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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

Regular Board Meeting | May 27, 2019

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2M3W5mZ>

Grand Erie Gets Set for Pride Month 2019

June is Pride Month, an annual celebration where communities around the world come together to celebrate LGBTQ+ rights. It's a positive event for all that fosters safe spaces and promotes equity, inclusion, self-acceptance and well-being. Pride also stands against LGBTQ+ discrimination and violence.

On Monday evening, Grand Erie Trustees posed with the Pride Flag to showcase their support for the month-long celebration. They also heard from Elizabeth Wells (fourth from the left in the photo above), a Grade 9 student at Simcoe Composite School, who highlighted the importance of events and activities for LGBTQ+ students (e.g., Grand Erie's Rainbow Ball and Pride Month) through a slam poetry presentation that resulted in a standing ovation from the boardroom.



Beginning June 1, the Pride Flag will be displayed in the lobby of the Education Centre to welcome all visitors. Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan includes Equity and Well-Being among six indicators instrumental in reaching the Board's goal of *Success for Every Student*. Promoting safe, welcoming environments that recognize students' emotional well-being and allowing them to participate fully in their school experience are ways the Board demonstrates Equity and Well-Being in Grand Erie.



Major Construction Update

Trustees were updated on the Major Construction Projects currently underway in Grand Erie. These include: Maplevue Elementary School (left), the elevator at Major Ballachey Public School, the child care renovation at Hagersville Secondary School and the child care addition at Central Public School. To review the report, see pages 128-132 here: <https://bit.ly/2M3W5mZ>. This report supports the Environment indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan.



Review of the 2018-19 Annual Operating Plans

Each fall, Senior Administration presents their Annual Operating Plans (AOP) to the Board. The AOPs connect directly to the indicators in Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*, and guide the work of the system throughout the year. Each May, Senior Administration provides an update on the AOPs, including: Community (pages 107-108), Environment (pages 109-113), Equity (pages 115-116), Technology (pages 117-120) and Well-Being (pages 121-127). The AOP for Achievement is presented separately through Grand Erie's Student Achievement Plan. To review the results of the 2018-19 AOPs, see pages 105-128 here: <https://bit.ly/2M3W5mZ>.

2017-20 Strategic Communications Plan – Year 2 Evaluation

Grand Erie approved its 2017-20 Strategic Communications Plan in March 2017. Created by the Strategic Communications Ad Hoc Committee, the plan aligns with the Board's Multi-Year Plan and includes four streams: Leadership, Internal Communications, Marketing and Branding, and Public Relations. Within each stream is a number of objectives as well as a list of activities, timelines and outcomes. Each May, Trustees are presented with an evaluation of the plan. To review the Year 2 (2018-19) evaluation, see pages 39-65 here: <https://bit.ly/2M3W5mZ>. This report supports the Achievement indicator of *Success for Every Student* through the following statements: "We will set high expectations of our students and staff. We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes."

Upcoming Events:

The following events were highlighted:

- Wednesday, May 29 – Grand Erie Games: Elementary Special Education – 10 a.m. – Cayuga Secondary School
- Monday, June 3 – Annual Retirement Dinner – 5:30 p.m. – Brantford Golf and Country Club
- Thursday, June 6 – Grand Erie Games: Secondary Special Education – 10 a.m. – Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School
- Friday, June 7 – PA Day: Elementary Students

Additional Items

Memorial: A memorial statement was read to honour Maria McPherson, a Caretaker with the Board for many years. Maria worked at a variety of Grand Erie sites including Boston Public School and Waterford District High School.

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the April 29, 2019 (Regular Board) and May 13, 2019 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

Trustees received the following reports:

- Director's Report
- Student Trustees' Report
- Committee of the Whole – May 13, 2019
- Summary of Accounts – April 2019
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – April 18, 2019
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – April 23, 2019
- Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (Draft) – April 25, 2019
- Privacy and Information Management Committee (Draft) – May 2, 2019
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (Draft) – May 2, 2019
- Joint Use Task Force Minutes – March 19, 2019

Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. Grand Erie will achieve *Success for Every Student* through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support the Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Community, Environment, Equity, Technology and Well-Being.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent stories related to the Multi-Year Plan.

Achievement

- Summer School 2019 Offers Students a Chance to Get Ahead, Catch Up or Take part in a Co-op Placement
 - <https://bit.ly/2W3aWC5>

Community

- Time Travelling Ambassadors at Princess Elizabeth Public School
 - <https://bit.ly/2IA4Weg>
- Charitable Effort at Mt. Pleasant Made the Winter Warmer
 - <https://bit.ly/2EwsMn1>
- Community is Key at Waterford Public School
 - <https://bit.ly/2HAdcZC>

Environment

- Not Just Another Brick in the Wall: Maplevue Elementary School's Grand Opening Inspires Community
 - <https://bit.ly/2IkZMmn>

Technology

- On the Job With... Ryan Rockefeller, Food Technician
 - <https://bit.ly/2HVxIXv>

- To the Moon and Back at Delhi Public School
 - <https://bit.ly/2QiqGf4>

Well-Being

- It's Pedal Power as Grand Erie Celebrates Bike to Work Week
 - <https://bit.ly/2wp5NFW>