



Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

Thursday, May 25, 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 **Everyday Resiliency in Ever-Changing Times - Dr. Hanley-Dafoe**
[Dr. Hanley-Dafoe - Speaker Feedback Form](#) S. Darling
- C - 1 **Minutes**
(a) Approval of the Minutes – April 27, 2023 S. Darling
(b) Business Arising from the Minutes
- D - 1 **GEPIC Orientation**
(a) Generate Ideas for Orientation and Learning Sessions J. White
S. Darling
- E - 1 **School Highlights** S. Darling
- F - 1 **System Updates** J. White
- G - 1 **Future Meetings** * virtual
- Tentative Dates for 2023-24:
- GEPIC
- October 26, 2023
- January 25, 2024
- March, 28, 2024
- May 23, 2024
- School Council Orientation
- November 23, 2023

Grand Erie Presents a Virtual Joint Presentation by:
SEAC, IEAC, GEPIC and Student Senate

Thursday, May 25, 2023

From 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Everyday Resiliency in Ever-Changing Times

**With Guest Speaker
Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe**



**Each attendee will
receive a free copy
of Dr. Robyne
Hanley-Dafoe's
book *Calm Within
the Storm***

In her presentation titled **Everyday Resiliency in Ever-Changing Times**, Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe presents a message of inspiration and practicality amidst record-high stress, uncertainty, and unrest, sharing strategies to foster resilience within ourselves and others using research-informed storytelling and real-world applications. Through this interactive and engaging presentation, participants regain calm and order in ever-changing times. Audiences learn to identify resilience-building practices, navigate barriers and facilitators, manage stress during uncertainty, and reaffirm values and priorities for work-life integration.

About Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe,
Expert on Resiliency and Workplace Wellness

Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe, an acclaimed international speaker and scholar, specializes in resiliency, stress management, and optimal performance. With over 18 years of teaching and research experience, her practical strategies grounded in global research promote wellness within ourselves and others. Inspired by personal obstacles, Hanley-Dafoe's work offers relatable and sustainable approaches to resilience. Her bestselling book, "Calm Within the Storm," won a 2022 Silver Nautilus Award, placing her among esteemed authors worldwide.

[Click here to connect to the Virtual Meeting](#)



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Present: Committee Chair S. Darling, Director J. Roberto, Trustee Bradford, Trustee Waldschmidt, K. Graham, J. White, Y. Brochu, B. Poladian, N. Waldschmidt, M. Mummery, R. Karges, S. Wills, K. Gill, M. Ferenczy, A. Parkin, N. Straza, L. Rapley, L. Wank.

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 Superintendent Graham read the Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory.

B - 1 **Dr. Danielle Law**

Dr. Danielle Law presented Staying Connected: Understanding (Cyber)Bullying in a Wireless World.

C - 1 **Minutes**

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

Moved by: N. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: M. Mummery

THAT the February 23, 2023, Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee minutes be approved.

Carried

(b) **Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil**

D - 1 **Breakout Groups**

Committee members had the opportunity to attend one of three sessions:

- New Pedagogies for Deep Learning
- Early literacy Assessment Tool (ELAT) and Heggerty Resources
- Coding

E - 1 **PRO Grant Update**

Superintendent White explained that PRO Grants are intended to promote opportunities for parents to engage in their children's education. 17 applications were received, approved, and will be completed before the end of June. A few of the submission include:

Math Games Nights
Trivia Night
Family Yoga
Community Garden

Restorative Practices
Exploring Technology
Anti-Racism Resources for Parent
Breath and Balance – Reducing Stress and Anxiety

F - 1 **School Highlights**

Chair Darling reported that GEPIC member, Melissa Mummery was recognized recently at a Board meeting by receiving the Learn Lead Inspire Award. Melissa is a



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dedicated leader and collaborator with more than 10 years experience on Parent council and her fundraising efforts have benefitted schools and students.

Tollgate is hosting a Spring Sale on May 13, 2023, from 9:00-12:00.

Simcoe Composite School:

- Spring Sale and Car Show on May 13, 2023, from 9:00-2:00.
- Spring Concert on May 31, 2023.
- The Concert Band has been invited to the Nationals.

G - 1 **Director's Update**

Director Roberto provided information about:

- Cultural Competency Training for Grand Erie Staff
- Six Nations Advisory Committee Open House
- Art Soup
- Highlights from schools across the district
- A video from a Grand Erie's Anti-Racism series, called Learn my Name, was shared.

H - 1 **Updates from the Board Table**

Trustee Bradford provided information about:

- Student Senate meeting with guest speaker Anthony Lacavera
- Wellness Out Loud
- Jarvis Public School will be presenting the Little Mermaid and Pauline Johnson will be presenting Beauty and the Beast
- Team Math Challenge at Hagersville Secondary

Additional policies will be posted for feedback following the Policy and Program Committee meeting on May 8, 2023. Feedback can be provided here [By-law, Policies, Procedures, Protocols :: Grand Erie District School Board](#) until June 7, 2023.

Chair Darling encouraged GEPIC members to invite parents and caregivers to the upcoming GEPIC meetings.

I - 1 **Future Meetings**

May 25, 2023 with guest speaker Robyne Hanley-Dafoe

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.