



# The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

## Committee of the Whole Board Meeting | February 11, 2019

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

### Elgin Avenue Public School Consolidation Report

In May 2018, Trustees received an update on the Elgin Avenue rebuild. The report outlined the significant increase in costs associated with the project. The key issue: a third-party cost consultant estimated the rebuild at \$14.7 million, while Grand Erie only has \$8.7 million allotted for the project, including \$6.2 million in funding from the Ministry of Education through School Consolidation Funding. Following a discussion of the report, Trustees chose to put a pause on the rebuild. They also requested Senior Administration bring a report back to the Board with options for next steps.



In November 2018, Trustees received an update on each of the five options originally offered in May 2018 as well as two scenarios for next steps. They included: forfeiting the \$6.2 million in funding from the Ministry of Education and exploring funding for a new school; or, revisiting the recommendations from the South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review (i.e., keeping West Lynn Public School open and building an addition onto it, while closing Elgin Avenue instead). Following discussion of the report, Trustees decided to refer the report back to the Committee of the Whole Meeting in February 2019.



On Monday, Trustees were presented that report. The Elgin Avenue Public School Consolidation Report, which can be found on pages 3-7 here: <https://bit.ly/2Brrnwi>, provided Trustees with more details on the two scenarios originally presented in November 2018. Following discussion of the report, Trustees received it as information and directed the Chair of the Board to draft a letter to the Minister of Education seeking more information and

clarity on the funding in order for Grand Erie to determine next steps for Elgin Avenue.

This report supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*, and the following statement: "We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes." It also supports the Environment indicator of the Multi-Year Plan and the goal of making the "best use of the space in schools."

Draft Proposed School Year Calendar for 2019-20  
Trustees recommended for approval the Draft Proposed School Year Calendar for 2019-20 (Elementary and Secondary). The draft calendar was prepared by the Grand Erie School Year Calendar Committee and was developed in collaboration with

2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR  
Secondary

	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
September	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	28 29 30
October	1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	26 27 28 29 30 31
November	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	28 29 30
December	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	28 29 30 31
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2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR  
Elementary

	1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
September	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	28 29 30
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School Year Calendar includes 194 instructional days and seven Professional Activity Days. Once formally approved by the Board later this month, the calendar will be shared with all stakeholder groups and sent to the Ministry of Education for final approval. To review the report, see pages 9-12 here: <https://bit.ly/2Brnwi>.

### Pride of Place and Community Partnership Incentive Plan Report

Trustees recommended for approval the projects identified for 2018-19 funding for Pride of Place (POP) and the Community Partnership Incentive Plan (CPIP). POP allocations address facility features that contribute to a more welcoming environment for students, staff and the overall school community. CPIP is a program that supports school-based projects by matching funds raised by the community with a contribution from Grand Erie District School Board. Funds are used to match money raised by a school from outside sources (i.e., donations or school fundraising) for qualifying buildings or grounds projects estimated to a maximum of \$10,000 per school. For the complete list of 2018-19 POP and CPIP projects, see pages 13-29 here: <https://bit.ly/2Brnwi>. This report supports the Environment indicator of Grand Erie’s Multi-Year Plan and the following statement: “We will ensure that students and staff have a safe and welcoming environment in which to learn and work.”

### Count Us In! Grand Erie’s Student Census takes place March 18-29

The goal of Grand Erie’s Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. In order to achieve this, the Board must understand the needs of its students and their families. To assist the Board with this work, all students in Grades 4-12 will take part in *Count Us In!*, Grand Erie’s first student census, from March 18-29.



Grand Erie’s Student Census

This initiative is being led by Grand Erie’s Safe and Inclusive Schools Team and has the support of the Board of Trustees, Senior Management and a host of community groups and organizations. It is also part of a larger initiative by the Ministry of Education and Ontario’s Education Equity Action Plan.

The census findings will help Grand Erie better understand student populations and school communities; identify and eliminate barriers to student success, inclusion and well-being; and establish effective programs to increase student services. For more information, visit: [granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca).

## Additional Items

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Trustees also received the following reports:

- Early Literacy Intervention Report
- Employee Assistance Program Annual Report (HR112)
- OPSBA Report

The following Bylaw was recommended for approval:

- BL38 Pregnancy and Parental Leaves for Elected Trustees
- BL28 Trustee Code of Conduct

The following Policy and Procedures will be sent out for comment:

- FT13 Pride of Place
- FT14 Environmental Standards for Facility Operations and Maintenance
- HR1 Bereavements
- HR8 Workplace Violence
- SO29 School Food and Beverages
- SO29 Threat/Risk Policy
- SO112 Appropriate Student Dress
- SO118 Opening and Closing Exercises at Schools

## 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 Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent work related to the Multi-Year Plan.

### Equity

- Grand Erie Releases Final Video in Series Highlighting Equity
  - <https://bit.ly/2DjWrP3>