



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

## Committee of the Whole Meeting | October 7, 2019

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3347CGz>



### Annual School Council Start-up Set for October 17

Grand Erie's annual School Council Start-up, sponsored by the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC), takes place on Thursday, October 17 from 6-8 p.m. at Waterford District High School. All School Council Chairs, Home and School Association Chairs or Parent Teacher Association Chairs as well as their members are urged to attend. The School Council Start-up is an important event for all School Council Chairs as key information is provided and great ideas are shared. For details visit: <https://bit.ly/2lsnDOQ>.

### Upcoming Events:

Several upcoming events were highlighted, including:

- P.A. Day – All Schools – Tuesday, October 8, 2019
- Paris District High School Commencement – Thursday, October 10, 2019 – 7 p.m.
- Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School Commencement – Thursday, October 10, 2019 – 7 p.m. – Sanderson Centre
- Dunnville Secondary School Commencement – Friday, October 11, 2019 – 7 p.m.
- Waterford District High School Commencement – Friday, October 11, 2019 – 8 p.m.
- Thanksgiving – All Schools – Monday, October 14, 2019
- Simcoe Composite School Commencement – Friday, October 18, 2019 – 7 p.m.
- Valley Heights Secondary School Commencement – Friday, October 18, 2019 – 7 p.m.
- Tollgate Technological Skills Centre Commencement – Wednesday, October 23, 2019 – 7 p.m.
- Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School Commencement – Saturday, October 26, 2019 – Sanderson Centre

### Additional Items

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Trustees also received the following reports:

- Absence Statistics
- Secondary Athletic Report
- Director's Report
- Amendments to the Special Education Plan 2018-19

- Public Consultation Plan for Special Education Annual Review
- Voluntary Indigenous Self-Identification
- OPSBA Report

**The following Policies were recommended for approval:**

- HR8 Workplace Violence
- P2 Honoring Indigenous Cultures and Traditions
- SO5 School/Site Security and Lockdown in Schools

**The following Policies and Procedures will be sent out for comment:**

- HR4 Health and Safety
- HR5 Harassment/Objectionable Behaviour
- SO13 Safe Schools: Access to School Premises
- SO32 Exclusion of Students
- P101 Request for Core French Exemption
- SO120 Student and Visitor Injuries/Accidents

**The following Bylaw was recommended to be rescinded:**

- BL33 Borrowing Bylaw: Bridge Financing Capital Projects

**The following Procedures were shared as information:**

- HR117 Re-Evaluating Existing Non-Union Positions
- SO110 Exemption to Human Development and Sexual Health Instruction

## Multi-Year Plan Stories

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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

- Patti McClester Memorial Award Recipient Helped Turn Field of Dreams into a Reality
  - <https://bit.ly/2VfJRZE>

### Community

- Grand Erie Students to Fully Participate in Young Canada Day at the Norfolk County Fair on October 8
  - <https://bit.ly/30Ob1rs>
- Celebration of Major Ballachey Public School's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Postponed
  - <https://bit.ly/2APK6Bi>
- Fun and Games as Langton School Realizes Playground Goals
  - <https://bit.ly/30Np0hv>

## Technology

- Hour of Code Provides Launch Pad for Year ahead in Technology and Achievement
  - <https://bit.ly/2VkJ4s>

*Success for Every Student*