



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

Regular Board Meeting | April 27, 2020

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2Y1KBox>

Enrolment Update

Each year, school boards across Ontario are required to report their enrolment to the Ministry of Education. Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) numbers are reported twice a year, on October 31 and March 31. The ADE is calculated by taking the enrolment from both count days and dividing them by two. On Monday, Trustees received Grand Erie's final ADE for 2019-20.



At the Elementary level, Grand Erie continues to grow. Original budget enrolment projections for 2019-20 were estimated to be 17,995. Actual enrolment on October 31 was 18,347. That number increased to 18,494 on March 31. This results in a final elementary ADE of 18,421 in 2019-20, marking the fifth-straight year enrolment has grown. At the Secondary level, Grand Erie's enrolment continues to decline, matching a five-year trend. In this year's budget, the Board estimated Secondary ADE to be 7,837. On October 31, staff projected an ADE of 7,752 for 2019-20. This has since been revised to an ADE of 7,787 as a result of stronger second semester enrolment than previously anticipated.

Overall, Grand Erie's total enrolment sits at 26,208 for 2019-20, and overall increase of 119 students from 2018-19. This report supports the Achievement indicator of Success for Every Student and the following statement: "We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes." To review the report, see pages 65-68 here: <https://bit.ly/2Y1KBox>.

Quarterly Budget Report

Trustees were provided with an update on the budget for the first six months of the 2019-20 school year, ending February 29, 2020. The report outlines changes on the financial dashboard (overall budget, enrolment and staffing) as well as revenue and expenditure details. The report also offers Trustees a look at how COVID-19 may impact the budget moving forward, and what staff are doing to mitigate these challenges. To review the report, see pages 69-74 here: <https://bit.ly/2Y1KBox>. This report supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and the following statement: "We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes."

Additional Items

Memorial: Memorial statements were read to honour Alexander Ottley, McKenna “Kenna” Green, Carol Reppington and Haley Christopherson.

- Alex, a Grade 3 student at Jarvis Public School, died on February 15 when he was swept into the lake at Peacock Point. Alex will be remembered as a bright, loving boy who was passionate about his friends, Pikachu, dinosaurs and video games.
- Kenna, a Grade 12 student at Hagersville Secondary School and a member of Grand Erie’s School Within a College Program (SWAC), died in a car accident on March 7. Kenna was a fun-loving young woman whose presence could light up a room. She and her twin sister ‘Riah’ (Mariah) shared a special bond that only they could understand.
- Carol, an Educational Assistant with Grand Erie, died on March 10. Carol spent 13 years at Walsh Public School and six years at Bloomsburg Public School. She also worked at both Lakewood Elementary School and West Lynn Public School before her death. Carol’s kindness, gentle laugh and sincere concern for others was evident each and every day.
- Haley, a Grade 11 co-op student at Tollgate Technological Skills Centre, died April 1. She previously attended Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School. Haley will be remembered as a beautiful, bright and loving young woman who had a special gift for working with younger children. She loved helping others and adored her pets.

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the March 30, 2020 (Regular Board) and April 6, 2020 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Director’s Report
- Committee of the Whole – April 6, 2020
- Workforce Report
- Contract Award – Masonry at Cayuga Secondary School
- Summary of Accounts – March 2020
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – March 12, 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

- Government of Ontario Announces All Grand Erie Schools Will Remain Closed Until at Least May 31 Due to COVID-19
 - <https://bit.ly/358nES6>
- Ministry of Education Guidelines: Continuity of Learning During COVID-19
 - <https://bit.ly/2RW8Rom>

Community

- Grand Erie Cancels All Extracurricular Activities, Events and Trips for the Remainder of 2019-20 Due to COVID-19
 - <https://bit.ly/2VM53qz>

Well-Being

- Mental Health Resources During COVID-19 Pandemic
 - <https://bit.ly/2XPn0Hv>

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