



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 26, 2025

Education Centre Boardroom

7:15 p.m.

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) Memorial
- (h) In-Camera Report
- (i) Learn Lead Inspire Award (J. Roberto)
- (j) Student Showcase – Ontario Skills Competition (J. Roberto, R. Vankerrebroeck)
- (k) Delegation

B – 1 Consent Agenda

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the Board accept the May 26, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein."

- * (a) Approve the minutes of:
 - (i) Regular Board meeting dated April 28, 2025
 - (ii) Special Board meeting dated May 6, 2025
- * (b) Receive the minutes of:
 - (i) Student Senate dated March 27, 2025

C - 1 Committee Recommendations and Reports

- (a) [Finance Committee Meeting Report](#) dated May 12, 2025 (T. Waldschmidt)

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the Board approve the commencement of a Boundary Review process to establish an attendance area boundary for Blanche E. Williams Public School involving Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Bellview Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, and Walter Gretzky Elementary School."

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the Board approve a holding boundary for the Nith Peninsula in Paris, directing students to Burford District Elementary School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective June 1, 2025."

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

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E - 1 Report of the Director

F - 1 Student Trustees' Report

- * (a) Student Senate Report (A. Hill, O. Prince, C. Shields) (I)

G - 1 New Business - Action / Information Items

- * (a) Strategic Communication Plan Evaluation (J. Roberto) (I)
- * (b) Finance Committee, Policy and Program Committee and Regular Board Meeting dates 2025-26 (J. Roberto)

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the Board approve the Finance Committee, Policy and Program Committee, and Regular Board Meeting schedule 2025-26."

- * (c) Contract Award – General Contractor for Elgin Avenue Public School Renovation (R. Wyszynski)

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the Board approve the contract for the construction and renovation project for Elgin Avenue Public School in Simcoe to Reid & DeLeye Contractors Ltd. for \$14,922,778."

H - 1 OPSBA Report (C. VanEvery-Albert) (I)

I - 1 Adjournment

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned."



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JUNE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
02	03	04	05	06
			Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	
09	10	11	12	13
Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.			Six Nations Advisory Committee 1:00 p.m. Audit Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.	
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
Regular Board Meeting 7:15 p.m.				
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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, 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. Vankerrebroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Senior Manager: R. Strang, Senior Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

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: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board move In-Camera.

Carried

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

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(i) **Earth Week Message - Teyhahonteh Miller**

A video was shared.

(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: J. Bradford

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorials**

(i) **Julie Vlieger**

The memorial of Julie Vlieger was read by Trustee Bradford.

(ii) **Andrew Nicholson**

The memorial of Andrew Nicholson was read by Trustee Whiton.

(iii) **Pope Francis**

The memorial of Pope Francis was read by Trustee Doyle.



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(h) **In-Camera Report**

Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: G. Anderson
THAT Item B-1-c be approved.

Carried

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: J. Bradford
THAT Item D-1-a be approved.

Carried

Vice-Chair Waldschmidt left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

(i) **Learn Lean Inspire Awards**

Director Roberto presented a Learn Lead Inspire Recognition Award to Kaejaun Samuel-Bascoe and Sara McMillen, for their awareness of the safety and well-being of others when they acted fast to a medical emergency of a kindergarten student on the bus ride home. The swift and calm actions of each of them led to a remarkable outcome.

(j) **Student Showcase**

Thompson Creek Elementary School's Skipping Club

Director Roberto introduced the Grades 3 to 8 student skipping club where each day, the club meets for practice before school and during first break. Last month, they performed a 45-minute set for the entire school to promote Jump Rope for Heart. The club members' commitment to physical activity, building confidence, fostering teamwork and inciting creativity, has had a positive effect on the entire school.

