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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

Regular Board Meeting | October 15, 2018

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

Student Recognition

The recognition program is Grand Erie's way of honouring and celebrating students who have excelled in academics, arts, athletics or community involvement. On Monday, Port Rowan Public School student Averie Bonin was presented with a certificate from Trustee David Dean and Director of Education Brenda Blancher. The Student Recognition Awards program supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and *Success for Every Student* through the following statement: "We will set high expectations for our students and staff."



AVERIE BONIN – PORT ROWAN – ATHLETICS

In her own words, Averie Bonin is "just a girl who loves to fish," however, her dedication to the sport is challenging gender stereotypes and inspiring people all over the world to get involved. The Grade 7 Port Rowan Public School student has been fishing her whole life, and now at the age of 11, is making a name for herself on the tournament and events circuit. As an angler, Bonin has garnered sponsorships, lead demonstrations and seminars, appeared on national television, and is building a fast-growing following on social media. She has a focus under pressure and a mindset of perseverance both in the boat and on dry land, demonstrating integrity, cooperation, and compassion in everything

she does. It's Bonin's can-do attitude that is breaking barriers for other young women in what has traditionally been a male-dominated sport. To learn more about Bonin, check out her YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/3AKKZonxE>.

Caledonia Centennial Public School Capacity Review

At Grand Erie's Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 1, 2018, Trustees received a report on school capacity at Caledonia Centennial Public School. Following discussion of the report, Trustees recommended for approval the transfer of Caledonia Centennial's French Immersion Program (Grades 4-8) to River Heights School, effective September 2019. This recommendation

was further discussed on Monday evening. Following a final vote, the recommendation was formally approved by Trustees, meaning the Grade 4-8 French Immersion Program at Caledonia Centennial will move to River Heights next fall. To read the full report, including background information and the long-term plan of a new school in Caledonia, see pages 3-8 of the October 1, 2018 Committee of the Whole Agenda package here: <https://bit.ly/2R8zmoj>.



2017-18 Student Achievement Plan Outcomes

Grand Erie's 2017-18 Student Achievement Plan was first presented to the Board last fall (October 30, 2017). A mid-year report was offered in the spring (March 26, 2018). The final report, which Trustees discussed Monday evening, highlights the outcomes of the 2017-18 plan for Grand Erie's Elementary and Secondary panels. Featuring data on both student and staff learning in 2017-18, the report covers a wide range of outcomes related to language, reading, writing and mathematics. It also includes a number of next steps for both panels as well as Special Education students and staff. To review the report, see pages 55-65 here: <https://bit.ly/2PCIGni>.

Enrolment Update

While official enrolment numbers are presented to the Ministry of Education on October 31 each year, Trustees received an update on enrolment for 2018-19. The report features details on original enrolment projections, as seen in the 2018-19 budget, actual enrolment as of September 28, 2018 and a look at Grand Erie's enrolment history. Overall enrolment is up from projected enrolment numbers for 2018-19 at both the elementary and secondary school levels. Elementary enrolment is up 251 from original projections, while secondary enrolment up 175. In total, as of September 28, 2018, Grand Erie has 17,994 elementary students and 8,127 secondary students within the board. To review the report, see pages 67-69 here: <https://bit.ly/2PCIGni>.

Treaties Recognition Week: November 5-9

In 2016, the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation declared the first week of November Treaties Recognition Week. The intention is to raise awareness and promote public education of treaties and treaty relationships. The week gives educators the opportunity to set aside time for curriculum-related activities to share with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, families and staff to support the ongoing efforts to build a deeper understanding, stronger relationships, and a broader awareness for all. Grand Erie's Indigenous Education team will provide support materials to schools to use as part of Treaties Recognition Week.

2019 Prime Minister's Award

On October 5, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the launch of the nomination period for the 2019 Prime Minister's Awards competition. The awards honour exemplary teachers and early childhood educators who are preparing youth for the innovation economy and include: Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in STEM, and Excellence in Early Childhood Education. Awards recipients receive cash awards worth up to \$5,000, a certificate from the Prime Minister, and national recognition and promotion of their best teaching practices. For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/2dZD7eQ>.

Upcoming Events:

Several upcoming events were highlighted, including:

- Annual School Council Start-up Event – Thursday, October 18
- Municipal Election – Monday, October 22
- Student Senate – October 23
- First Day of School at Mapleview Elementary – Monday, November 12
- **Commencements:**
 - Tollgate Technological Skills Centre – Wednesday, October 17
 - Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School – Saturday, October 20
 - Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School – Thursday, November 1
 - Cayuga Secondary School – Friday, November 2
 - Delhi District Secondary School – Friday, November 2
 - Hagersville Secondary School – Friday, November 2
 - North Park Collegiate and Vocational School – Saturday, November 3

Additional Items

Delegations: Six delegations were received related to the French Immersion Program at Caledonia Centennial Public School. Delegations were presented by: Darlene Losier, Laura Lanigan, Heather Spurrell, Tara Dinyer, Rebecca Walters, Sandra McCann and Laura Nofhle.

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the September 24, 2018 (Regular Board) and October 1, 2018 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Student Trustee Report
- Committee of the Whole Report – October 1, 2018
- Primary Class Size Report
- Summary of Accounts – September 2018
- Special Education Advisory Committee – June 14, 2018
- Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) – September 18, 2018
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – September 20, 2018
- Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – October 4, 2018

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 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.

Community

- Hagersville Secondary Partners with Haldimand Motors for Annual 'Stuff Kids in a Car Contest'
 - <https://bit.ly/2DRasHg>
- Annual School Council Start-up Set for October 18
 - <https://bit.ly/2MRCjqa>
- Learning From Terry at Cedarland Public School
 - <https://bit.ly/2xZNA2S>

Environment

- Teeterville Public School Students Proud to be Environmental Stewards
 - <https://bit.ly/2OOm2XT>

Equity

- Indigenous Student Leaders Come Together to Start the Year off Strong
 - <https://bit.ly/2QnLgtl>