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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING | APRIL 10, 2017

Please note that reports are no longer linked as individual reports but rather as one complete Board package.
All reports for Regular Board Meeting held March 27, 2017 can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2pmvuRY>

Eco Conference, April 12:

Grand Erie invites elementary students to Camp Trillium to participate in a day of environmental learning, engagement and action in order to educate and train students to become environmental stewards. The day will include keynote speakers and workshops facilitators who will be working with participants in an effort to educate and engage students to become environmental leaders. Speakers and workshop facilitators include: Spencer West, Me to We Speaker, Grand River Conservation Authority, Derek Forgie, Eco Allies, Nature's Calling, Environmental Education, Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School's Eco Team, and Starfish Canada.



Fairview Avenue Public School Redevelopment Meeting:

Grand Erie District School Board invites community members to a meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. about the new school build. The information session will be led by Salter Pilon Architects and Grand Erie District School Board staff to share school design and learn about the project.

- **Design Approval to Tender - New Fairview School:** The Grand Erie District School Board recommended approval of the design of the New Fairview School for release of tender documents.



Facility Renewal Plan: Trustees recommended approval of the Facility Renewal Plan for 2016-17. Projects total \$21,859,203 funded by Facility Renewal Grants, School Condition Improvement and Community Hubs allocations.

- Pride of Place supports each school with funding that allocates \$650,000 worth of smaller projects such as new paint, upgraded lighting, carpet replacement, and window treatments etc.
- Community Partnership Incentive Program received 36 applications from schools with a total estimated project value of \$545,620, half of which was raised by community and parent groups.
- School/Program Improvement Fund, \$1,230,212, will support conversions of library spaces in schools to create learning commons and the upgrade of Kindergarten classrooms to bring those that did not receive capital support during the implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten up to the same standards as those that did.



- Community Hubs Capital Funding, \$942,317, will be used to retrofit available space in schools into community hub space and to improve the accessibility of schools to allow greater opportunities by the community.
- Capital Projects Identified by Facilities to improve accessibility, health and safety upgrades, and other priority areas total \$17,119,617.

Quality Accommodations Update:

Grand Erie District School Board recommended approval for Boundary Reviews, in May, 2017:

- Conduct an Elementary School boundary review to assign the new McClung development in Caledonia to Caledonia Centennial School.
- Conduct an Elementary School boundary review to assign residential areas under development in Southwest Brantford that are currently assigned to Walter Gretzky PS to Ryerson Heights PS as a temporary holding school until a new school is constructed.
- Conduct a Secondary School boundary review to direct students residing in the new McClung development in Caledonia to Cayuga Secondary School.



Grand Erie District School Board recommended approval to conduct a Pupil Accommodation Review in 2017-18 of Brant/Brantford Secondary schools (BCI, North Park, Pauline Johnson, Tollgate and Paris). The scope of review includes possible re-distribution of specialty programming among schools and boundary revisions to balance enrolment across all schools in the review.

Pauline Johnson Collegiate Hospitality Program Report: Grand Erie District School Board recommended approval to move forward with plans to renovate space at Pauline Johnson Collegiate to accommodate a new Hospitality and Tourism Program for September 2017 subject to final approval of the Facility Renewal Plan for 2017-18.



Proposed Boundary Change: Trustees recommended approval of the Boundary revision to assign a portion of the Princess Elizabeth catchment area to Major Ballachey effective September 1, 2017.

Secondary Class Size: The Grand Erie District School Board recommended approval of an increase to the average aggregate Secondary School Class size to 22 for 2017-2018.

Before and After School Programs 2017-18: Third-party providers have expressed interest in offering programs at 46 schools: 41 schools will offer Before & After School Programs; three will offer an authorized recreational and skill building program for students in grade 1 and up (aged 6 or older); and, two schools will offer both.

Education Week 2017: Education Week is an annual event celebrated across the Grand Erie District School Board; this year the week is celebrated from Monday, May 1 to Friday, May 5, 2017. The theme for Education Week is aligned with Mental Health Week: *Yes, I can – Growth Mindset*.



ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Bylaw 8 – Committees of the Board: Trustees will establish a subcommittee to review Bylaw 8 – Committees of the Board.

Reports and Updates:

- Education Technology Initiative Update

- Data Report - E-Learning Annual Report
- Summer School Report
- Annual School Effectiveness Framework Report

Mileage Remuneration Review: The Board's mileage rate is to be reviewed each year, for budgeting purposes, in accordance with a motion of the Board. Trustees recommended approval to increase the current mileage rate of \$0.45 per kilometer to \$0.54 per kilometer for the first 5,000 kilometers, and \$0.48 per kilometer thereafter effective September 1, 2017, subject to final budget approval as directed by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

International Students – Fee Structure: Grand Erie receives a number of applications from students outside of Canada to attend our schools each year. International student enrolment at Grand Erie secondary schools over the past five years as well as the tuition fee increase, is detailed in the report.

The following were received as information

- Trustees' Expenses Report (F3)
- Partnering Together for Healthy Schools Protocol

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