



# The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

## Committee of the Whole Board Meeting | May 13, 2019

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2JD46N1>

### Location for Secondary French Immersion in Haldimand-Norfolk

By the fall of 2020, the initial cohort of dual-track French Immersion students will be entering Grade 9. As a result, a location for Secondary French Immersion in Haldimand-Norfolk is required. At the March 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting, a report outlined a number of factors that needed to be considered in determining the location. The report included recommendations on where French Immersion students would go in 2020-21 as well as the creation of a new boundary map. The report also outlined next steps for consulting with French Immersion students, parents and families in Haldimand-Norfolk, including a survey and program information night.



Following the completion of consultation, a final report on the location for Secondary French Immersion in Haldimand-Norfolk was presented to Trustees on Monday night. The report recommends that Burford District Elementary School/Paris Central Public School students attend the existing French Immersion program at North Park Collegiate and Vocational School beginning September 2020. It also recommends that Caledonia Centennial Public School/River Heights School, Lakewood Elementary School and Walsh Public School students attend a French Immersion program at Simcoe Composite School beginning September 2020. Following discussion of the report, Trustees approved the recommendations in the report and recommended it for approval at the May 27, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

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." It also supports the Equity indicator of *Success for Every Student* through the following statement: "We will promote practices that help students, families and staff feel safe, welcomed and included. To read the report, see pages 3-4 here: <https://bit.ly/2JD46N1>.

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### Student Trustees for 2019-20

Grand Erie's Student Trustees for 2019-20 were introduced to the Board on Monday evening. Current Student Trustee Alex Hauser (McKinnon Park Secondary School) will return for a second year, representing the South. She will be joined by Zachary Garbaty (North Park Collegiate and Vocational Institute) who represents students in the North. la'teieka;nereh Doxtader-Swamp will represent Indigenous students. This report supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*, through the following statement: "We will set high

expectations for our students and staff.” This report also supports the Equity indicator and the following statement: “We will promote practices that help students, families and staff feel safe, welcomed and included.” To read the minutes from the Student Senate meeting, see pages 17-20 here: <https://bit.ly/2JD46N1>. To read the Student Trustee Selection Report, see page 21 here: <https://bit.ly/2JD46N1>.

## 2019-20 School Year Calendars

It’s official. On May 3, 2019, the Ministry of Education approved Grand Erie’s 2019-20 School Year Calendars. The calendars, originally presented to Trustees in February 2019, have been posted on Grand Erie’s website: <https://bit.ly/2W4qyFi>. Paper copies will also be distributed to students and families over the next few weeks.

The image shows two side-by-side school year calendars for the 2019-2020 school year. The left calendar is for 'Elementary' and the right is for 'Secondary'. Both calendars display months from September to June, with days of the week and dates. They include a legend for 'School Holiday' (red), 'Board Designated Holiday' (blue), and 'Professional Activity Day' (green). The Elementary calendar also includes 'Professional Activity Day' for 'Apr. 24/20' and 'Apr. 25/20'. The Secondary calendar includes 'Professional Activity Day' for 'Apr. 24/20' and 'Apr. 25/20'.



## City of Brantford Honours 'The Future' from Russell Reid Public School

At the April 30 City of Brantford Council Meeting, the students who dubbed themselves 'The Future' received an Environmental Recognition Award from the City’s Environmental Policy Advisory Committee. 'The Future' is a group of Intermediate students at Russell Reid Public School who want a serious reduction in the burning of fossil fuels and are trying to eliminate plastic products in Brantford, including single-use plastic straws. These students are committed to the global

youth movement calling for government action on Climate Change. They call themselves 'The Future' because they believe that the earth needs protection for their future and the future of all generations. Earlier this year, they held a rally outside their school to draw attention to the need for action on Climate Change. They also encouraged all Grand Erie schools to participate in Climate Action on April 26 as part of Earth Week celebrations.

## Additional Items

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Open Concept Classroom Report
- Director’s Report
- 2019-20 Committee Board Meeting Schedule
- Revised 2018-19 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule
- Allocation of Educational Assistants
- MISA Update
- Community Planning and Facility Partnerships – Annual Facility Status Report
- Learner Intervention Tracking for Excellence (LITE)
- OPSBA

**The following Bylaws and Policies were recommended for approval:**

- BL2 – Role of the Board
- BL12 – Information Reports
- BL8 – Committees of the Board – Native Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- FT6 – Student Transportation
- FT7 – Inclement Weather
- FT13 – Pride of Place
- FT14 – Environmental Standards for Facility Operations and Maintenance
- HR1 – Bereavements
- SO7 – Student Expulsions
- SO21 – School Food and Beverages
- SO29 – Threat/Risk Policy

**The following Bylaws was recommended to be rescinded:**

- BL32 – Capital Expenditure Financing – Telephone Replacement Project

**The following Procedures were received as information:**

- SO112 – Appropriate Student Dress
- SO118 – Opening and Closing Exercises at Schools
- HR108 Police Record Checks
- FT116 Building Security and Access

## 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.

### Achievement

- Grand Erie Set to Kick Off Education Week 2019
  - <https://bit.ly/2DHeTC2>
- BCI Ready to Break a Leg as Hosts to this Year's National Theatre School Festival Provincial Showcase
  - <https://bit.ly/2LAI4NI>
- Getting Creative by Retelling Fairy Tales at Branlyn Community School
  - <https://bit.ly/2DKhFqm>

## Community

- Hagersville Elementary School's Grandparents Tea Event Steeped in Tradition and Love
  - <https://bit.ly/2Y3OO82>

## Environment

- Grandview Students Helping the Planet, Starting with Their Own Backyard
  - <https://bit.ly/2PU9exv>

## Equity

- One-Stop Grad Shop Removes Barriers to Taking Part in Graduation Celebrations
  - <https://bit.ly/2VzkPI9>

## Technology

- Central Public School Unveils Renovated Learning Commons
  - <https://bit.ly/2vKxM2z>

## Well-Being

- Mental Health Week 2019 Focuses on Wellness and Resiliency
  - <https://bit.ly/2J2xT2j>