



The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

REGULAR BOARD MEETING | FEBRUARY 26, 2018

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

Staff Video: John Cartmel – Facility Services

Grand Erie District School Board staff are strong and diverse. Each staff member brings their own unique experiences, abilities and personality to help achieve Success for Every Student – the focus of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan. This is John Cartmel's story:

<http://bit.ly/2HPXDuC>. Watch for more staff stories throughout the 2017-18 school year



Art Soup 2018

Trustees viewed examples of art work created by students during Art Soup 2018. The annual event exposes students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 to a range of artistic disciplines and includes connecting them with working artists in

visual arts, music, theatre and dance. Art Soup 2018 took place February 1-2 in four secondary schools, with students from 16 elementary schools invited. In addition to providing students with a creative, hands-on experience, the event also aims to increase junior students comfort level with, and connections to, secondary schools in their respective communities. Art Soup 2018 provided each student with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the building as well as the facilities offered within. Art Soup ties directly to Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, meeting the Achievement indicator goal of "increasing student understanding of effective learning strategies and how to use them" as well as the Community indicator goal of "celebrating the partners whose contributions enhance the experiences of our students." For more information on Art Soup 2018, check out this feature story on the event: <http://bit.ly/2CIZk9p>.

Ministry of Education Grants – *SpeakUp* and Physical Activity in Secondary Schools

Several Grand Erie Schools have been awarded grants through the Ministry of Education. Three schools – North Park Collegiate and Vocational School, Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, and Thompson Creek Elementary School – each earned grants through the

SpeakUp Project, the Ministry of Education's Student Voice Strategy. Student Voice aims to promote student engagement and success by listening and learning from students. *SpeakUp* projects provide funding to help students lead projects that make a difference in their schools and focus on: achieving excellence, ensuring equity, promoting well-being and enhancing public confidence. North Park Collegiate was granted \$1,700 to help run a Health and Wellness Day, Pauline Johnson received \$750 for their Eco Assembly, while Thompson Creek earned \$1,530 for their Career Day, entitled "The Possibilities Are Endless." For more information on *SpeakUp*, visit: <http://bit.ly/1er40P2>.

Two Grand Erie schools – Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, and Waterford District High School – received funding from the Ministry of Education through the Physical Activity in Secondary Schools grant applications. The funds are aimed at further supporting the continued efforts of schools in offering programs and activities that promote healthy active living and student well-being. The grants are intended to increase the number of secondary school students participating in physical activity outside of instructional time. Pauline Johnson Collegiate received \$15,000 for its "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind... Let's Get Rolling" program, while Waterford District earned \$13,820 to launch a Lacrosse Program.



United Way Presentations

Staff from the United Way were on-hand for the Board to present the funds collected by Grand Erie during each organizations 2017 campaign. Cheques were presented to both the Brant United Way (left) and the United Way of Haldimand-Norfolk (right). Grand Erie raised more than



\$32,000 for Brant United Way and over \$11,000 for the United Way of Haldimand-Norfolk.

Budget Review Meetings

Dates for Grand Erie's Budget Review meetings have been set. There will be three meetings held – April 30, May 15 and May 22. Each meeting will be open to the public. The meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Education Centre.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the January 29, 2018 (Regular Board Meeting) and February 12, 2018 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

The following Bylaw was approved:

- BL29 Student Trustee Selection
 - The bylaw was updated to incorporate the new Indigenous Student Trustee position on the Grand Erie District School Board. The new Student Trustee position was approved beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Trustees received the following as information:

- Pupil Accommodation Guidelines Report
- Committee of the Whole Report – February 12, 2018
- Workforce Report
- STSBHN Walk Distance Review
- Summary of Accounts – January 2018
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – January 18, 2018
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – January 18, 2018
- Privacy Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 1, 2018