



# Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

Thursday, January 30, 2025

7:30 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## AGENDA

### A - 1 **Opening**

(a) Roll Call

(b) Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement

*The Grand Erie District School Board recognizes Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississauga's 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, Metis 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 **Inclusion Begins at Home – Dr. Andrew B. Campbell** (J. Montague)

Feedback Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/KHrUg1NNfy>

### C - 1 **Consent Agenda** (J. Montague)

#### **Recommended Motion:**

*“THAT the Committee accept the January 30, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.”*

(a) Approve the minutes of:

(i) Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee meeting dated October 24, 2024

### D - 1 **System Updates** (J. White)

### E - 1 **GEPIC Chair Updates** (J. Montague)

(a) School Council Orientation and GEPIC Event

(b) Ministry Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

(c) Pro Funding Update

### F - 1 **School Highlights** (J. Montague)

GEPIC Members share highlights from their respective schools

### G - 1 **New Business / Learning** (P. Ashe)

(a) Mental Health Strategy 2025-2028 consultation

### H - 1 **Future Meetings** (J. White)

March 27, 2025 & May 22, 2025

### I - 1 **Adjournment** (J. White)



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### MINUTES

- Present:** S. Darling, Committee Chair  
J. Roberto, Director  
J. White, Superintendent  
R. Vankerbroeck, Superintendent  
T. Sault, Trustee  
G. Stead, Secondary Principal  
D. Dean, Elementary Principal  
P. Kaur, Elementary Principal  
E. Huxley, Parent Council – Banbury Heights Elementary School  
C. Mitchell, Parent Council – Ecole Dufferin  
J. Montague, Parent Council – J.L. Mitchener  
B. Ramey, Parent Council – Graham Bell Victoria School  
K. O'Brian, Parent Council – Walpole North Elementary School  
R. Jakaitis, Parent Council – Hagersville Elementary School  
H. Smith, Parent Council – Lynndale Heights Elementary School  
L. McCormick, Cayuga Secondary School  
N. Waldschmidt
- Regrets:** C. Clark, L. Woodley, L. Passmore
- Recorder:** S. Fehrman

#### A - 1 **Opening**

##### **Roll Call / Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Superintendent White opened the meeting at 6:41 p.m. and S. Fehrman confirmed that Roll Call had been completed. Superintendent White read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

#### B - 1 **GEPIC Slate of Members**

##### (a) **Election of Chair**

Superintendent White called for nominations for the GEPIC Chair for the 2024-25 school year.

N. Waldschmidt nominated J. Montague for the position of Chair.

J. Montague accepted the nomination

Superintendent White asked if there were any other nominations. Superintendent White congratulated J. Montague on her role as GEPIC Chair for the 2024-25 school year.

##### (b) **Terms of Reference**

Superintendent White outlined the components of the GEPIC Terms of Reference, explaining that they align with the Education Act (O. Reg. 612/00).

#### C - 1 **Minutes**

##### (a) **Approval of the Minutes – May 23, 2024**

Moved by: N. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: E. Huxley



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THAT the May 23, 2024, Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee minutes be approved.

**Carried**

#### D - 1 **Financial Report**

##### (a) **GEPIC Budget**

Superintendent White reported that schools have each been allocated \$500 for Parent Involvement, and that a further \$27,000 is available for larger engagement events.

#### E - 1 **School Highlights**

Administrators D. Dean (Elementary), P. Kaur (Elementary) and G. Stead (Secondary) shared highlights of school start up events and activities. Grand Erie's focus on Math Achievement and Graduation will be a focus for schools in 2024-25.

#### F - 1 **System Updates**

Superintendent White shared information about:

- PPM 128
- Early Reading Screener
- School Builds
- Student Learning Support Days
- Welcome Centre
- You Belong Here Campaign
- Take our Kids to Work Day

#### G - 1 **New Business - Information**

- (a) Superintendent Vankerbroeck provided an overview of the summer programs / learning we offered over the months of July and August
- (b) Superintendent Vankerbroeck provided an overview of the Math Achievement plan and the success of last year.

#### H - 1 **Planning for Future Meetings**

- (a) Superintendent Vankerbroeck provided an overview of the Speaker Series for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- (b) Superintendent Vankerbroeck provided an overview of the School Council Orientation being held Thursday, November 21, 2024.

#### I - 1 **Greetings from Director Roberto**

- Director Roberto extended a thank you to all the GEPIC Members.
- Director Roberto touched on some of the exciting things happening within Grand Erie, which included
  - Recent Secondary School Graduations
  - Secondary School "You Belong Here" Guide
  - Artificial Intelligence Guide



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- The Launch of a monthly memo from the Director, focusing on exciting things happening in Grand Erie.
- Opening of the Welcome Centre. This past year, we welcomed students from almost 32 Countries.
- The Launching of the Innovation Centre (I-Hub)

#### J-1 Future Meetings

- January 30, 2025
- March 27, 2025
- May 22, 2025

#### School Council Orientation

- November 21, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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