



## **Committee of the Whole Board Meeting**

**Monday, September 13, 2021**

Board Room, Education Centre / MS Teams Virtual Meeting

### **MINUTES**

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

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

**Regrets:**

**Trustees:** Nil  
**Administration:** Nil

**A - 1 Opening**

**(a) Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, R. Collver at 6:30 p.m.

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

Nil

**(c) In Camera Session**

Moved by: C. VanEvery-Albert

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss personnel, legal and property matters at 6:30 p.m.

**Carried**

**(d) Welcome to Open Session**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, R. Collver at 7:20 p.m.

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

Presented as printed.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Agenda be approved.

**Carried**

**(f) In Camera Report**

Was covered at the end of meeting as Board needs to return to In Camera

**(g) Presentations**

Nil



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(h) **Delegations**

(i) K. Gaudet referred to her delegation regarding School Year Reopening.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Delegation as information.

**Carried**

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

Nil

C - 1 **Director's Report**

(a) Director's highlights:

- Grand Erie joined Six Nations Polytechnic and will be offering educators free registration to participate in the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Children Qualification Course
- Cedarland is up and running today – renovations have been completed.
- W. Baker provided an update on the Balanced School Year Project – four options developed for consideration for the site selection. The next step will be a Town Hall for parents/guardian committee, where information will be shared with a report back to Trustees at the November 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Board
- Update and high-level overview was given on the September 2, 2021 PD Day that focused on the launch on the new Multi-Year Strategic Plan, review of the Reopening Guidelines and a key-note speaker Dr. Jean Clinton.
- Have reminded our Educators to update their Brightspace shells

G. Anderson asked W. Baker if Catholic board has considered the Balanced School Year or any of our surrounding boards? W. Baker responded not away of Catholic board and it not sure but there are 29 boards that have some version of this calendar in their Boards. G. Anderson further asked what happens or plans if a family does not support a full school year calendar and would they be displaced? W. Baker noted he cannot speak of the recommendation the committee will come up, but one of the recommendations may be to wait for a new school or we may not proceed with a balanced school year based on the feedback.

C.A. Sloat asked about the cost of the Six Nations Polytechnic and where will the funds come from. J. Roberto responded that it would be covered under the Board Action Plan within the professional development.

S. Gibson acknowledged the Senior Team for a great start to the year.



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(b) Leading and Learning in a Pandemic

- Vaccine Disclosure Information for essential visitors and non-board employee that is coming soon.
- Staff Attestation process is in place and will be shared with Trustees
- Essential Visitors are school nurses, regular nutrition partners and volunteers
- Sports – we are still revisiting this with respect to spectators in schools so that we have a consistent message
- Vaccination Clinics in schools – we are just waiting for information from our Public Health Units

C.A. Sloat requested clarification on Attestation process policy and when we and how we handling the gap? J. Roberto responded that a procedure will be coming back to Board shortly. J. Tozer responded we are working through it and waiting for additional information with respect testing and following up on regular basis.

C. Kitchen asked if the vaccination attestation applies to Student Trustees and how we will be receiving information. J. Tozer responded that it may be required or within our mandate for attention from Student Trustees but will get confirmation on that.

R. Mitchell asked J. Roberto if her last response also include the mandatory vaccination? J. Roberto responded yes it does and will share information when available.

J. Tozer provided an update on the rapid antigen testing and we will reach out to those staff who need to complete that.

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's Report of September 13, 2021 as information.

**Carried**

D - 1 **New Business – Action/Decision Items**

(a) **Schedule of Pre-Budget Consultation and Budget Review Meetings**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: D. Dean

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Pre-Budget Consultation Meetings as follows:

1. Tuesday, February 1, 2022
2. Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board set the dates for Budget Review Meetings as follows:

1. Tuesday, April 19, 2022
2. Monday, May 16, 2022
3. Thursday, May 26, 2022
4. Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

**Carried**

(b) **Contract Award – Multi-Functional Devices**

R. Wyszynski referred to the Contract Award – Multi-Functional Devices report providing high level overview.

C.A. Sloat asked if there is ability to renew the contract? R. Wyszynski responded it will depend on the procurement with the MGCS.

C. Kitchen asked how will students be able to use these devices in schools and what will their limits be? R. Wyszynski responded that this be taken away for further clarification but would be similar to the printer controls in place.

R. Mitchell asked what the change was when we shifted to online and trying refrain from printing? R. Wyszynski responded that we had data to compare between 2018-19 and 2019-20 but will be able to compare with the new devices

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the contract for the supply and lease of multi-function devices for all Board locations from Ricoh Canada Inc. in the amount of an estimated annual cost of \$429,263.77 plus HST.

**Carried**

D – 2 **New Business – Information Items**

(a) **SO17 Guidelines for Student Accommodation, up to and including Exemption from Non-Medical and Cloth Masks.**

L. Thompson referred to the Updates to the Resource Package report providing a high-level overview and includes the Human Right Codes.

