



SCHOOL COUNCIL START-UP

Sponsored by the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC)



Tuesday, November 24, 2020 • 6:00-8:15 p.m.

2020-21 School Council Start-up

- Welcome – Greg Anderson, Chair of the Board
- Remarks – JoAnna Roberto, Director of Education
- Remarks – Sarah Nichol, GEPIC Chair
- School Council Information – Kimberly Newhouse
- Family of Schools Brainstorming: Sharing Best Practices
- Full Group Sharing: Top 3 Ideas
- General Q&A's (time permitting)
- Wrap-up – Sarah Nichol, GEPIC Chair



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Acknowledgement Statement

The Grand Erie District School Board recognizes the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe as the traditional peoples of this territory.

We acknowledge and give gratitude to the Indigenous peoples for sharing these lands in order for us to continue our work here today.



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Director of Education Update

- Impacts of COVID-19
 - Virtual Academy
 - Quadmester Model
- Transition Dates
 - Elementary
 - Secondary
- COVID in Grand Erie
 - Public Health Partners
 - Cases & Outbreaks



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Director of Education Update

- Ministry of Education
 - EQAO, OSSLT
 - Community Service
- New Elementary School
- Fundraising in 2020-21



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Our goal: *Success for Every Student.*

We will achieve this goal in *a Culture of High Expectations*
with *a Focus on Students and Staff.*

A culture of high expectations means:

- Effective instruction, leadership and team work
- Effective conditions for working and learning
- Effective engagement of all staff and all students
- Effective use of board resources

Achieved through six indicators:

- Achievement
- Community
- Environment
- Equity
- Technology
- Well-Being



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Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee

- ALL School Council Chairs and interested members are encouraged to attend GEPIC
- Role of GEPIC
- GEPIC Meetings (Microsoft Teams)
 - Thursday, October 22, 2020 – 30 participants
 - Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, March 4, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
- GEPIC Grants & PRO Grants Update
- 2020-21 Plans – Engagement video & Spring speaker series



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WE'RE HIRING!

Grand Erie is looking for Occasional Elementary Teachers, Occasional Secondary Teachers, Educational Assistants and Casual Caretakers.
Click the link below to view current job opportunities.

[READ MORE](#)

Grand Erie News



Grand Erie Reaches Local Agreement with Designated Early Childhood Educators

Grand Erie District School Board is pleased to announce that it has reached a tentative local agreement with its Designated Early Childhood Educators' (DECE) bargaining unit represented by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO).

Grand Erie Event Calendar

Nov 19 - Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee (JOHSC) Meeting

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Nov 19 - Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee (SIS) Meeting

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



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Parent Info

In addition to providing your children with the most appropriate and unique learning opportunities, Grand Erie District School Board wants to make all information regarding your children's education accessible and available to you for your convenience.

Whether you're new to the area, interested in [registering a student](#) or would like to learn about our many committees and school councils, here you have access to useful information all at once.

[Click Here to Register an Elementary Student](#)[Click Here to Register a Secondary Student](#)[Click Here for Parent Resources](#)[Click Here to Access the Parent Portal](#)

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School Councils

There is a School Council in every Grand Erie school. This representative group of parents allows the community to be involved in the discussion of education issues and helps the school identify and respond to the educational needs of the community.

School Councils provide advice on developing and implementing of policies for many important matters.

2020-21 School Council Guide

The School Council Guide helps school council members perform their duties effectively, and empowers parents to make a difference for the students in their schools.

- [Click here to access the 2020-21 School Council Guide](#)

Additional Resources and Tip Sheets

- [10 Ways to get your School Council off to a great start](#)
- [Bringing a Group Together](#)
- [Suggested/Possible Discussion Topics for School Councils](#)
- [Parent Involvement Checklist](#)

Communication

School Council Emails: Each School Council is offered their own email address through the Board's Outlook email system. The School Council Chair may prefer to use his or her own email account. School Council Chairs can contact their school secretary to set up the account with the Board's IT department.

- [Social media guidelines](#)
- [The Blackboard](#)
- [Policies and Procedures](#)

Contact

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Parent Resources

Parents/Guardians are the first and most important teachers in their child's life. Studies show that children with parents who are actively involved in their education perform better in school.

Here are some additional helpful resources that can encourage parent involvement, parent support programs and helpful tips to engage further in your child's educational journey.

Supporting Your Child at Home - Strategies for Literacy, Numeracy and Well-Being

Elementary and Secondary

Parents of elementary and secondary school children are able to support their learning at home. The following document is a resources that outlines a number of strategies that support learning at home.

