



# Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2022

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## MINUTES

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

**Administration:** Director: J. Roberto, Superintendents: W. Baker, K. Graham, L. Munro, A. Smith, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Wyszynski, Recording Secretary: C. Dero

**Regrets:**

**Trustees:** R. Mitchell (Student Trustee)

**Administration:** Nil

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, S. Gibson at 6:31 p.m.

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

Nil

(c) **In Camera Session**

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel, legal and property matters at 6:33 p.m.

**Carried**

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

The Public meeting was called to order by Board Chair S. Gibson at 7:21 p.m.

S. Gibson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(e) **Memorials**

Nil

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

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Agenda be approved.

**Carried**

(g) **In Camera Report**

Nil

(h) **Presentations**

(i) **Lead Learn Inspire Award**

J. Roberto introduced the January 2022 award recipient, C. Holdsworth from Waterford District High School.



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J. Roberto shared a presentation that highlighted the work and accomplishments of C. Holdsworth, who is a world class photographer and a fantastic example of Grand Erie's vision of Lead Learn Inspire.

C. Holdsworth was thanked for his commitment and courage to leading and learning, and for the inspiration he is providing.

Several trustees congratulated C. Holdsworth on receiving this well well-deserved award and C. Holdsworth shared his gratitude.

#### B - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

##### (a) **December 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m. (Inaugural Board Meeting)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting, held December 13, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

In response to a question from C.A. Sloat about the terms of reference for the Joint Health and Safety Committee coming to the Board, R. Wyszynski noted that when this comes for approval it will be brought forward to trustees.

In response to a question from C.A. Sloat, L. Munro confirmed that communication regarding cybersecurity training for trustees will be available soon.

##### (b) **January 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m. (Committee of the Whole)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, held January 10, 2022 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

R. Collver clarified that she did send regrets prior to the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting and asked that the minutes be amended to reflect this.

C.A. Sloat asked if there was clarification available about the age requirements for students to be able to take part in the School College Work Initiative. K. Graham replied, that for students to be eligible to take part in the dual credit program, they need to be within one year of graduation.

C.A. Sloat wanted to ensure the ESA report was updated and adjusted. K. Graham confirmed that the ESA Reports were revised.



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#### C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes/Previous Meetings**

##### (a) **F4 Trustee Honoraria Report**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

That the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F4 – Trustee Honoraria as amended.

**Carried**

C.A. Sloat requested a recorded vote:

G. Anderson – no

R. Collver – no

D. Dean – yes

E. Dixon – yes

B. Doyle – yes

S. Gibson – yes

J. Richardson – no

C.A. Sloat – no

C. VanEvery-Albert – yes

T. Waldschmidt – yes

D. Werden - no

J. Roberto explained that during the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting there were some comments made about the revised F4 Policy presented in draft and the legality around it.

As Secretary of the Board, J. Roberto has ensured that this slightly revised F4 Policy has been vetted through legal counsel. J. Roberto provided further clarification around item 3 of Bylaw 16, as well as the link to the Regulation. J. Roberto further noted that, through budget, the committee component that was raised in comments will be looked at.

D. Werden suggested that the proper process would be for this report to come in the Committee of the Whole F-1 and and be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting February 7, 2022.

C.A. Sloat further added that the attendance amount component should be referred to Committee of the Whole.

#### D - 1 **Director's Report**

##### (a) **Director's Highlights**

J. Roberto highlighted the following:

- Heart of Turtle Island: Through a generous donation by local photographer Mark Zelinski, every elementary and secondary school will be receiving *Heart of Turtle Island – The Niagara Escarpment*, a photography book.
- Ontario College of Teachers Sexual Abuse Prevention Program: Effective January 3, 2022, a new notation was added to Certificates of Qualification indicating whether a Certified Teacher has successfully completed the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program. Additional Information about the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program is available on the oct.ca [FAQ page](#).



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- Bell Let's Talk: Grand Erie's Mental Health team will be sharing resources and engaging classrooms in a variety of ways for Let's Talk on January 26, 2022, meant to break the silence, decrease stigma, and start meaningfully conversations around mental health and well-being.
- Quadmester's Course Work Update: Grand Erie understands that moving from in-person to remote learning so close to end of the course can result in challenges for some students. Educators continue to have the flexibility to only consider assessment data from before the shift to remote learning for the purposes of determining final marks.
- EQAO Assessment Grade 9 Math - secondary students will not participate in the grade 9 EQAO math assessments scheduled for this quadmester.

On behalf of Sr. Administration, K. Graham and L. Munro shared a presentation that captured some highlights from remote learning that took place at the beginning of January 2022. The Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee video for parents and guardians was shared.

J. Roberto shared that C. VanEvery-Albert will be presenting at the Public Education Symposium on January 28, 2022 on Indigenous Language Recovery and the importance of Language on Culture and why Language and Culture are so vital to First Nations children and the health of our communities.

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 24, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

(b) **Leading and Learning in a Pandemic**

J. Roberto provided the following updates:

- School-based vaccine clinics will be forthcoming.
- The absence tracker was launched on the Grand Erie website.

