



MINUTES

Present: Board Chair G. Anderson, Board Vice-Chair S. Gibson, D. Dean, E. Dixon, B. Doyle, S. Gibson, J. Richardson, C.A. Sloat, C. VanEvery-Albert, T. Waldschmidt, D. Werden

Administration: Director – J. Roberto; Superintendents – L. Munro, R. Wyszynski; Recording Secretary – K. Giannini

Regrets:

Trustees:

Administration:

A - 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair, G. Anderson at 7:15 p.m.

(b) Declaration of Interest

Nil

(c) Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgement Statement

B - 1 Purchase of Laptops

R. Wyszynski presented the Purchase of Laptops report.

The Board signed an agreement with OECM and Compugen Inc. on December 22, 2017, the Contract expiry is November 1, 2023. These additional devices are supporting staff and students in either the Virtual Learning Academy or a remote learning environment. These devices will also provide Grand Erie with the ability to pivot to remote learning, which is a key priority given the uncertain nature of this pandemic.

This investment in technology is fully supported by the additional funding announced by the Federal government in the February 1, 2021 memo to school boards; 2021: B01 - Federal Safe Return to Class Fund and Expanded Targeted Testing in Schools, for which Grand Erie received \$1,005,330.

C.A. Sloat inquired about the report in August. Is this a lease or an outright purchase? R. Wyszynski advised that it is a purchase.

C.A. Sloat inquired about where these computers are needed. L. Munro advised that they will be used to continue to support online learning needs. The devices removed from classrooms would be replaced. We have potential devices that will come back no longer



Special Board Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021

MS Teams

functional. They would also be used in other areas of the Board that have not been on the device refresh cycle.

C. VanEvery-Albert stated that this looks like a good deal and inquired how much memory capacity they have. L. Munro advised that they are the same devices that we currently use, and they have 4 gigabytes of memory and 128 gigabytes of hard drive.

E. Dixon inquired whether we have a good warranty. R. Wyszynski advised that the warranty is three years.

R. Collver inquired if these devices will get distributed to staff and students right away. L. Munro advised that we have become more efficient in getting these devices out to staff and students.

D. Werden inquired about a timeline on delivery. R. Wyszynski advised that we have not been provided with those details at this time.

G. Anderson commented that this is a good use of our funds and will benefit our staff and students.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Purchase of 1,268 HP Laptops from Compugen Inc. in the amount of \$684,720.00 plus HST.

Carried

C - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, G. Anderson