The strategies include best practices from School Improvement Plans and from other sources.

- [Literacy Numeracy Strategies - Elementary](#)
- [Literacy Numeracy Strategies - Secondary](#)
- [Supporting Your Child - Strategies for Literacy, Numeracy and Well-Being](#)

External Resources:

- [The Parent Involvement Centre of Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Ministry of Education - Parent Information](#)
- [Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations](#)
- [People for Education Ontario](#)
- [Brantford Public Library](#)
- [Ontario.ca Education & Training](#)
- [The Ontario College of Teachers](#)



- Membership
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Tips on:
 - How to run meetings
 - Making decisions
 - Encouraging discussion
 - Sample agendas



SCHOOL COUNCIL GUIDE 2020-21



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- **Budgets & Reporting**
 - \$200 – School improvement
 - \$500 – Parent engagement
- **Fundraising Guidelines**
- **Insurance & Liability**
- **CPIP**
- **Communications**
- **Networking**



NETWORKING

Networking with parents from other schools in Grand Erie can lead to new perspectives and creative ideas. The charts below outline the Family of Schools located within Grand Erie. Each Family of School is associated with a secondary school and a municipal region.

Contact Kimberly Newhouse, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, for the contact information of a school council chair at any of these schools:

BRANT COUNTY

PARIS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

- Burford District Elementary School
- Cobblestone Elementary School
- Glen Morris Central Public School
- North Ward School
- Oakland-Scotland Public School
- Paris Central Public School
- St. George-German Public School



CITY OF BRANTFORD

BRANTFORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

- Agnes G. Hodge Public School
- École Confédération
- École Dufferin
- James Hillier Public School
- Lansdowne-Costain Public School
- Mt. Pleasant School
- Ryerson Heights Elementary School
- Walter Gretzky Elementary School

NORTH PARK COLLEGIATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

- Brier Park Public School
- Cedarland Public School
- Centennial-Grand Woodlands School
- Grandview Public School
- Greenbrier Public School
- Prince Charles Public School
- Russell Reid Public School

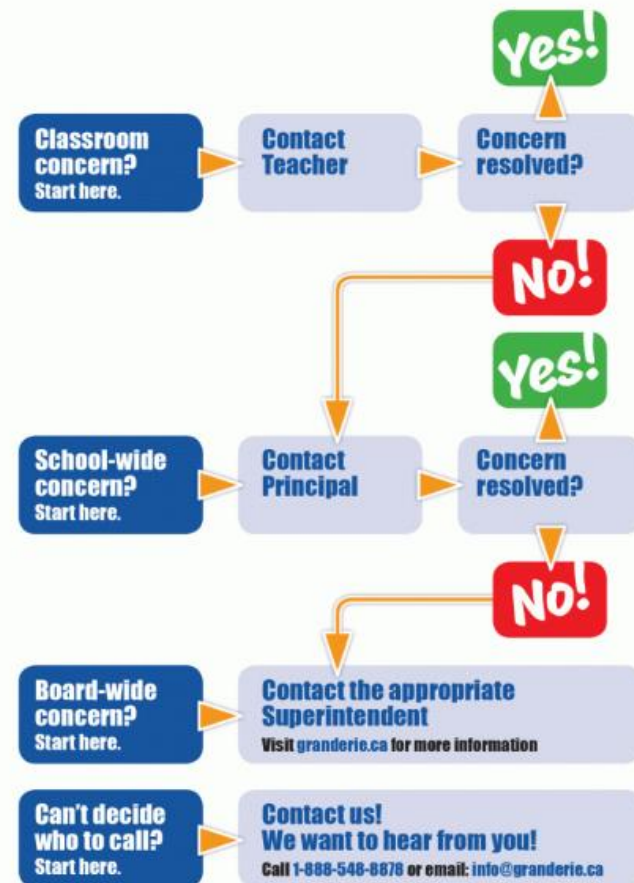
PAULINE JOHNSON COLLEGIATE & VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

- Banbury Heights School
- Bellview Public School
- Branlyn Community School
- Central Public School
- Echo Place School
- King George School
- Major Ballachey Public School
- Onondaga-Brant Public School
- Princess Elizabeth Public School
- Woodman-Cainsville School

