspondence** - Nil

K - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto



Six Nations Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 26, 2024

1:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

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- Chair:** C. VanEvery-Albert, Trustee
- Community Representative(s):** A. Powless-Bomberry, Six Nations Elected Council Representative
- Trustee:** S. Graham, Six Nations Federal Schools Representative
- A. Hill Indigenous Student Trustee
- E. Thomas, Trustee
- Grand Erie Staff:** K. Graham, Superintendent of Education
- D. Montour, System Principal Leader of Indigenous Education (*Acting*)
- D. Powless, Indigenous Education Counsellor
- J. Roberto, Director of Education
- D. VanEvery, Six Nations Indigenous Advisor
- Carey Vyse, Indigenous Education Counsellor
- Carly Vyse, Indigenous Education Counsellor
- A. Williams, Community Liaison Worker
- Grand Erie Staff (Resources):** Nil.
- Regrets:** Nil.
- Absent:** C. VanEvery-Albert, Everlasting Tree School
- T. Anderson, Indigenous Services Canada Director of Education responsible for Six Nations Federal Schools
- A. General, Kawenní:io/Gawení: yo Private School
- Guest:** Nil
- Recording Secretary:** D. Fletcher, Executive Assistant

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) **Ohen: ton Karihwaterhkwen**
Chair VanEvery-Albert provided opening greetings
- (b) **Land Acknowledgment Statement**
Superintendent Graham read the Land Acknowledgment statement.
- (c) **Introduction & Roll Call**
Introductions and Roll Call were completed.
- (d) **Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was approved by consensus.
- (e) **Student Showcase**
Highlights provided by Indigenous Student Trustee A. Hill included: Year-end POW WOW, Indigenous Council meetings, and attending the first Board meeting in the Indigenous Student Trustee role. In this role he will be seeking student feedback for future projects, workshops, and motivational speakers.

- B - 1 **ESA Staff Roundtable**
- (a) **Introductions and Updates from each school**
Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School and Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School: Grade 9 orientation Meet and Greet, Grade 9 Welcome to Guidance, Timetable Changes,



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NPAAM, Six Nations Nutrition Program, University/College Visits (Guelph, Trent, Fanshawe, Brock, Calgary), Six Nations Elected Council (SNEC) and Enrollment Allowance.

Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School:

Currently offering support through emails, Post Secondary Pathway planning for Grade 12's, Beading workshop, Six Nations Nutrition Program, Fanshawe visit, and watched Live Stream by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

Hagersville Secondary School/NewStart Program:

Orange Shirts/Sept 30th luncheon/welcome to new students, College/University visits, timetable changes/new intakes with NNS, re-entry meeting with Vice-Principal at HSS, staff meeting at HSS, Native Club meeting, and in-school team meeting.

Discussion included a potential program review of pathways and learning opportunities at Nations/NewStart in 2024.

McKinnon Park Secondary School: Meeting with Grade 10s, Grade 9 orientation assembly, Timetable changes, Grade 9 interviews, Fanshawe College visit, Universities and Mohawk College will be visiting and supporting parents/students with attendance ESL20 class – Grade 9s.

The Indigenous Team will support schools in their learning of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2024.

Update on School Events & Supports from the Six Nations Advisor: NBE Training focus on Haudenosaunee teachers, UISC Advisor meetings, Transition planning and meetings, Nominal Roll training, and ESA report writing.

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

D - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2024**

Trustee Thomas moved THAT the minutes of the Six Nations Advisory Committee held on June 13, 2024, be approved.

Carried

E - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Education Service Agreement (ESA) Update**

The ESA agreement will be completed by next summer.

F - 1 **Information Items**

(a) **Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference was reviewed. Invitation letters will be sent out to fill vacancies.

(b) **Mohawk Circle**

Background on the origin and development of the Mohawk Circle was shared. Chair VanEvery-Albert will reach out to connect with those members who lead the Mohawk Circle.

(c) **System Committee Updates**



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1:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

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System updates included: PPM128 (Social Media Platforms, Vaping/Personal Mobile Devices), Early Reading Screener, School Builds, and the Welcome Centre.

Chair VanEvery-Albert shared her role as a Board of Director on Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) and is also part of the Indigenous Trustee Council (ITC).

(d) **Meeting Dates**

Meeting dates scheduled for 2024-25:

- December 12, 2024
- February 27, 2025
- April 17, 2025
- May 15, 2025 (Annual General Meeting)
- June 12, 2025

G - 1 **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, December 12, 2024, location to be determined.

