



Regular Board Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2023

Education Centre Boardroom

MINUTES

Present: Chair S. Gibson, Vice-Chair B. Doyle Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver (MS Teams), L. Passmore, E. Thomas (MS Teams), T. Sault, C. VanEvery-Albert, T. Waldschmidt, E. Whiton (MS Teams); Student Trustees: M. Baker, K. Gayowsky, A. Skye

Administration: Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: P. Ashe, K. Edgar (MS Teams) K. Graham, L. Munro, D. Smouter, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerrebroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

Guests: Planning Supervisor: N. Hercanuck, External Auditor: Matt McNally

A - 1 **Opening (6:30 pm)**

(a) **Roll Call**

Chair Gibson confirmed roll call.

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

(c) **In-Camera Session (6:34 pm)**

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 7:16 p.m.

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

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

(g) **Memorials**

(i) **Jordan Evans**

The memorial of Jordan Evans was read by Vice-Chair Doyle.

(ii) **Michael Wierzbicki**

The memorial of Michael Wierzbicki was read by Chair Gibson.

(h) **In-Camera Report - Nil**



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- (i) **Learn Lead Inspire Award**
Director Roberto presented Gimma R. Stacey Laforme, of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and Chief Mark Hill, of Six Nations of the Grand River, both former Grand Erie graduates, with a Learn Lead Inspire award. The award recognizes the outstanding work each has contributed to advocating for and enriching the educational experiences of Indigenous learners across Grand Erie, and for their leadership in helping us better understand our commitments to reconciliation.
- (j) **Student Showcase – North Park Collegiate Institute Wind Ensemble**
Five students from North Park Collegiate and Vocational School's wind ensemble performed a musical interlude.
- (k) **Delegations – Nil**
- B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**
- (a) **October 30, 2023 (Regular Board)**
Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: T. Sault
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated October 30, 2023, be approved.
Carried
- (b) **November 1, 2023 (Special Board)**
Moved by: J. Bradford
Seconded by: G. Anderson
THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, dated November 1, 2023, be approved.
Carried
- (c) **November 6, 2023 (Special Board)**
Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert
Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt
THAT the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, dated November 6, 2023, be approved.
Carried

The following motion was confirmed at the November 6, 2023 Special Board meeting:

That the Board bar Trustee Sloat from attending Board meetings including In-Camera meetings and Special Board meetings for October and November and bar Trustee Sloat from attending and sitting in all committees effective October 16 to the end of March 31, 2024 and that she only receives public materials. For further clarity attending means Trustee Sloat not attend in person, virtually, or by any other means.

- C - 1 **Committee Recommendations and Reports**
- (a) **Finance Committee Meeting Report dated November 13, 2023**
Moved by: G. Anderson
Seconded by: J. Bradford



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THAT the Board approve the Boundary Review Study for Grandview Public School and Graham Bell-Victoria Public School.

Carried

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT the Board approve the Facility Renewal Plan for 2023-24.

Carried

(b) **Audit Committee Meeting Report dated November 2, 2023**

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT the Board approve the amended 2022-23 Consolidated Financial Statements.

Carried

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Board approve the 2023 Audit Committee Annual Report.

Carried

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

E - 1 **Report of the Director**

Director Roberto highlighted the following:

- Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2024-25 school year.
- Promotion of Grade 9 Information nights.
- North Park Students Against Racism Coalition were awarded a YMCA Peace Medal.
- Tourism Innovator of the Year in Ontario Awards included Dunnville Secondary School and McKinnon Park Secondary School.
- ECE Excellence at Grand Erie – Five (5) Early Childhood Educators were honoured at the 2023 ECE Awards.
- STEM - Grade 8 classes from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of Credit First Nation joined members of the Curriculum and Student Achievement and Indigenous Education teams for an Amazing Race STEM Reach Ahead Event.
- Rock Your Mocs and Treaties Week - opportunities were provided for students to learn about culture and history.
- Indigenous Learning included hide tanning at Hagersville Secondary School (NATIONS/Newstart) for moccasin making. Brantford Collegiate Institute students made faceless dolls, and attached a name from the list of missing students of Mohawk Residential school and other Ontario schools. Students from the Valley Heights Secondary School participated in the painting of the Moccasin Identifier Project mural.
- Professional Development for educators across the district focused on Math learning as outlined in the Grand Erie Math Achievement Action Plan.



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- Experiential Learning included Festivale Francais Tour with DJ Delf, Cayuga Secondary School photography students and Organized Chaos event at Cedarland Public School.
- Brantford Bulldogs are engaging students with messages around learning, leadership, and inspiration.

F - 1 **Student Trustees' Report - Nil**

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

(a) **Annual Progress Report on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2027**

Presented as printed.

(b) **Major Construction Project Report**

Presented as printed.

(c) **Trustees' Expense Report**

Presented as printed.

(d) **Notice of Motion**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

That section 9.1 of the General Working By-law be waived and that the motion be discussed and voted upon this meeting.

Carried

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: L. Passmore

THAT Chair Gibson write a letter addressed to MPP Bobbi Ann Brady, and copied to Norfolk County Council, requesting government support for the installation of a much-needed controlled traffic light at the crosswalk at James Street in front of Delhi District Secondary School whereby a student of the board was recently struck by a vehicle.

Carried

H - 1 **Other Business**

(a) **Audit Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 14, 2023**

Presented as printed.

(b) **Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 5, 2023**

Presented as printed.

I - 1 **OPSBA Report**

Trustee VanEvery-Albert attended the Central West Region meeting and Trustee Bradford joined her at the West Region on November 4, 2023. The provincial government has offered support to revitalize Indigenous languages within the province.



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- J - 1 **Correspondence** – presented as printed.
- (a) Thames Valley District School Board dated November 7, 2023
 - (b) Lambton Kent District School Board dated November 14, 2023
 - (c) Thames Valley District School Board dated November 22, 2023

K - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Carried

Chair S. Gibson

Director of Education and Secretary of the Board J. Roberto