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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING | MARCH 5, 2018

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Allocation of Self-Contained Classrooms for 2018-19

Across Grand Erie, self-contained classrooms have been established to provide alternative options for students in which the most enabling environments are smaller classroom settings and a higher staff-to-student ratio. Self-contained classrooms provide learning environments that are positive, inclusive, and foster student independence and well-being for those unable to access grade-level curriculum in traditional classroom settings. On

Monday, Trustees recommended for approval the number and locations of self-contained classrooms for the 2018-19 school year, pending budget deliberations. This report supports Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and Success for Every Student through both the Achievement and Well-Being indicators. It meets the following Achievement goal: "We will increase understanding of effective literacy and numeracy instruction that is differentiated to meet student need." It also supports the following Well-Being goal: "We will create and promote enabling environments where all students can participate fully in their education." For the full report, see pages 11-17 here: <http://bit.ly/2D2aoyE>.

Board Seeking Name Suggestions for New Dunnville Elementary School

Grand Erie is looking to the community for suggestions in naming the new Dunnville elementary school in Haldimand County. The new school, currently being built, is slated to welcome its first students in September. There are Board guidelines in place for choosing a new school name.

Those considerations include: local historical events or geographical connections, the name of the street on which the school is located, the name of the district the school serves, and recognition of an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to education. The new Dunnville



elementary school will bring together students from both Grandview Central Public School and Fairview Avenue Public School following the closure of both schools at the end of June. Those interested in suggesting a name for the new school are asked to email info@granderie.ca. In submitting a suggested name for the school, participants are asked to include their name and contact information as well as a brief explanation of the rationale for their suggestion. The deadline to submit a school name is Monday, May 7. Naming of the new Dunnville school supports the Environment indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and the goal of making "the best use of space in schools." To review the report, see item D-1-d here: <http://bit.ly/2D2aoyE>.

Trustee Determination and Distribution

Prior to each municipal election, School Boards must determine the number of Trustee positions that will be elected as well as distribute these positions across the Board's geographical area. For the 2018 election, which will be held October 22, Grand Erie will once again elect 10



at-large trustee positions, including four representatives for the City of Brantford, two representatives for Brant County/Norfolk County Wards 3 & 7, two representatives for Norfolk County (less Wards 3 & 7) and two representatives for Haldimand County. Distribution of trustees is completed using up-to-date Population of Electoral Groups provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. For the full report, see pages 19-27 here: <http://bit.ly/2D2aoyE>.

Student Transportation Services Reports

Trustees received two reports from Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN), the consortium responsible for transporting Grand Erie students. The first report, received as information, was STSBHN's Annual Report to the Board. To review the report, see pages 29-35 here: <http://bit.ly/2D2aoyE>.

The second report, which Trustees recommended for approval, was the Board Approved Transportation Review. This report outlines the transportation exceptions for the 2018-19 school year. Route exceptions cover students who fall outside the defined transportation eligibility parameters outlined in STSBHN Procedure 002. These Board Approved exceptions, which are revisited annually, include Out-of-Boundary Students, Out-of-District Students and Section 23 Student Transportation services. To review the report, see pages 3-10 here: <http://bit.ly/2D2aoyE>.

Boundary Reviews

Trustees recommended for approval that the current Boundary Review Procedure (FT119) become a Grand Erie Board Policy (FT8 – Boundary Review). To review the report, see pages 57-60 here: <http://bit.ly/2F9xvNF>.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Trustees received the following report and Procedures as information:

- Information Technology Services Annual Report
- FT114 Employee Use of Board-Owned Property and Equipment
- HR112 Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- HR124 Principal/Vice Principal Performance Appraisal

The following Policy was recommended for approval:

- SO27 Acceptable Use of Information Technology