



Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

Thursday, April 27, 2023

6:30 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

A - 1 Opening

Roll Call

J. White

Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement

K. Graham

B - 1 Dr. Danielle Law

Staying Connected: Understanding (Cyber)Bullying in a Wireless World

S. Darling

[Feedback Survey](#)

C - 1 Minutes

(a) Approval of the Minutes – February 23, 2023

S. Darling

(b) Business Arising from the Minutes

D - 1 Breakout Groups

(a) [New Pedagogies for Deep Learning \(NPDL\)](#)

K. Graham

New Pedagogies for Deep Learning is a global program that is centred in student lead learning. This information session will provide a brief overview of the program that includes six global competencies for deep learning along with key learning design elements and deep learning progressions offered in Grand Erie secondary schools.

J. White

B. Poladian

Y. Brochu

(b) [Early Literacy Assessment Tool \(ELAT\) and Heggerty Resource](#)

This session will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about Grand Erie's Early Literacy Assessment Tool and the Heggerty Phonological Awareness Program. Participants will learn how these tools are used by educators in early primary classrooms to support responsive classroom practices grounded in the Ontario Curriculum. Together, the resources provide valuable knowledge about students' literacy needs and the phonemic and phonological supports to develop students' literacy skills.

(c) [Coding](#)

This session will introduce you to coding and various applications of coding through a hands-on experience where you will create your very own basic coding program. You will have a chance to work in the website Makecode, just like Grand Erie students.

E - 1 PRO Grant Update

S. Darling

J. White

F - 1 School Highlights

S. Darling

G - 1 Director's Updates

J. Roberto

[Budget Survey](#)

H - 1 Updates from the Board Table Update

J. Bradford

L. Passmore

I - 1 Future Meeting * virtual

May 25, 2023

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Present: Committee Chair S. Darling, Director J. Roberto, Trustee J. Bradford, Trustee L. Passmore, K. Graham, J. White, Y. Brochu, N. Waldschmidt, K. Cornwell, C. Balog, M. Mummery, P. Kaur, M. Shewburg, J. Smith.

Guests: P. Ashe, Principal Leader, Safe and Inclusive Schools, Wayne Baker, Superintendent of Education

Recorder: C. Dero

A - 1 Opening

(a) Welcome to Open Session / Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Darling opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and read the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

B - 1 Dr. Jean Clinton – Pillars of Belonging

(a) Chair Darling welcomed guest speaker, Dr. Jean Clinton. Dr. Clinton spoke to creating the conditions so that young people have a deep sense of belonging and connection.

C. Dero will share a survey with committee members.

C - 1 Roll Call

(a) Chair Darling confirmed that Roll Call was completed.

C - 1 Minutes

(b) Approval of the Minutes – October 27, 2022

Moved by: N. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee minutes dated October 27, 2022, be approved.

Carried

D - 1 Director's Update

Director Roberto provided information about:

- Ready Set Kindergarten Campaign
- Grand Erie's New Website
- You Belong Here Campaign
- [Grand Erie's Equity Action Plan](#)
- Grand Erie's Mental Health Strategy
- Policy Feedback – Policies out for comment can be found on the school board website here: <http://www.granderie.ca/board/about/bylaws-policies-procedures-protocols>

E - 1 Updates from the Board Table

- The Safe and Inclusive Schools team has produced an anti-racism video series, which will be shared next month.



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- Grand Erie presented Imam Tarek with a Learn Lead Inspire recognition. His tireless work striving to make this community better for everyone, and continued collaboration with our students and staff members is a true testament to the spirit of this award.
- Shelley Moore lead a powerful session for members of SEAC, GEPIC, IEAC, and the Student Senate. Moore's leadership and expertise continue to benefit Grand Erie in its commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion. GEPIC members can reach out to Chair Darling to request a link to the presentation.
- The draft School Year Calendar was approved at the Board meeting last month and Grand Erie is waiting for Ministry approval. Once this has been confirmed it will be shared with families.
- Boundaries reviews have occurred in Paris, Waterford, and Brantford. Minutes are available on the school board website and these will go to Board on Monday.

F - 1 **PRO Grant Update**

Chair Darling advised that schools have each received \$700. School Council Chairs can connect with their Principal on how these funds can be spent.

Superintendent White spoke to additional funds that School Councils can apply for, to promote parent engagement in schools. Each school will receive a package this week that includes an application form and due dates. Approved amounts will depend on the number of applications that are received.

G - 1 **Learning Session**

(a) **Grand Erie's Inclusive Language Guide**

Pete Ashe, Principal Leader, Safe and Inclusive Schools, spoke Grand Erie's newly developed Inclusive Language Guide, which was recently recognized by Ontario Public School Boards' Association. The Guide can be found on [Grand Erie's website](#) and will continue to be updated.

A question was posed regarding lesson plans and student delivery.

H - 1 **School Highlights**

(b) Updates from the School Council Chairs

- Several schools recently hosted Winter Carnivals.
- Tollgate has hosted many initiatives, including a holiday dinner, Grade 9 Open House and an Anti-Bullying Day.
- Lakewood Elementary School was recognized for a video submission highlighting how the Principal influences learning at the school.

I - 1 **Speaker Series Update**

April 27, 2023 – Dr. Danielle Law - Creating Care in Communities

May 25, 2023 – Robyn Hanley-Dafoe - Leadership and Personal Wellness

J - 1 **Future Meetings**

April 27, 2023, May 25, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.