



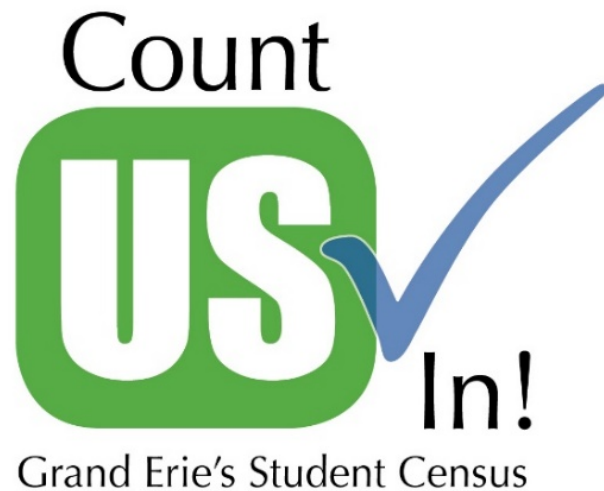
Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Board Room

Regular Board Meeting | February 24, 2020

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2SY83QR>

Student Census Report

Important next steps have been completed in the analysis of data collected from Grand Erie's first student census, *Count Us In*. The initial phase of analysis, which was presented to Trustees on Monday night, examined students' perceptions of their schooling, and how various demographic factors intersect to affect those experiences. Grand Erie's response to these findings will include plans for consultations with community agencies and advocacy groups to address some of the systemic barriers to inclusion. The Safe and Inclusive Schools team, which lead this project, will also share key findings with school principals and administrative staff to inform School Achievement Plans moving forward. To review the report, see pages 83-102 here: <https://bit.ly/2SY83QR>.



Grand Erie's student census was completed last March. The voluntary and confidential census received feedback from 83 per cent of students in Grades 4-12. Results from the student census were shared with Trustees at the September 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Find those results here: <https://bit.ly/37UebgX>.

Grand Erie's student census follows Ontario's Education Equity Action Plan, the province's strategy for identifying and eliminating discriminatory practices, barriers, and biases from schools and classrooms, and is a crucial step to ensuring equity and addressing the factors affecting it. The student census also supports the Equity indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, [*Success for Every Student*](#), through the following statement: "We will promote practices that help students, families and staff feel safe, welcomed and included."

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day, also known as Anti-Bullying Day, takes place on Wednesday, February 26. It's a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to school or work to show their opposition to bullying. Pink Shirt Day is always supported in Grand Erie. Many schools will have a wide range of activities planned to promote and support this important day. The theme for this year is: "lift each other up."

Additional Items

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the January 27, 2020 (Regular Board), February 10, 2020 (Committee of the Whole) and February 10, 2020 (Special Board) meetings.

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Director's Report
- Student Trustees' Report – SHSM Hackathon and OSTA-AECO Conference
- Committee of the Whole – February 10, 2020
- Work Force Report
- Summary of Accounts – January 2020
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – January 16, 2020
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes (Draft) – January 28, 2020
- Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 13, 2020

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

- Travel-for-Credit Opportunity for Secondary Students
 - <https://bit.ly/3bYIPJA>
- Grand Erie Writers Shine at Laurier Stedman Awards for Creative Writing
 - <https://bit.ly/2SLvVXI>

Environment

- Grand Erie Joins Historic Climate Change Partnership with Mohawk College, Area School Boards
 - <https://bit.ly/2v2s6nS>

SUCCESS for Every Student