Responding to Parent Concerns

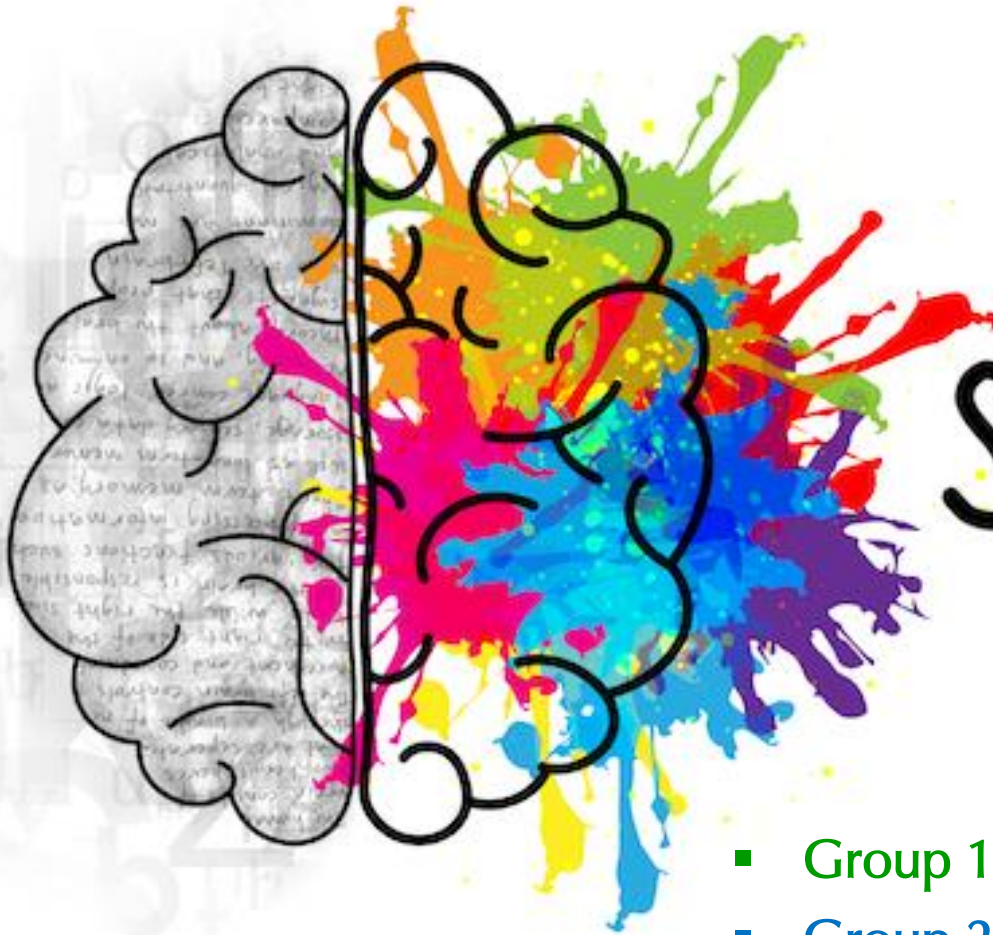


How to Get Help with a Concern



Your trustee can guide you through this process

Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at GrandErie.ca/Board/About



brain STORMING

- Group 1: Brant County Elementary
- Group 2: City of Brantford Elementary
- Group 3: Haldimand County Elementary
- Group 4: Norfolk County Elementary
- Group 5: All Secondary Schools

Brainstorm #1 – COVID-19: Opportunities and Challenges

- How is your School Council meeting/operating during COVID-19?
- What resources do School Councils need to continue to operate during this time? What are your biggest questions or unknowns at this time?
- What are the biggest challenges for students and parents during COVID-19?
- What new opportunities have you discovered as a School Council as a result of COVID-19?



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Brainstorm #2 – Parent Engagement: Successes and Challenges

- How does your School Council encourage parents and families to get involved? (focus on pre-COVID)
- What events, activities or initiatives have been most successful at getting parents into your school?
- How have you encouraged parent participation on School Council? Are you promoting GEPIC?
- What have been your biggest challenges as a School Council and how have you addressed them?



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Brainstorm #3 – School Fundraising & Partnership Activities

- What has your School Council been fundraising for? (i.e., trips, playgrounds, resources, etc.)
- What's been your school's most successful fundraising activity?
- What type of partnerships does your school or School/School Council have?
- What was your biggest fundraising or partnership challenge and how did you address it?



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Group Share

Top 3 Ideas

- Group 1: Brant County Elementary
- Group 2: City of Brantford Elementary
- Group 3: Haldimand County Elementary
- Group 4: Norfolk County Elementary
- Group 5: All Secondary Schools



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THANK YOU
for joining us!

Survey reminder!

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