



# Special Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, March 3, 2025

6:15 p.m.

MS Teams

## AGENDA

### A - 1 **Opening Call to Order**

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- (c) Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

*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.*

### B - 1 **Approval of the Agenda**

*"THAT the Finance Committee agenda be approved."*

### C - 1 **Consent Agenda**

#### \* **Recommended Motion:**

*"THAT the Finance Committee accept the March 3, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein."*

- (a) Approve the minutes of:
  - (i) Finance Committee meeting dated February 10, 2025

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

### E - 1 **New Business**

- \* (a) Boundary Review: Brantford French Immersion (L. Thompson)

#### **Recommended Motion:**

*"THAT the amended school boundaries for École Confédération Elementary School and École Dufferin Public School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective September 1, 2025 be forwarded to the March 24, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval."*

### F - 1 **Other Business**

### G - 1 **Adjournment**

*"THAT the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned."*

### H - 1 **Next Meeting Date: May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**



# Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2025

6:30 p.m.

MS Teams, Education Centre

## MINUTES

**Present:** Committee Chair: T. Waldschmidt Trustees: S. Gibson, G. Anderson, 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, Senior Executive Assistant: C. Dero

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/Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Committee Chair T. Waldschmidt read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Finance Committee accept the February 10, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

Approve the minutes of:

(i) Special Finance Committee meeting dated January 13, 2025

**Carried**

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

D - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Budget Process 2025-26**

Presented as printed.

In response to a question, the Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive requires the board to award bids based on the lowest quote, regardless of tariff pressures.

(b) **Enrolment vs Capacity by School Report**

Presented as printed.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that the Ministry does not provide extra funding for the Grade 9 or 10 Technological Education credit needed to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

E - 1 **Other Business** – Nil

F - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



# Grand Erie District School Board

**TO:** JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education & Secretary of the Board  
**FROM:** Liana Thompson, Superintendent of Education  
**RE:** **Boundary Review: Brantford French Immersion**  
**DATE:** March 3, 2025

**Recommended Motion:** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
THAT the amended school boundaries for École Confédération Elementary School and École Dufferin Public School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective September 1, 2025 be forwarded to the March 24, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval.

## Background

In Grand Erie, French Immersion (FI) programs are valued and are offered to students in both elementary and secondary schools. In the City of Brantford, two single-track FI programs are offered, one at École Dufferin and one at École Confédération. École Dufferin can accommodate only a certain number of classrooms based on the size of the school, and there has been pressure at the point of enrolment in JK or SK or Grade 1 at École Dufferin. Approximately 100 more students can be accommodated at École Confédération than are currently enrolled at the school. A boundary review was undertaken in order to right size enrolment and avoid waiting lists.

## Process

Following the approval of this boundary review, and in accordance with the steps outlined in Boundary Reviews Policy (FA-08), a Boundary Review Working Group was struck. The group met three times in February 2025 to review options and gather community feedback during a public meeting. A full list of meetings, agendas, presentations, and minutes can be found on the Boundary Review website at: <https://granderie.ca/board/departments/planning/elementary-french-immersion-program-boundary-review>.

## Additional Information

As of September 2025, the Brantford French Immersion boundaries for École Confédération Elementary School and École Dufferin Public School will cover the areas described in **Figure 1**.

All students who currently attend École Dufferin Public School that live in the catchment areas for Edith Monture Elementary School, King George Elementary School, Major Ballachey Public School, Russell Reid Public School, and the bused students from James Hillier Public School will attend École Confédération Elementary School beginning September 2025.

Approximately 70 students will be affected. There will be a legacy option for students currently attending École Dufferin Public School. New siblings must enroll at École Confédération Elementary School. Transportation will continue to be offered for those Legacy students attending École Dufferin Public School who are currently being provided with transportation.

## Recommendation

Pursuant to the steps outlined in Boundary Reviews Policy (FA-08), and based on committee consultation, Senior Administration recommends establishing the amended school

boundaries for École Confédération Elementary School and École Dufferin Public School beginning September 1, 2025.

