



Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Board Room

Regular Board Meeting | August 26, 2019

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2KSiAJ6>

Multi-Year Plan Video

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction that guides the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this plan is the goal of *Success for Every Student*.

At the beginning of each school year, as a way to highlight the Multi-Year Plan, Grand Erie creates a video or series of videos. In the first year of the 2016-20 Multi-Year Plan, the video focused on students; in the second year, the video series highlighted the work of staff. In 2018-19,



the video series focused on the Equity indicator of the Multi-Year Plan, sharing the stories and experiences of four students within the Board.



This fall, in the final year of the plan, the video provides an overview and celebration of each of the six indicators of *Success for Every Student* from a student's perspective. In their own words, each student featured connects to one of the six success indicators: Achievement, Community, Environment, Equity, Technology and Well-Being. To watch the 2019-20 video, visit: <https://bit.ly/2ZvfXoE>.



2018-19 School Council Report

School councils play a vital role in the education of all Grand Erie students through their work to promote parent engagement and improve student achievement. Each year, the Board provides every school council with \$500 to help encourage or increase parent involvement, and to support causes each school council believes will benefit their school community. Each June, school councils are asked to provide three examples of what they did with this

funding (see Appendix A of the report). Examples from 2018-19 fall into three major categories: education-focused activities (e.g., math, reading, coding, technology), family fun events (e.g., fun fairs, movies, holiday activities) or Meet the Teacher nights. This report supports the Community indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan through the following goal: "Facilitate opportunities for the use of strategies to encourage and support family involvement in our schools and learning at home." To review the report, see pages 43-51 here: <https://bit.ly/2KSiAJ6>.



Camp Sail 2019

Summer programming for Grand Erie students wrapped up last week. Camp SAIL (Summer Adventures in Learning), ran August 6-23 at Agnes G. Hodge Public School and Waterford Public School. Intended to help students from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 5, the focus of this three-week program is to support students with numeracy expectations and to sustain or increase individual skill development, engage parents and

build student confidence. The free program also gives students a true summer camp experience as they engage in fun, experiential learning activities.



Major Construction Update

On Monday night, Trustees were provided with a final status update on the major construction projects in 2018-19. These included: Maplevue Elementary School, the elevator at Major Ballachey Public School, the planned child care renovation at Hagersville Secondary School, and the planned child care addition at Central Public School. To review the report, see pages 39-42 here: <https://bit.ly/2KSIA16>. This report supports the Environment indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan.

Focus on Youth Program

In its fourth year, the Focus on Youth program ran July 3 to August 16 and gave 31 students the opportunity to participate in a work placement for six weeks. Each student also received pre-employment training (June 26-28), which included a Standard First Aid Certificate and High Five Training. This year marked Grand Erie's most successful Focus on Youth program in terms of continuing employment, as more than two-thirds of the students gained employment, either seasonally or continuing, for the 2019-20 school year. Work placements included opportunities with Grand Erie's Facility Services team and the City of Brantford's Horticultural Department as well as a wide range of community agencies where students served as camp counselors, museum personnel and clerical assistants.

First Meeting for Student Trustees and Superintendent Lisa Munro

Monday's Regular Board Meeting marked a special occasion. It was the first meeting of the year for 2019-20 Student Trustees: la'teieka;nereh

Doxtader-Swamp (McKinnon Park Secondary School), Zachary Garbaty (North Park Collegiate and

Vocational School) and Alex Hauser (McKinnon Park Secondary School).

New Superintendent of Education Lisa Munro (left) also took part in her first Board Meeting. Munro began her role at Grand Erie on August 19.





Grand Erie Preparing for Back to School

The countdown to Back to School is officially on at Grand Erie. Administrators and system leaders, Principals and Vice-Principals will kick off the 2019-20 school year tomorrow (August 27) at Cobblestone Elementary School. Secondary school timetable pick-ups also take place this week, along with Grade 9 orientation activities. The first

day of school for all Grand Erie students is Tuesday, September 3. For important details about back to school or how to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2zf3bvX>.

#GrandErieRedux – 50 Stories in 50 Days

During the summer, as a way to spotlight the success of Grand Erie students and staff, the Communications and Community Relations team kept the Board's Facebook and Twitter handles active by sharing 50 stories from 2018-19 in the 50 days prior to the start of the new school year (July 15-September 2). Stories highlighted the work of students and staff from all areas of the Board. Each story also linked to one of the indicators in the Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*. To review the stories, check out the #GrandErieRedux hashtag on Twitter ([@GEDSB](https://twitter.com/GEDSB)) or visit Grand Erie on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GEDSB).



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Cayuga Secondary School feels gratitude for the contributions its EA's make every day through their Special Education program. The inclusive nature of the school fully embraces the #Equity indicator of @GEDSB's Multi-Year Plan. Read more: bit.ly/2P8GTqx
#GrandErieRedux



Additional Items

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the June 24, 2019 (Regular Board), July 3, 2019 (Special Board) and July 16, 2019 (Special Board) meetings.

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Director's Report
- Approval of 2019-20 Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Proposed Schedules of Agenda Items (Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meetings; Bylaws, Policies and Procedure Review Schedule)
- OPSBA Membership Fee for 2019-20
- Bylaw 34 Borrowing Bylaw Bridge Financing Dunnville School Consolidate
- Summary of Accounts – June 2019
- Summary of Accounts – July 2019
- Joint Use Agreement Task Force Minutes (Draft) – April 30, 2019
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes (Draft) – August 14, 2019
- OPSBA Report

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

- Class in Session in Grenada for this Grand Erie Teacher
 - <https://bit.ly/33WuSaY>
- School's in for Summer
 - <https://bit.ly/2P9XPgc>
- Grand Erie Welcomes Lisa Munro as New Superintendent of Education
 - <https://bit.ly/2KS5A6n>

Success for Every Student