(k) **Delegation – Nil**

Trustee Whiton left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

THAT the Board accept the April 28, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

Moved by: T. Sault
Seconded by: J. Bradford

(a) Approve the minutes of:

(i) Regular Board meeting dated March 24, 2025

(b) Receive the minutes of:

(i) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee dated December 12, 2024

(ii) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee dated January 30, 2025

(iii) Student Senate dated February 27, 2025



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- (iv) Six Nations Advisory Committee dated February 27, 2025
- (v) Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 6, 2025 (rescheduled from February 6, 2025)
- (vi) Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 6, 2025
- (c) Receive the correspondence from:
 - (i) The Children's Safety Village of Brant dated March 7, 2025
 - (ii) Bluewater District School Board dated March 25, 2025
 - (iii) Simcoe County District School Board dated April 17, 2025

C - 1 **Committee Recommendations and Reports**

(a) **Policy and Program Committee Meeting Report dated April 14, 2025**

- (i) **Implications of Friday the 13th, 2025-26 Report**
Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Board approve Option 1 – Lakewood Elementary School Remains Open to Student/Transportation Runs in Port Dover for February 13 and March 13, 2026.
Carried
- (ii) **Distribution of Materials in Schools Policy (SO-04)**
Moved by: E. Thomas
Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert
THAT the Board approve the Distribution of Materials in Schools Policy (SO-04).
Carried
- (iii) **Field Trips and Excursions Policy (SO-15)**
Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: L. Whiton
THAT the Board approve the Field Trips and Excursions Policy (SO-15).
Carried
- (iv) **Honouring Indigenous Knowledges, Histories and Perspectives Policy (PR-02)**
Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert
Seconded by: J. Bradford
THAT the Board approve the Honouring Indigenous Knowledges, Histories and Perspectives Policy (PR-02).
Carried
- (v) **Artificial Intelligence Policy (IT-06)**
Moved by: E. Thomas
Seconded by: G. Anderson
THAT the Board approve the Artificial Intelligence Policy (IT-06).
Carried

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



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E - 1 **Report of the Director**

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

- Ontario Skills Competition
- Coding en français
- Dunnville Secondary School Art Project
- Lead GEDSB Graduates
- Family of School Learning
- Bite of Brant
- Paris District High School Badminton Championship
- Muslim Association of Brantford
- New School Community, New School
- Autism Awareness Month
- Iftar Celebration at Walter Gretzky Elementary School
- Laurier University Teacher Diversity

F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**

(a) **Student Senate Report**

Presented as printed.

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

(a) **Annual Learning and Operating Plan Mid-Term Report Update**

Presented as published.

(b) **Trustees' Expenses Report**

Presented as printed.

(c) **Contract Award – Prime Design Consultant for Paris North Elementary School/Childcare**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Board approve the contract for Prime Design Consultant Services for the elementary school build in Paris to Snyder Architects for \$758,753.

Carried

(d) **Naming of New Elementary School in Brantford**

Moved by: T. Sault

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board name the new Brantford Elementary School, Blanche E. Williams Public School.

Carried

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert



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THAT the Board disband the Brantford Elementary Special Ad Hoc School Naming Committee for the new Brantford Elementary School.

Carried

(e) **Naming of New Elementary School in Caledonia**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board name the new Caledonia Elementary School Grand River Public School.

Carried

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the Board disband the Caledonia Elementary Special Ad Hoc School Naming Committee for the new Caledonia Elementary School.

Carried

H - 1 **Appointments to the OPSBA Board of Directors and Identification of (Voting) Delegate**

(a) **Appointment of Scrutineers**

L. Thompson and J. White were appointed as Scrutineers.

(b) **Method of Naming**

Nominations for the OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate were made by email submission.

(c) **Nominations for OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate**

Trustee Doyle nominated Trustee VanEvery-Albert who accepted the nomination. Trustee Sloat self-nominated.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT nominations for the position of OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate be closed.

Carried

Ballots were distributed, collected, and tabulated.

Trustee VanEvery-Albert was declared elected as OPSBA Board of Directors Member and Voting Delegate.

(d) **Nominations for OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate**

Trustee Waldschmidt nominated Trustee Bradford who accepted the nomination. Trustee Sloat self-nominated.



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Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT nominations for the position of OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate be closed.

Carried

Trustee Sloat withdrew her nomination.

Trustee Bradford was declared OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate.

(e) **Motion to Destroy Ballots**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

Carried

I - 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

J - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto



Special Board Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2025

MS Teams

MINUTES

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

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

Regrets: Aidyn Hill, O. Prince, C. Shields

A - 1 **Opening (5:30 p.m.)**

(a) **Roll Call**

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

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

(c) **In-Camera (5:31 p.m.)**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

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 6:33 p.m.