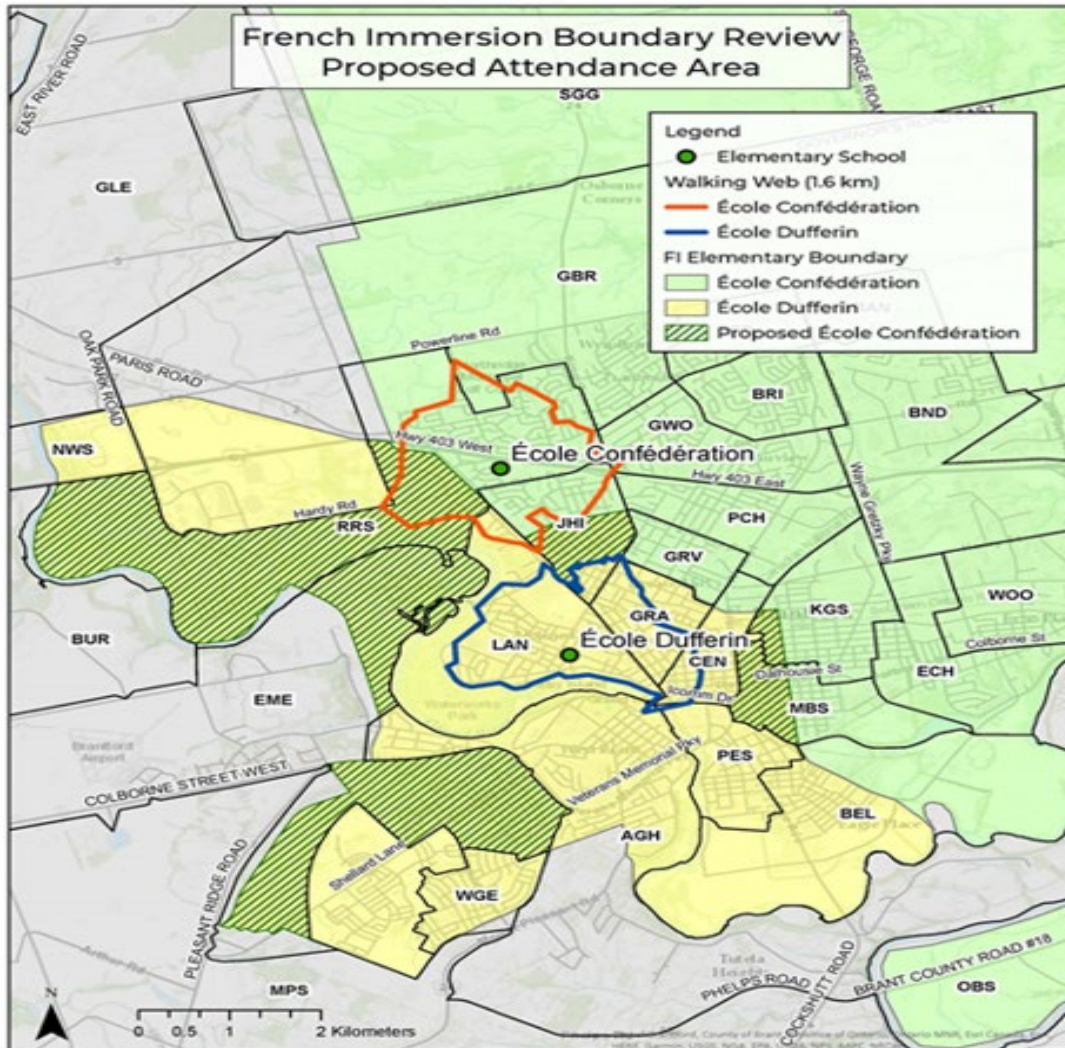


Fig. 1 – Proposed Brantford French Immersion Boundaries

**Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan**

This report supports the Belonging indicator of Learn Lead Inspire and the following statement: we will build a culture of belonging to support an equitable, inclusive and responsive environment for each learner.

Respectfully submitted,

Liana Thompson  
Superintendent of Education