Moved by: S. Gibson

Seconded by: J. Richardson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board suspend the motion approved at the August 30, 2021 Regular Board Meeting to approve Policy SO17 Guidelines for Student Accommodation, up to and Including Exemption, from Non-Medical or Cloth Masks as amended.

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S. Gibson asked if we be tracking the number of students with the exemption? L. Thompson will be tracked at the school level and if they are exempt that will be shared with Transportation if required.

G. Anderson asked if we have received a lot of push back. L. Thompson responded that for her schools we have had some request, but it is individualized.

C.A. Sloat requested that Appendix A contain a logo and should it state copy to: Manager of Transportation if required. J. Roberto responded that some student could be walkers one day and then ride bus and we feel it is important to keep open communication. J. Roberto also noted we took feedback from the August 30, 2021 to be fluent and responsive to support of students.

D. Werden believe this is an excellent document and agree what we are doing but does not support this being posted before these changes were approved.

S. Gibson stated as I am sitting here listening to this discussion and thinking back to the delegation want to acknowledge that there was a report on masking in the Journal of American Medicine that was referenced tonight and through additional research that report was pulled back because it had scientific and validity issues so that our community knows that some of information shared was not accurate scientifically.

R. Collver shared her concerns about moving some the policy into a resource package but wondering if we should state what policies and regulations, we are following

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Policy SO17 Guidelines for Student Accommodation, up to and including Exemption from Non-Medical and Cloth Masks as amended.

**Carried**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive as information SO17 Resource Package - Guidelines for Student Accommodation, up to and including Exemption from Non-Medical and Cloth Masks as amended.

**Carried**



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#### **E - 1 Bylaw/Policy Consideration – Action/Decision Items**

##### **(a) F7 Reporting of Wrongdoing**

R. Wyszynski referred to F7 Reporting of Wrongdoing which has been rewritten after further review occurred.

D. Werden believes that Trustees should be included in this policy and should not be excluded as Bylaw 28 Code of Conduct only applies between Trustee to Trustee. R. Wyszynski responded that further investigation will be required.

C.A. Sloat stated that the comments that were provided should have been included and stated accountability is missing and F107 should be referenced and believes this not complete and requires more work. J. Roberto responded that this is outstanding policy that reflects governance and wants the Board of Trustees to understand the procedure is the staff component. J. Roberto noted she appreciated D. Werden's comment about the code of conduct and noted there have been discussions around this and there is opportunity to ensure that it is all encompassing in the Code of Conduct.

G. Anderson added that this has been written to employee of the boards and knows that Code of Conduct is being currently reviewed and that would include some of the items in here. C.A. Sloat noted that Bylaw 28 is for Trustees to Trustees only.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward F7 Reporting of Wrongdoing to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by October 28, 2021.

**Carried**

#### **E – 2 Procedure Consideration – Information Items**

##### **(a) FT101 Smoke-Free Environment**

R. Wyszynski noted this procedure has been identified for review.

Moved by: J. Richardson

Seconded by: D. Werden

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure FT101 Smoke-Free Environment to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by October 28, 2021.

**Carried**



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(b) **HR102 Working with Blood-Borne Infections, Precautions and Practices**

J. Tozer stated this procedure has been identified for review. S. Gibson stated that washing hands should be priority before gloves. J. Tozer noted that change will occur prior to circulation for comment

Moved by: D. Dean

Seconded by: B. Doyle

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure HR102 Working with Blood-Borne Infections, Precautions and Practices to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by October 28, 2021, as amended.

**Carried**

(c) **F107 Reporting Suspected Wrongdoing**

R. Wyszynski recommends that this procedure go out for comment to align with F7 Reporting of Wrongdoing.

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: C. VanEvery-Albert

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board forward Procedure F107 Reporting Suspected Wrongdoing to all appropriate stakeholders for comments to be received by October 28, 2021.

**Carried**

F - 1 **Other Business**

(a) **OPSBA Report**

D. Werden stated there was nothing to report. Next OPSBA meeting scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>.

(b) Director Robert wanted to share another good news item. That all elementary students that had be wait listed for remote learning had been placed in remote.

(c) Director Roberto stated there was a need to call a special Board meeting immediately following this meeting to ratify item D-1-b Contract Award – Multi Functional Devices.

Moved By: B. Doyle

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board Suspend bylaw 5 (5c) to call a Special Board Meeting on September 13, 2021.

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G - 1 **Correspondence**

Nil



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#### **In Camera Session**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the Board return to In Camera Session at 9:05 p.m.

**Carried**

***Board returned to open session at 9:29 p.m.***

#### **A-1-f In Camera Report**

Moved by: E. Dixon

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Director's Operating Goals for 2021-22.

**Carried**

Moved by: B. Doyle

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the renewal and the extension for the CRBE Lease located at 72 Highway 54, Cayuga, ON.

**Carried**

#### **H - 1 Adjournment**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat

Seconded by: G. Anderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**Carried**

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Committee of the Whole Board Chair, R. Collver