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

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) **In-Camera Report**

On May 5, 2025, the Board met in a Special In-Camera meeting.

The Board met to reconsider whether it would confirm, vary, or revoke sanctions identified in an earlier public resolution.

On June 24, 2024, the Board rose and had confirmed the following resolution in public session:

On June 10, 2024, the Board met in-camera to consider the findings of an independent third-party investigator under the Education Act, this is permitted.



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The Board remained in-camera and determined earlier this evening that its Code of Conduct was breached after written submissions from Trustee Sloat's lawyer were considered.

The Investigator found that:

1. In-camera records were distributed to persons in attendance at the Special Meeting of the Board on February 12, 2024.
2. Trustee Sloat was asked to return the in-camera documents before she left the room;
3. Trustee Sloat refused to return the in-camera documents;
4. In refusing to return the in-camera documents. Trustee Sloat shouted something to the effect of "call the police!";
5. Trustee Sloat left the boardroom with the in-camera documents;
6. Trustee Sloat was agitated when she left.

1.1 c) of the Code of Conduct which provides that a Trustee has no individual authority other than delegated by the Board;

Trustee Sloat's conduct on February 12, 2024, breached the following sections:

That Trustee Sloat breached section 1.2 b) of the Code of Conduct which provides that Trustees shall treat other Trustees with respect and in a cordial and professional manner;

That Trustee Sloat breached section 1.3 a) of the Code of Conduct which provides that Trustees maintain the confidentiality of privileged information discussed in closed sessions;

That Trustee Sloat breached section 1.4 b) of the Code of Conduct which requires her to comply with Section 218.1 of the Education Act;

That Trustee Sloat breached section 1.4 e) of the Code of Conduct which requires Trustee Sloat to base her actions on unimpeachable conduct with a view to the best interests of the Board;

and That Trustee Sloat breached section 1.5 e) of the Code of Conduct which provides that Trustees work with other Trustees in the spirit of respect, openness, courtesy, cooperation and proper decorum.

As a result, the sanctions were identified:



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“THAT the Board bar Trustee Sloat from attending all meetings of the Board including In-Camera, Special Board meetings and Caucus meetings effective June 11, and the rest of June and September, October, November, December 2024 and January 31, 2025, inclusive of July and August of 2024 and as well bar Trustee Sloat from attending and sitting in all committees effective June 1, 2025, to the end of January 2026, inclusive of July and August 2025. And that she receives a public censure at a date to be determined. Trustee Sloat is only to receive public materials. For further clarity, attending means Trustee Sloat not attend in person, virtually, or by any other means.”

Trustees have considered the additional guidance from the court and have decided that the sanctions served effective June 11, 2024, and for the rest of August 2024 are sufficient (one regular board, two committee meeting). No additional sanctions will be required to be served. The Board trusts that Trustee Sloat will not repeat this behaviour in the future.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: J. Bradford

That the Board reconsider the motion passed at the Special In-Camera meeting on June 10, 2024, confirmed in the Board minutes on June 24, 2024, and reduce the sanctions to time served.

Recorded Vote

Chair Doyle – yes

Trustee Sault – yes

Trustee Thomas – yes

Trustee Collver – no

Trustee Passmore – yes

Board Chair Gibson – yes

Trustee VanEvery-Albert – yes

Trustee Waldschmidt – yes

Trustee Whiton – yes

Trustee Anderson – no

Trustee Bradford – yes

Carried

B - 1 Adjournment

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: L. Whiton

THAT the Special Board meeting be adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto



Student Senate Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Paris District High School

MINUTES

Present:

Brantford Collegiate Institute, Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi District Secondary School, Dunnville Secondary School, GELA, McKinnon Park, Nations New Start, North Park Collegiate, Paris District High School, Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, Simcoe Composite School, Tollgate Technological Skills Centre, Valley Heights Secondary School

Student Trustees:

Student Trustee Aidyn Hill (Indigenous)
Student Trustee Caitlin Shields (South)
Student Trustee Olivia Prince (North)

Administration:

Superintendents Regan Vankerrebroeck
Executive Assistants: Rebecca Mason

Recorder:

Rebecca Mason

A - 1 Opening/Welcome

- (a) **Welcome** – Superintendent Vankerrebroeck opened the meeting and welcomed Senators
- (b) **Opening Address** – Student Trustee Hill
- (c) **Grand Erie Land Acknowledgement** – Student Trustee Shields

B – 1 Approval of the Minutes – February 27, 2025

Moved by: E. Mole

Seconded by: K. Dargie

THAT the minutes of the Student Senate meeting, dated February 27, 2025, be approved.

