



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

## Regular Board Meeting | November 25, 2019

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/35v4lfr>

### Student Recognition

The recognition program is Grand Erie's way of honouring and celebrating students who have excelled in academics, arts, athletics or community involvement.

On Monday, Alex Jacobs, a Grade 8 student at Lakewood Elementary School, was presented with a certificate from Trustee Don Werden and Director of Education Brenda Blancher.

#### ALEX JACOBS – LAKEWOOD ELEMENTARLY SCHOOL – ATHLETICS

Both on and off the track, Alex has been racing towards his goals, and has numerous achievements to show for it. This past year, he finished in first place at the local, regional, and provincial levels of his track and field competitions. In July, at the Ontario Outdoor Championship held at the Toronto Track and Field Center, Alex broke the previous record in the Combined Events, Boys Tetrathlon Under-14 category, earning his first provincial championship,



and a spot to compete in the Ontario Minor Track Association Championship the following month. Tetrathlon includes four events: 80 metre hurdles, 200 metres, high jump and shot put. Alex turned down participating in the Ontario Minor Track Association Championship in August in order to spend the week in Algonquin Park as a proud member of the First Port Dover Sea Scout Troop. Alex is also a member of the Brantford Track and Field Club, and trains five days a week. At Grand Erie's Track and Field CAGE event last spring, Alex won every event he entered.

The Student Recognition Awards program supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and *Success for Every Student* through the following statement: "We will set high expectations for our students and staff."





## Report to Indigenous Services Canada and Six Nations of the Grand River

Trustees were presented with Grand Erie's Report to Indigenous Services Canada and Six Nations of the Grand River. The 2018-19 report features the results of secondary school endeavours by Six Nations students as well as the work of the Native Trustee, Native Advisor and Native Education Counselling staff who work under the Secondary School Education Services Agreement. The report also includes highlights of student activities in 2018-19, and a wide range of data on the success of Six Nations students. This report supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and the following statements: "We will set high expectations for our students and staff. We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes." To view the report, see pages 65-89 here: <https://bit.ly/35v4lfr>.

## Enrolment Update

Each October, school boards across Ontario report their enrolment numbers to the Ministry of Education. On Monday, Trustees were presented these numbers for Grand Erie:

- As of October 31, 2019, Grand Erie's elementary enrolment is 18,347. This is an increase of 352 students from the Board's 2019-20 budget projections as well as an increase of 280 students over the 2018-19 school year.
- Grand Erie's secondary enrolment as of October 31, 2019 is 7,797. This is down 40 students from the Board's 2019-20 budget projections and a decrease of 258 from the 2018-19 school year.

Overall, Grand Erie's total enrolment as of October 31, 2019 is 26,144. This is an increase of 312 students from the Board's 2019-20 budget projections as well as an increase of 21 students from the 2018-19 school year. To review the report, see pages 53-56 here: <https://bit.ly/35v4lfr>.

## Major Construction Update

Trustees were updated on the major construction projects currently underway in Grand Erie. These include: site work completion at Mapleview Elementary School, elevator completion 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 57-60 here: <https://bit.ly/35v4lfr>. This report supports the Environment indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan.



## Additional Items

**Delegations:** A delegation was received from John (Jack) Hibbs in relation to Student Transportation Services.

**Approval of minutes:** Trustees approved the minutes of the October 28, 2019 (Regular Board), November 12, 2019 (Committee of the Whole), and November 12, 2019 (Special Board) meetings.

**Trustees also received the following reports:**

- Contract Award Rescindment – Hagersville Secondary Child Care Renovation
- Director's Report

- Committee of the Whole – November 12, 2019
- Organizational Board Meeting – Set Date, Time and Place
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Membership 2019-20
- Camp SAIL Report
- Workforce Report
- Revised Estimates Development Update
- Summary of Accounts – October 2019
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – September 19, 2019
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – October 15, 2019
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – October 17, 2019
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – October 24, 2019
- Student Senate Minutes (Draft) – October 24, 2019
- Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (Draft) – October 23, 2019
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes (Draft) – October 29, 2019
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – November 4, 2019
- Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) – November 5, 2019
- Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – November 5, 2019
- Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – November 14, 2019

**Trustees also received the following correspondence:**

- Waterloo Region District School Board – October 25, 2019

## 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.

### Community

- GELA's Clothing Swap and Giveaway Celebrates Spirit of Generosity
  - <https://bit.ly/33bYUWu>

### Environment

- Banbury Heights Takes Learning Outside
  - <https://bit.ly/2QGRvfo>

### Technology

- King George School Marked Dyslexia Awareness Month in October
  - <https://bit.ly/2qyVD6p>

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