H - 1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**

Chair VanEvery-Albert adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.



Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Norfolk Room (Grand Erie DSB)/MS Office Teams Virtual Meeting

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- Chair:** K. Graham, Superintendent of Education
- Trustee:** A. Hill, Student Trustee
T. Sault, Trustee
- Grand Erie Staff:** R. Mullings, Elementary Principal
J. Roberto, Director of Education
- Organizations/Agencies:** D. Bomberry, Lifelong Learning of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
L. Harris, Local Association Representative
K. Henry, Local Association Representative
A. Sault, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Parent/Family Designates:** T. Simon, Parent/Family Designate
- Regrets:** P. Barber, Director of Lifelong Learning of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
J.P. Gauthier, Indigenous Education Teacher Consultant
D. Montour, System Principal Leader of Indigenous Education (*Acting*)
V. King-Jamieson, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Education Pillar Lead
K. Sandy, Local Association Representative
J. Shawana, Local Association Representative
D. Sowers, Local Association Representative
L. Silversmith, Local Association Representative
D. McFaden, Métis Nation
- Absent:** J. Burnham, Local Association Representative
C. General, Local Association Representative
S. George, Parent/Family Designate
N. Shawana, Elementary and Secondary Education Advisor
R. Skye, Indigenous Education Advocate
L. Whiton, Trustee
- Guests:** Nil.
- Recording Secretary:** D. Fletcher, Executive Assistant

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) **Opening Address** - Nil
- (b) **Land Acknowledgement Statement**
Superintendent Graham read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
- (c) **Introduction of Members & Roll Call**
Introductions and Roll Call were completed.
- (d) **Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approvals**
The agenda was approved by consensus.
- (e) **Selection of Chair**





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3:30 p.m.

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Individuals interested in the role of Chair were invited to put their names forward. J.P. Gauthier, Indigenous Education Teacher Consultant nominated himself and was acclaimed as Chair of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.

(f) **Student Trustee Update**

One of the main goals shared in the role of Indigenous Student Trustee was to visit schools to collaborate and seek student feedback regarding future initiatives.

B - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous meeting** - Nil

C - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2024**

Trustee Sault moved THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee held on May 23, 2024, be approved.

D - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Consultation/Board Action Plan (BAP)**

Superintendent Graham provided an overview of the four funding categories: Using Data to Support Student Achievement, Supporting Students, Supporting Educators and Engagement and Awareness Building.

The committee participated in an interactive discussion to add recommendations under each funding category of the BAP plan. The Indigenous Education Team will review the recommendations with a summary provided at the next meeting.

(b) **Overview and Learning**

- **Jordan's Principle**
- **Reciprocal Education Agreement (REA)**

Superintendent Graham provided a brief overview of the background and supports provided for the Jordan's Principle and Reciprocal Education Agreement (REA).

(c) **Updates – Community**

Committee Members provided updates.

Local area representative L. Harris shared that Brantford Regional Indigenous Support Centre (BRISC) has opened a new Friendship Centre that hosts culture night every Tuesday night which includes a light dinner, drumming, singing and dancing. The centre is also hosting a Pride event on October 28, 2024, at Bellview Community Hall. An Identification Clinic will be held on November 1, 2024, at the Friendship Centre.

Local area representative K. Henry shared that Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB) offers skills development and training opportunities for Urban Indigenous youth ages 15-30. A Secondary student conference is being held November 22-23, 2024, at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

Local area representative A. Sault (MCFN) shared that the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) will host a Community Halloween Party on Friday October 25, 2024, at the New Credit Community Hall.



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Community members were invited to share promotional information through the [Flyer Application](#).

E - 1 Information Items

(a) Showcase/Reflection/Information Sharing

Superintendent Graham highlighted the following events:

- POW WOW and Social Dance – May 17, 2024
- Moccasin Identifier Project
- Creation of the Land-Based Learning Program at Hagersville Secondary School

(b) Indigenous Education Update

See agenda item E-1-A

(c) Indigenous Education Team Update

See agenda item E-1-a

(d) System Committee Update

System Committee updates included: PPM128 (Social Media Platforms, Vaping/Personal Mobile Devices), Early Reading Screener, School Builds, The Welcome Centre, Student Learning and Support Days (Secondary), Take Our Kids to Work Day, Grand Erie Math Achievement Action Plan (GEMAAP), Summer Institute, Camp SAIL, Lieren un Spalen Summer Camp, Secondary Summer School, Focus On Youth, OYAP Skilled Trade Camps, Specialized Services Summer Programs, and School Culture & Well-Being Summer Programs.