Carried

C – 1 New Business

United Indigenous Student Council outlined the purpose and structure of UISC.

E – 1 Working Groups: Equity and Diversity Mental Health, and Student Voice

Student Senators broke into working group.

G – 1 Round Table Discussion

Student Senators summarized the working group discussion:

Equity and Diversity Working Group:

- Planning a meeting for 2SLGBTQ+ students in June with activities and speakers
- Develop an Information sheet to help teachers add subtitles to PowerPoints for ESL students
- Consider ways to inform the administration if accessibility supports are required.

Mental Health and Well-Being Working Group:

- Hosting a club fair each semester to help students start and promote clubs
- Developing a club proposal template for principal approval
- Create promotional videos for student activities
- Propose Flex Days instead of Learning Support Days to enhance participation and teacher-student communication on deadlines and academic support



Student Senate Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Paris District High School

MINUTES

Student Voice Working Group:

- Enhancing support for non-English speakers through better translation services, tutoring and support.
- Advocating for more diverse history lessons, particularly Indigenous history in Canadian curriculum
- Provide more life skills classes and courses

H – 1 **Closing** – Student Trustee Hill

The meeting adjourned at 1:22pm



C-1-a

Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Norfolk Room, Education Centre

REPORT

Present: Committee Chair: T. Waldschmidt Trustees: J. Bradford, R. Collver, B. Doyle, S. Gibson, 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, Manager: K. Ireland-Aitken, Recording Secretary: C. Dero

Regrets: Trustee G. Anderson

Visiting Trustees: C.A. Sloat, L. Whiton

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair T. Waldschmidt at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was confirmed.

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

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

Committee Chair T. Waldschmidt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B - 1 **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Finance Committee agenda be approved.

Carried

C - 1 **Consent Agenda**

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: S. Gibson

THAT the Finance Committee accept the May 12, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

(a) Approve the minutes of:

(i) Special Finance Committee meeting dated March 3, 2025

Carried

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

E - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Quarterly Budget Report**

Presented as printed.

In response to a question, it was noted that Grand Erie's Human Resources Department has invested in resources to support staff and manage absenteeism.



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Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Norfolk Room, Education Centre

REPORT

- (b) **Budget Update 2025-26**
Presented as printed.
- (c) **Major Construction Report**
Presented as printed.
- (d) **Delhi District Gymnasium Update**
There is no update at this time.
- (e) **Paris District High School Track Update**
There is no update at this time.
- (f) **Boundary Review: Blanche E. Williams Public School**
Moved by: J. Bradford
Seconded by: L. Passmore
THAT the commencement of a Boundary Review process to establish an attendance area boundary for Blanche E. Williams Public School involving Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Bellview Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, and Walter Gretzky Elementary School be forwarded to the May 26, 2025 Regular Board meeting.
Carried
- (g) **Holding Boundary Assignment: Nith Peninsula (Paris)**
Moved by: E. Thomas
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT a holding boundary for the Nith Peninsula in Paris, directing students to Burford District Elementary School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective June 1, 2025 be forwarded to the May 26, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval.
Carried
- F - 1 **Other Business** – Nil
- G - 1 **Adjournment**
Moved by: R. Collver
Seconded by: S. Gibson
THAT the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned.
Carried
- The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.
- H - 1 **Next Meeting Date:** June 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: Trustees of the Grand Erie District School Board

FROM: A. Hill, Student Trustee – Indigenous
O. Prince, Student Trustee – South
C. Shields, Student Trustee – North

RE: **Student Senate Report**

DATE: May 26, 2025

On Thursday, May 1, the Student Trustees hosted their final student senate meeting of the school year. The day began with a warm welcome from Trustee Hill, followed by a land acknowledgment delivered by Trustee Prince. Trustee Shields then explained the purpose of the meeting minutes and officially approved the records from the previous session. Following this, the trustees divided into their respective working groups to finalize their initiatives, reflect on their progress, and discuss future plans. As this was the last meeting of the year, it also provided an opportunity for trustees to bid farewell to their student senators and for graduating senators to share their goodbyes.