C.A. Sloat asked about supports that are available to families and J. Roberto replied yes.

In response to a question from R. Collver, J. Roberto provided clarification that baseline absences will be taken into account when looking at 30% absence rate.

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Leading and Learning in a Pandemic report of January 24, 2022 as information.

**Carried**



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#### E - 1 **Student Trustees' Report**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Student Trustees' report of January 24, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

#### F - 1 **Committee of the Whole Report – January 10, 2022**

Presented as printed

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

That the Grand Erie District School Board approve recommendations 2 – 8 and 10 -13 from the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole Report.

##### 1. **In Camera Report**

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Joint Use of Facilities Agreement between the Board and the City of Brantford.

##### 2. **Delegation**

(i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the delegation by R. Hunter as information.

(ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board hear the late delegation by Dr. M. Fulford.

(iii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the delegation by Dr. M. Fulford as information.

##### 3. **Director's Report**

(i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of January 10, 2022 as information.

(ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Leading and Learning in a Pandemic report of January 10, 2022 as information.

##### 4. **Education Services Agreement (ESA) Annual Report**

(i) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Six Nations of the Grand River report as information and forward it to Indigenous Services Canada and Six Nations of the Grand River.

(ii) THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation – Education Services Agreement report as information.



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5. **Category III Trips**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Category III Trips report as information.
6. **Grand Erie Learning Alternative (GELA) Annual Report**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA) Annual report as information.
7. **Enrolment vs Capacity by School Report**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Enrolment vs Capacity Report as information.
8. **Quarterly Budget Report**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget Report for the three months ended November 30, 2021 as information.
9. **F4 Trustee Honoraria**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F4 Trustee Honoraria.
10. **HR118 Occasional Teacher Evaluation**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Procedure HR118 Occasional Teacher Evaluation as information.
11. **P-01 Service Provision for Students Special Education Needs**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Policy P-01 Service Provision for Students with Special Education Needs to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by February 24, 2022.
12. **SO121 Request to Attend a School Outside the Home School Area**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure SO121 Request to Attend a School Outside the Home Area to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by February 24, 2022.
13. **OPSBA Report**  
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the January 10, 2022 OPSBA report as information.

#### **Carried**

C.A. Sloat challenged the Chair on allowing the motion - That the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F4 – Trustee Honoraria as amended in item C-1-a on the January 24, 2022 agenda.

#### **Defeated**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: E. Dixon

That the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy F4 – Trustee Honoraria as amended in item C-1-a on the January 24, 2022 agenda.

**Withdrawn by C. VanEvery-Albert**



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Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT item 1, Joint Use of Facilities Agreement between the Board and the City of Brantford, be referred to administration and brought back to the February 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole.

**Carried**

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: C.A. Sloat

THAT Item 9, Policy F4 - Trustee Honoraria, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole Board be withdrawn.

**Carried**

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

##### (a) **Major Construction Update (FT2)**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Project Report as information.

**Carried**

In response to a question from C.A. Sloat. R. Wyszynski replied that the Project Committees will be struck as soon as the architects are selected.

##### (b) **Contract Award – Roofing at Cayuga SS**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the contract for the roof rehabilitation project at Cayuga Secondary School from BML Roofing Systems Inc. in the amount of \$630,522 + HST.

**Carried**

##### (c) **Contract Award – Roofing at Dunnville SS**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the contract for the roof rehabilitation project at Dunnville Secondary School from Schreiber Brothers Ltd. in the amount of \$913,825 + HST.

**Carried**



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CA Sloat asked what measures are in place to ensure that the warranty funds are in good hands. R. Wyszynski replied that these bids are received from pre-qualified contractors, and the majority of the construction work comes with a bid bond.

#### H - 1 **Other Business**

##### (a) **Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – December 16, 2021**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – December 16, 2021 as information.

**Carried**

##### (b) **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – November 18, 2021**

Presented as printed.

R. Collver provided clarification about the data that was presented on page 2 and noted that the achievement data that was being presented was old data, not from the 2021-2022 year.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – November 18, 2021 as information.

**Carried**

C.A. Sloat requested that letters to the Ministry from the committee are shared with trustees. L. Thompson will ensure that trustees are copied on these letters.

##### (c) **Native Advisory Committee (NAC) Minutes – (Draft) – December 2, 2021**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the draft Native Advisory Committee Minutes – December 2, 2021 as information.

**Carried**

R. Collver noted that it is not normal practice for staff to be moving or seconding motions as indicated in the committee minutes. K. Graham will clarify this.





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(d) **Indigenous Education Advisory (IEAC) Minutes – (Draft) – December 9, 2021**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the draft Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes – December 9, 2021 as information.

**Carried**

(e) **Grand Erie Parent Advisory Committee (GEPIC) Minutes – (Draft) – January 13, 2022**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the draft Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes – January 13, 2022 as information.

**Carried**

I - 1 **Correspondence**

Nil

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Board return to In Camera session at 9:11 p.m.

**Carried**

Moved by: D. Werden

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve to continue past 10:00 p.m.

**Carried**

J - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

**Carried**

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Board Chair, S. Gibson