(e) Terms of Reference

The current Terms of Reference were reviewed. Once finalized, the Terms of Reference will be posted on the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee tab on the Board website

(f) Policies Out for Comment

Currently [Policy SO-12 Code of Conduct](#) is currently out for comment. Committee members are welcome to provide stakeholder feedback.

F - 1 Next Meeting

December 12, 2024.

G - 1 Adjournment

Superintendent Graham adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

H - 1 Closing Address - Nil.



Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday November 14, 2024

6:00 p.m.

MS Teams

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Present: Chair: L. DeJong, Vice-Chair K. Jones, Trustee: S. Gibson, T. Waldschmidt, Community Representatives: B. Bruce, K. Kelly Organizations: T. Buchanan, P. Found, C. Stefanelli

Administration: Director J. Roberto, Superintendent L. Thompson, Principal Leader Specialized Services: J. Senior, Specialized Services Supervisor: P. Bagchee, Program Coordinators: L. Miedema, L. Sheppard, Recording Secretary: J. Valstar

Visiting Trustee: C.A. Sloat

Absent with regrets: Trustee: L. Whiton, Community Representatives: L. Nydam Organizations: C. Gilman

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Welcome / Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Chair DeJong called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(b) **Roll Call/Reminder of Livestream on YouTube/Closed Captioning reminder**

Recording Secretary J. Valstar confirmed roll call. Trustee C.A. Sloat was in attendance as a guest.

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

Add: D-1(c): Departing SEAC member

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT the November 14, 2024 agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B - 1 **Timed Items**

(a) **Grand Erie's Annual Learning and Operating Plan – Final Outcomes 2023-24**

Superintendent Thompson reviewed the final outcomes of Grand Erie's Annual Learning and Operating Plan 2023-24.

(b) **Grand Erie's Annual Learning and Operating Plan 2024-25**

Superintendent Thompson reviewed Grand Erie's Annual Learning and Operating Plan for the 2024-25 school year.

(c) **Grand Erie's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-27 – Annual Update**

Superintendent Thompson provided an update on Grand Erie's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-27.



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C - 1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings

(a) Approval of Minutes

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes dated October 3, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

(b) Approval of new SEAC member

Moved by: K. Jones

Seconded by: L. DeJong

THAT the appointment of Lyndsey Campbell, Contact Brant, to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remainder of the Term 2022-2026 be forwarded to the November 25, 2024 Regular Board meeting for approval.

Carried

(c) Departing SEAC member

Chair DeJong shared that R. Vriends, Autism Ontario, has submitted her resignation from Grand Erie's SEAC. J. Valstar to reach out to Autism Ontario for representation.

(d) Skill Building Program – Check-in

Principal Leader J. Senior provided an update on the Skill Building program in Grand Erie.

D - 1 New Business

(a) Special Education Plan – Standard 4 – Early Identification Procedures and Interventions

Standard 4 of Grand Erie's Special Education Plan was reviewed with SEAC members.

(b) Special Equipment Allocation (SEA) and Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Modernization – Ministry monitoring visits

Superintendent Thompson provided an update on the new language being used by the Ministry for SEA and SIP funding, and the monitoring that will be completed by the Ministry for 2024-25. More details will be shared with SEAC as they are received from the Ministry.

E - 1 Other Business

(a) Regional Special Education Council (RSEC) Update

Principal Leader J. Senior provided an update from the RSEC conference in October 2024.

F - 1 Standing Items

(a) Policies Out for Comment

Code of Conduct SO-12

(b) Math Counts Newsletters

Presented as printed



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(c) **System Updates**

Superintendent Thompson gave system updates on the Student Learning Support Days, the Centre for Excellence, The You Belong Here campaign, the innovation Hub, Take our Kids to Work Day, Grand Erie's Math Achievement Action Plan, and EQAO results.

(d) **Chair/Vice Chair Updates**

Chair DeJong shared a brief update.