Student Trustee Hill led the final breakout session for the Student Voice Working Group. The breakout group began with one of Grand Erie's Multi-Language Learner Coaches coming in to discuss supports for students new to Canada and in engaging in school with limited English language skills, and different resources implemented by the Province and Board. The group then discussed plans for their initiatives. The group suggested promotion of school opportunities and clubs within individual schools and promotion of Student Senate, United Indigenous Students Council, and the role of a Student Trustee at a Board level. They also discussed ways to collect more student voice, and how to encourage more student led initiatives.

In the Mental Health and Well-being working group, Trustee Prince presented a summary of her accomplishments, including two newly developed templates designed to streamline club participation. The Club Proposal Template aims to simplify the process of starting new clubs, while the Club Fair Template enhances accessibility, ensuring all students have an opportunity to engage. She also discussed her upcoming plans, including a board-wide survey for students around Student Learning Support Days.

The group also emphasized the importance of consistent attendance at senate meetings, noting the challenges of maintaining connections with senators who are unable to participate regularly. To address this issue, a proposal was introduced suggesting that student councils and Indigenous councils hold elections to select senators or appoint their presidents and vice presidents as representatives.

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) working group discussed the finalized ideas for the EDI initiatives. This included the infographic on language accessibility features in PowerPoint to be distributed at schools. The group also discussed a series of social media posts to be released in June in support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. The senators then shared the issues within their schools both within EDI and outside of it. The group will remain connected as the initiatives rollout to ensure that student voice is considered in media posts and within the infographic design process.

The senate then welcomed guest speakers from the Grand Erie School Culture and Well-Being team to discuss mental health for mental health awareness month. The speakers added valuable insights to the discussions on managing your own stress and understanding where stress comes from, whether good or bad. They promoted mental health resources within the board, as well as stress-management strategies for students to consider.

The day concluded with the closing address from Student Trustee Hill. It was a successful final student senate meeting, and the student trustees are excited to see what the incoming student trustees do in their time with senate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Hill, Student Trustee – Indigenous
O. Prince, Student Trustee – South
C. Shields, Student Trustee – North

Grand Erie District School Board

TO: Trustees of the Grand Erie District School Board
FROM: JoAnna Roberto, Ph.D., Director of Education & Secretary of the Board
RE: **Strategic Communications Plan Update**
DATE: May 26, 2025

Background

In May 2022, the Grand Erie District School Board approved the 2021-26 Strategic Communications Plan. The plan is aligned and includes goals and strategies for Communications approved as part of the 2021-26 Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Update

The 2021-26 Strategic Communications Plan continues to be well aligned with the goals and objectives of the board as outlined in the 2024-25 Annual Learning and Operating Plan. Further, this report is an opportunity to highlight progress and initiatives to support learning, well-being and belonging.

Major initiatives:

- Developed and launched a brand new granderie.ca website
- Issued the Director of Education's monthly bulletin for staff, students, families and communities
- Rolled out a comprehensive You Belong Here campaign to include:
 - Regional open houses
 - Secondary video series
 - Welcome to Secondary School Guide
- Deployed social media campaigns such as:
 - Annual Learning and Operating video series
 - Attendance campaign
 - Cellphones and vaping in schools
 - Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) resources
 - Created a math newsletter and resource webpage resources
 - Mental Health and Well-being with School Mental Health Ontario resources
- Promoted and supported district-wide initiatives such as:
 - The Grand Welcome Centre
 - Innovation Hub @ Grand Erie
 - Centre for Excellence: Teaching, Learning and Belonging
 - Groundbreaking and Opening for a childcare and school
 - Various speaker series, and professional learning opportunities
- Developed and/or coordinated and implemented an analytics dashboard for all digital communications to connect with communities that resulted in:
 - 1,098 social media posts
 - 3.69% average social media engagement rate; .7% increase from previous year
 - 4,000 total media mentions; 43% increase from previous year
 - >75 messages for families to share events, highlights and news
 - 5.98% engagements on Facebook; industry average is 2.18%

- 2.5% engagements on Instagram; industry average is 1.78%
- 24,452 Facebook and Instagram followers; 10.7% increase from previous year
- 16,570 link clicks on Facebook; 81.4% increase from previous year
- 150,000 visits to new granderie.ca

Grand Erie's Strategic Communications Plan is a living document and assessed and adjusted to ensure it is meeting the objectives outlined and responding to changing environments.