G - 1 **Information Items** - Nil

H - 1 **Community Updates** - Nil

I - 1 **Correspondence** - Nil

J - 1 **Future Agenda Items and SEAC Committee Planning**

(a) Supporting students with special education needs during emergency procedures

(b) A Day in the Life of an Educational Assistant

(c) Update and demonstration of the Secondary Hub Model

K - 1 **Next Meeting**

Thursday December 12, 2024 in the Norfolk Room at the Education Centre with a virtual option.

L - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: K. Jones

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Carried



Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday December 12, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Education Centre Board Room / MS Teams

MINUTES

- Present:** Chair: L. DeJong, Vice-Chair K. Jones, Trustee: R. Collver, L. Whiton, Community Representatives: B. Bruce, L. Nydam Organizations: T. Buchanan, L. Campbell, C. Gilman
- Administration:** Director J. Roberto, Superintendent L. Thompson, Principal Leader Specialized Services: J. Senior, Specialized Services Supervisor: P. Bagchee, Program Coordinators: L. Miedema, L. Sheppard, Recording Secretary: J. Valstar
- Visiting Trustee:** C.A. Sloat
- Absent with regrets:** Trustee: B. Doyle, Community Representatives: K. Kelly Organizations: C. Stefanelli
- Absent:** Organizations: P. Found
- Guests:** Superintendent L. Munro

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Welcome / Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Chair DeJong called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(b) **Roll Call/Reminder of Livestream on YouTube/Closed Captioning reminder**

Recording Secretary J. Valstar confirmed roll call. Trustee C.A. Sloat was in attendance as a guest.

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

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: L. Campbell

THAT the December 12, 2024 agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

B - 1 **Timed Items**

(a) **Secondary Program Review – Tollgate Technological Skills Centre**

Superintendent Munro presented an overview of the Secondary Program review in Brantford, including changes to grade 9 intake at Tollgate Technological Skills Centre. SEAC members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the changes.

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

(a) **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes dated November 14, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried



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MINUTES

- (b) **Supporting students with special education needs during emergency procedures**
L. Sheppard reviewed Grand Erie's procedure on Emergency Planning (SO-005), specifically as it pertains to students with special education needs.
- (c) **Hub Program**
J. Senior gave an overview of Grand Erie's Hub Program. More details and outcomes will be shared with SEAC as the school year progresses.
- D - 1 **New Business**
 - (a) **Special Education Plan – Standard 9 – Special Education Placements Provided by the Board**
Standard 9 of Grand Erie's Special Education Plan was reviewed with SEAC members who were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide input.
- E - 1 **Other Business** - Nil
- F - 1 **Standing Items**
 - (a) **Policies Out for Comment** - Nil
 - (b) **Math Counts Newsletters**
Presented as printed
 - (c) **System Updates**
Superintendent Thompson gave system updates on the Toronto Holocaust Museum learning opportunity, Police Resource Outreach Supporting Education (PROSE), Grand Erie's Innovation Hub, Grand Erie's You Belong Here videos, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidelines, Revised Estimates, the School Naming process for Grand Erie's two new elementary schools, Specialized Services Highlights, Educational Assistant (EA) Professional Development, and Project SEARCH.
 - (d) **Chair/Vice Chair Updates**
Chair DeJong welcomed L. Campbell, Contact Brant, to SEAC. Chair DeJong thanked SEAC for her nomination for the Learn, Lead, Inspire Award in November. She asked for members to come forward to highlight their organizations at future SEAC meetings. Interested members were asked to email J. Valstar.

Vice-Chair Jones encouraged members to support school and community activities over the holiday season.
- G - 1 **Information Items** - Nil
- H - 1 **Community Updates**
 - (a) **Birds Canada**
Vice-Chair Jones gave a presentation on Birds Canada, the organization she is employed by in the community, and encouraged members to take part in the accessible bird walks that are offered.



Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday December 12, 2024

6:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

I - 1 **Correspondence**

- (a) **Letter from Limestone District School Board – Teacher training in special education**
Presented as printed

J - 1 **Future Agenda Items and SEAC Committee Planning**

- (a) A Day in the Life of an Educational Assistant
(b) Update and demonstration of the Secondary Hub Model

K - 1 **Next Meeting**

Thursday January 9, 2025 in the Norfolk Room at the Education Centre with a virtual option.

L - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: L. Whiton
Seconded by: C. Gilman
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 p.m.
Carried



December 2, 2024

Members of Provincial Parliament (KPR),

We are writing to you today to express our strong support and appreciation for the welcome news that our province will be a participating partner in the National School Food Program in support of Ontario students and families.

We fully endorse the National School Food Program to support the well-being of all students, and in particular the many children and youth who come to school hungry. This is the reality for many within our communities and represents a significant barrier to learning and wellness.

We applaud the government's efforts and encourage you to broaden the outreach of this program in our communities so that all children who struggle with food insecurities will be supported.

Ultimately, we believe that investing in school food programs is a cost-effective government action that will both make life more affordable and improve quality of life for families in our province.

We recognize that helping to relieve affordability issues for families and supporting children and youth is a goal we share, and we once again extend our sincere appreciation for advancing this issue for our communities.

Thank you for the good news of this Ontario agreement in support of our students and families.

Best Regards,

Jaine Klassen Jeninga
Chairperson of the Board
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

c: Chairpersons, Ontario Public School Boards
Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

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December 12, 2024

The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education
 Ministry of Education
 315 Front Street West, 14th Floor
 Toronto, ON, M7A 0B8

Dear Minister Dunlop,

At its meeting on November 25, 2024, the Board of Trustees for the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) agreed to write a letter of support regarding the letter from Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board dated October 24, 2024, regarding a review and amendment of the current legislation and regulations pertaining to Education Development Charges (EDCs).

We agree with the request for the following actions:

Review and Amend EDC Legislation: We urge the Ministry to amend the existing legislative scheme (O. Reg. 20/98) to allow school boards to apply a different rate or scheme for not-for-profit or supportive housing projects. This flexibility is crucial to ensure that school boards can support these vital community projects without negatively impacting our ability to acquire future school sites, which we will need to support our growing communities.

Support for Housing and Homelessness Solutions: Any amendments made to the EDC by-law framework (O. Reg. 20/98) should enable school boards to support housing and homelessness solutions within their communities while maintaining the necessary financial resources to address the escalating costs of land. This balance is essential to ensure our educational institutions continue providing high-quality education while contributing to broader community well-being.

The above actions align closely with our Strategic Plan as the WRDSB is committed to supporting students placed on the margins and providing all students with what they need when they need it to ensure equitable outcomes. Thank you for considering and supporting families in Waterloo Region and the province.

Sincerely,

Maedith Radlein
 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
 Waterloo Region District School Board

cc: WRDSB Trustees
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January 13, 2025

Linda Lacroix, Registrar and CEO
Office of the Registrar
Ontario College of Teachers

Sent via email: llacroix@oct.ca

Dear Linda Lacroix

The Durham District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) shares the concerns expressed by the Limestone District School Board SEAC, in its November 6, 2024 letter to the Ontario College of Teachers, with respect to incorporating a mandatory (core) special education course within the pre-service teacher education programs at Ontario Faculties of Education.

A careful review of the teacher education course offerings at all Faculties of Education in the province as provided by [Ontario Association of Deans of Education](#) reveals substantial variation in terms of special education content. While the programs contain courses such as “The Exceptional Learner”, “Inclusive Education”, “Individualized Education”, and “Social Justice Education”, our concern is the absence of a prescribed course that consists specifically of content that prepares pre-service teachers to program, support and advocate for students with learning, intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.

While we recognize that educators must have expertise in a variety of areas including teaching English Language Learners, mental health, digital citizenship, global competencies, environmental land-based learning, and teaching in priority neighbourhoods, we feel strongly that special education intersects with each of these areas. For example, we have witnessed the rise of ethnicity-specific advocacy groups organized by families of children with disabilities who have felt culturally and linguistically marginalized by the education and healthcare systems. Thus, the intersection of race, culture and immigration with disability speaks to the need for teachers and school administrators to have this specialized intersectional knowledge. Teaching the global competencies, which emphasize the importance of self-regulation and collaboration, clearly calls for an understanding of how neurodivergence and self-regulation may be related, and of how assistive technologies can allow non-verbal individuals, for example, to collaborate in team tasks. Ensuring that all Teacher Candidates leave their pre-service program with this knowledge and understanding rather than optional learning upon graduation as Additional Qualifications would better support learners and their families. We recognize and support the broad definition of inclusion but would like to underscore that in addition to understanding how social variables impact learners, educators must have a very specialized toolkit that prepares them to ensure that students with differentiated learning needs are supported to reach their full academic potential. A public education integration model which sees these learners receiving support and assistance, primarily in the regular



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classroom, means that all classroom teachers must have knowledge and skills related to special education and supporting academic and well-being needs of all learners including those with individualized programming needs.

The stakes are too high for this professional learning to take place as optional or an ad hoc basis. Hence, we urge the Ontario College of Teachers to consider mandating a standardized core course in accredited initial teacher education programs that ensures pre-service teachers engage in learning related to fostering inclusion and developing knowledge and skills related to strategies (including use of assistive technologies) that can effectively support learners with differentiated needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eva Kyriakides".

Eva Kyriakides

SEAC Chair

Durham DSB

cc: Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education

Nolan Quinn, Minister of Colleges and Universities

Stephanie Donaldson, OPSBA Executive Director

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VIA EMAIL and MAIL

January 17, 2025

Kathleen Woodcock, President
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
439 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8

Dear Kathleen Woodcock:

The Near North District School Board's Board of Trustees has passed a resolution on January 14, 2025 regarding Ontario school board efficiencies:

That in the interests of applying more resources to student success and well-being, the NNDSB Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister of Education asking the Ministry to initiate, study and begin consultations regarding efficiencies within the four-school board system model. And that the NNDSB also sends a letter to OPSBA asking it to advocate the same with the Ministry of Education on its' member boards' behalf, and that the letters be shared with all OPSBA member boards. - Carried

NNDSB strongly believes it is worth exploring ways to create greater efficiencies within the four-model school system to optimize resources and better serve students, families and educators.

By engaging in meaningful consultations and evidence-based analysis, the Ministry can gain valuable insights into how we can modernize the education system while preserving its core values. This approach would not only enhance the delivery of education but also demonstrates a commitment to fiscal responsibility and public trust.

NNDSB would like OPSBA to advocate on its' behalf to the Ministry that efficiencies in the four-school board system model be studied.

Sincerely,



Ashley St. Pierre
Chair

cc: Stephanie Donaldson, Executive Director OPSBA
Ontario English Public School Board Chairs
NNDSB Trustees
OPSBA Member School Boards
Council of Directors of Education



Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday January 9, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Education Centre Norfolk Room / MS Teams

REPORT

Present: Chair: L. DeJong, Vice-Chair K. Jones, Trustees: B. Doyle, L. Whiton, Community Representatives: B. Bruce, L. Nydam Organizations: L. Campbell, C. Gilman, P. Found, C. Stefanelli

Administration: Director J. Roberto, Superintendent L. Thompson, Principal Leader Specialized Services: J. Senior, Specialized Services Supervisor: P. Bagchee, Program Coordinators: L. Miedema, L. Sheppard, Recording Secretary: J. Valstar

Absent with regrets: Community Representatives: Organizations: T. Buchanan

Absent: Community Representatives: K. Kelly. L. Nydam

Guests: Trustee Sloat, Principal Leader Mental Health & Well Being J. Hooper

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Welcome / Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Superintendent Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(b) **Roll Call/Reminder of Livestream on YouTube/Closed Captioning reminder**

Recording Secretary J. Valstar confirmed roll call. Guests were noted.

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

Remove: H-1(a): Community Living Brant Presentation

Add: D-1(b): Departing SEAC member

D-1(c): Approval of new SEAC member

Moved by: L. Campbell

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT the January 9, 2025 agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B - 1 **Timed Items**

(a) **Election – Chair and Vice-Chair of SEAC January 2025**

L. DeJong was acclaimed as Chair of SEAC for 2025. K. Jones was acclaimed as Vice Chair of SEAC for 2025.

(b) **Thank you – Chair and Vice-Chair of SEAC 2024**

Superintendent Thompson thanked L. DeJong and K. Jones for their respective roles on SEAC for 2024 and congratulated them for continuing on in 2025.

(c) **Grand Erie’s Mental Health Strategy**



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REPORT

Principal Leader J. Hooper presented Grand Erie's Mental Health Strategy. SEAC members were invited to provide feedback via a QR code and link.

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

(a) **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes dated December 12, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

(b) **You Belong Video Series**

SEAC members viewed the first three videos from Grand Erie's You Belong video series. There was a question as to how the students are selected to be part of the videos. Superintendent Thompson will follow up and bring back to SEAC members in February.

(c) **Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) reminder**

A reminder was given about the trip to the THM on January 23, 2025. J. Valstar will send the registration link to SEAC members.

(d) **Centre for Excellence Grand Opening**

SEAC members were invited to attend the grand opening of Grand Erie's Centre for Excellence on Monday January 13, 2025. J. Valstar will send the registration information to SEAC members.

D - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Special Education Plan – Standard 8 – Categories and Definitions of Exceptionalities**

Standard 8 of Grand Erie's Special Education Plan was presented. SEAC members were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback, and encouraged to email J. Valstar with any further thoughts.

(b) **Departing SEAC member**

T. Buchanan, Community Living Brant, has changed roles and will therefore be stepping down from SEAC.

(c) **New SEAC member – Motion to approve**

Moved by: P. Found

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT the appointment of Simon Jennins, Community Living Brant, to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remainder of the Term 2022-2026 be forwarded to the January 27, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval.

Carried

E - 1 **Other Business** - Nil

F - 1 **Standing Items**



Special Education Advisory Committee

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6:00 p.m.

Education Centre Norfolk Room / MS Teams

REPORT

(a) **Policies Out for Comment**

- Budget Development Process (BU-02)
- Environmental and Climate Change Education and Stewardship (SO-18)
- Fundraising (SO-01)
- Major Construction (FA-01)
- Student Concussion and Head Injury (HS-10)

SEAC members were encouraged to review the policies out for comment and provide input.

(b) **Math Counts Newsletters**

Presented as printed

(c) **System Updates**

Superintendent Thompson presented system updates across Grand Erie. A video from the Tech is Grand update will be shared at the February SEAC meeting.

(d) **Chair/Vice Chair Updates**

Chair DeJong thanked SEAC members for the support. She encouraged members to suggest agenda items for future meeting via email to J. Valstar

Vice Chair Jones thanked SEAC members for their support.

G - 1 **Information Items** - Nil

H - 1 **Community Updates**

Superintendent Thompson encouraged SEAC members to present on the organizations they represent at future SEAC meetings.

I - 1 **Correspondence** - Nil

J - 1 **Future Agenda Items and SEAC Committee Planning**

- (a) Financial Update 2024-25
- (b) A Day in the Life of an Educational Assistant
- (c) Specialized Services Program Update
- (d) Entry to School Process
- (e) Grand Erie's Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)
- (f) Review of SEAC Orientation Handbook
- (g) SEAC Meeting Dates 2025-26
- (h) Review SEAC Terms of Reference (TOR)
- (i) Update on Grand Erie's Hub program

K - 1 **Next Meeting**

Thursday February 6, 2025 in the Norfolk Room at the Education Centre with a virtual option.



C-1-a

Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday January 9, 2025

6:00 p.m.

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REPORT

L - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: K. Jones

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Carried



Special Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025

6:00 p.m.

MS Teams, Education Centre

REPORT

Present: Acting Committee Chair: B. Doyle, Trustees: S. Gibson, T. Waldschmidt, J. Bradford, R. Collver, L. Passmore, E. Thomas

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

Regrets: Trustee G. Anderson

Guests: N. Hercanuck, J. Pathak, L. Morgulis

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Committee Chair B. Doyle at 6:00 p.m. and roll call was confirmed.

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

(c) **Welcome/Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Acting Committee Chair B. Doyle read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B - 1 **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Finance Committee agenda be approved.

Carried

C - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **December 2, 2024**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting dated December 2, 2024, be approved.

Carried

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

E - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Boundary Review: New Caledonia Elementary School**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the amended 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 be forwarded to the January 27, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval.



C-1-b

Special Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025

6:00 p.m.

MS Teams, Education Centre

REPORT

- (b) **École Dufferin/École Confederation French Immersion Boundary Review**
Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: S. Gibson
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board refer the proposed École Dufferin and École Confederation French Immersion Boundary Review to a working group for stakeholder feedback and input.
Carried
- F - 1 **Other Business** – Nil
- G - 1 **Adjournment**
Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: S. Gibson
THAT the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned.
Carried
- The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.
- H - 1 **Next Meeting Date:** February 10, 2025



Policy and Program Committee

Monday, January 13, 2025

Norfolk Room, Education Centre

REPORT

Present: Acting Committee Chair: B. Doyle, Trustees: S. Gibson, T. Waldschmidt, T. Sault, C.A. Sloat, C. VanEvery-Albert, L. Whiton

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

Guests: J. Tibbits, S. Schelling, P. Gouveia, T. Schill, K. Edgar, M. Moynihan, L. Morgulis

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

Roll call was completed. Acting Committee Chair B. Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

(c) **Welcome /Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Acting Committee Chair B. Doyle read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B - 1 **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Policy and Program Committee agenda be approved.

Carried

C - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

December 2, 2024

Moved by: L. Whiton

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT the Minutes of the Policy and Program Committee meeting dated December 2, 2024, be approved.

Carried

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

E - 1 **New Business - Program**

(a) [Specialized Services Program Report](#)

Presented as published.

(b) **Safe and Inclusive Schools Report 2023-24 - Suspensions, Expulsions and Exclusions**

Presented

In response to a question, the downward trend is expected to continue with increased supports for students and staff at all levels. In addition, the Safe



Policy and Program Committee

Monday, January 13, 2025

Norfolk Room, Education Centre

REPORT

Schools team is working closely with the Indigenous Education team to provide culturally responsive supports.

- (c) **Draft School Year Calendars 2025-26**
Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: L. Whiton
THAT the draft School Year Calendars 2025-26 be forwarded to the January 27, 2025, Regular Board meeting for approval.
Carried
- (d) **Grand Erie - Conestoga College Partnership**
Presented as printed.
It was noted that a communication plan for families and the public will be distributed later this week.
- (e) **Secondary Transitions Report**
Presented as printed.
- (f) **Literacy Skills Course Update Report**
Presented as printed.
- (g) **Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA) 2023-24 Annual Report**
Presented as printed.
It was noted that a new site is scheduled to open in Ohsweken.
- (h) **Indigenous Land-Based Learning Course Bundle Update Report**
Presented as printed.
- (i) **Lacrosse Report**
Presented as printed.
- (j) **Cricket Report**
Presented as printed.
- (k) **Health and Safety Report 2023-24**
Presented as printed.
- F - 1 **New Business – Policy** - Nil
- G - 1 **Adjournment**
Moved by: T. Waldschmidt
Seconded by: T. Sault
THAT the Policy and Program meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.
Carried
- H - 1 **Next Meeting Date:** March 3, 2025



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education & Secretary of the Board
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Major Construction Project Report**
DATE: January 27, 2025

Background

As per Grand Erie District School Board’s (Grand Erie’s) Major Construction Policy (FA-01), the status of each active capital project will be provided in a bi-monthly report. As per policy, this report shall include budgeted and actual costs to date, details of project progress and schedule for completion. A funding strategy will be recommended should forecasted expenditures for a project exceed the budget established.

Status

Elgin Ave Public School

The project has received Ministry approval to proceed, and the tender documents are being prepared for release this winter. The project has received conditional Site Plan Approval.

All active project details are listed in Appendix A.

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

This report is connected to all priorities: Learning, Well-being, and Belonging.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer

Appendix A

Project	Type	Phase	Ministry Approval	Target Opening Date	Architect	Site Acquisition	Site Plan Approval (SPA)	Tender Awarded	General Contractor	Budget	Actual	Cost Forecast
Elgin Avenue Public School	Addition / Renovation	Pre-Tender	Aug 04, 2017	Mar 31, 2026	Salter Pilon Architecture	N/A	Conditional Approval.	No	TBD	\$ 18,695,928	\$ 1,486,319	\$ 18,695,928
South-West Brantford Elementary School	New School	Construction in Progress	Oct 20, 2020	Sep 01, 2026	ZAS Architects	In Progress	Approved.	Yes	Aquicon	\$ 37,276,746	\$ 5,005,763	\$ 37,276,746
Caledonia Joint-Use Elementary School	New School	Construction in Progress	Nov 23, 2021	Sep 01, 2025	Svedas Architects	Completed	Approved.	Yes	Tambro	\$ 18,935,580	\$ 6,272,354	\$ 18,935,580
Cobblestone Elementary School Child Care	Addition	Pre-Tender	Mar 25, 2021	Sep 01, 2026	Grguric Architects Inc.	N/A	Approved.	No	TBD	\$ 3,045,153	\$ 165,300	\$ 3,045,153
Banbury Heights School Child Care	Addition	Construction in Progress	Mar 25, 2021	Sep 01, 2025	Grguric Architects Inc.	N/A	Approved.	Yes	TRP Construction	\$ 3,109,266	\$ 937,794	\$ 3,109,266
Cobblestone Elementary School Addition	Addition	Pre-Tender	Mar 27, 2024	Sep 01, 2026	Grguric Architects Inc.	N/A	In progress.	No	TBD	\$ 4,098,600	\$ -	\$ 4,098,600