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

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Respectfully submitted,

JoAnna Roberto, Ph.D.
Director of Education & Secretary of the Board



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: Trustees of the Grand Erie District School Board
FROM: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education & Secretary of the Board
RE: **Finance Committee, Policy and Program Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2025-26**
DATE: May 26, 2025

Recommended Motion: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
THAT the Board approve the Finance Committee, Policy and Program Committee, and Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2025-26.

Background

Each year the Board receives a schedule for Board meetings for the coming year. This report also includes a schedule for Finance Committee and Policy and Program Committee meetings.

Additional Information

As outlined in the General Working By-law:

- Section 3.1 - Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at the on the fourth (4th) Monday of each month, except July, August, December, and March

As per the General Governance Policy

- Section 9.2 c) and d) - The Finance and Policy and Program Committee meetings will alternate on the second Monday of every month, when possible, excluding July and August.

Next Steps

Once approved the schedule will be posted on Grand Erie's website.

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2025-26 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are located at 349 Erie Ave.

In-Camera Board meeting sessions commence at 6:30 p.m.

Public Board meeting sessions commence at 7:15 p.m.

Finance Committee and Policy and Program Committee meetings commence at 6:30 p.m.

2025-26	
September 8	Finance Committee
September 22	Regular Meeting of the Board
October 20	Policy and Program Committee
October 27	Regular Meeting of the Board
November 10	Finance Committee
November 24	Annual/Organizational Meeting of the Board Regular Meeting of the Board
December 8	Finance Committee
January 12	Policy and Program Committee
January 26	Regular Meeting of the Board
February 9	Finance Committee
February 23	Regular Meeting of the Board
March 9	Policy and Program Committee
April 13	Policy and Program Committee
April 27	Regular Meeting of the Board
May 11	Finance Committee
May 25	Regular Meeting of the Board
June 8	Finance Committee
June 22	Regular Meeting of the Board



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: **Contract Award – General Contractor for Elgin Avenue Public School Renovation**
DATE: May 26, 2025

Recommended Motion: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
THAT the Board approve the contract for the construction and renovation project for Elgin Avenue Public School in Simcoe to **Reid & DeLeye Contractors Ltd.** for **\$14,922,778.**

Background

In 2016, the Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie) conducted an accommodation review which concluded with a solution that would close West Lynn Public School and improve Elgin Avenue Public School by constructing additional space and undertaking significant renovations to the existing building.

On October 8, 2024, the Ministry of Education issued Grand Erie an Approval to Proceed (ATP) to tender the project, confirming total funding in the amount of \$18,695,928.

The renovation construction will expand the size of the existing school by 17,000 square feet, with renovations being performed to the existing facility. The following provides a brief overview of the scope:

- a four-classroom kindergarten addition to the northeast section of the building
- a new accessible entrance that will house a new elevator, accessing all existing floors
- a new three-room childcare and EarlyON space
- paving including asphalt parking and expanded play area.
- outdoor site work
- significant renovations and upgrades to the existing building footprint

Grand Erie issued a Request to Tender 2025-24-T on March 31, 2025, with a closing date of May 13, 2025. The tender was issued to eight (8) prequalified general contractors (Reference: 2024-126-PQ). Bids were received from four (4) of the general contracting companies from the prequalified list and the results are listed in the table below:

Proponent	Stipulated Bid Price (Excl. HST)
Elgin Contracting and Restoration	\$15,189,000
GEN-PRO o/a 1320376 Ontario Ltd.	\$16,835,000
PK Construction Ink.	\$15,884,900
Reid & DeLeye Contractors Ltd.	\$14,922,778

Additional Information

Business Services, in consultation with the project architect, have completed the necessary evaluation steps of the competitive process and recommend the award of the contract to **Reid & DeLeye Contractors Ltd.** The **\$14,922,778** contract is well within the amount estimated for this project in the capital budget.

Proposed Schedule:

Execution of Contract	June 2025
Commence Construction Phase	June 2025
Grand Opening:	TBD

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Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer