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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

REGULAR BOARD MEETING | JUNE 25, 2018

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2017-18 Student Trustees Honoured

Board Chair Greg Anderson recognized Student Trustees Jeriann Hsiao and Leicia Kelly for their hard work and dedication throughout 2017-18. Hsiao, a Grade 12 student from Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, served as Grand Erie's student voice for the North. Kelly, a Grade 12 student from Simcoe Composite School, served as Grand Erie's student voice for the South. Hsiao and Kelly provided important input and insights during their one-year terms. They also hosted the annual Education Week Gala at the Sanderson Centre in May. Both will be attending University in the fall. Hsiao will be part of the Nano Engineering program at the University of Waterloo, while Kelly will be part of the Business Administration program at McMaster University.



Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Annual Report

The 2017-18 school year was a busy one for GEPIC. The committee elected a new Chair – Sarah Nichol – in the fall. It hosted two successful events: the annual School Council Start-Up (October 4, 2017) and the spring GEPIC event (April 25 2018), an information panel on *The Impact of the Legalization of Marijuana on Families*. GEPIC also supported 32 Grand Erie Schools through its Parent Involvement Grants this year. In total, 22 GEPIC grants were awarded, for an overall investment of \$10,000 in parent engagement initiatives and activities that focus on student achievement. This report supports the Community indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and Success for Every Student through the following goal: "Facilitate opportunities for the use of strategies to encourage and support family involvement in our schools and learning at home." To read the report, see pages 71-72 here: bit.ly/2tvRHRC.



Grand Erie Boasts 35 EcoSchools

Grand Erie schools are doing their part to ensure a healthier future for the planet. In 2017-18, 35 schools received their EcoSchools certification. As communities face the realities of climate change, students are leading the way with big and small modifications that make a difference. From introducing recycling programs, encouraging waste-free lunches, energy

conservation programs and school grounds greening projects, EcoSchools provides the framework for building an environmentally responsible school, and EcoTeams take on the tasks of student-centred actions and goal setting. This year, Grandview Central Public School received a Platinum certification – the highest level of recognition, and the first Grand Erie elementary school to achieve this honour. Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School was the only secondary school to achieve Platinum in 2017-18. This year's list of recipients also includes first-time Eco-certified schools such as Princess Elizabeth Public School, which had a small but mighty team of students working towards a variety of earth-friendly goals. In total, 17 Grand Erie Schools achieved their Gold EcoSchools certification, 14 secured silver and two attained bronze. To learn more, visit: bit.ly/2MSliwd.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Delegations: Three delegations related to French Immersion and population growth at Caledonia Centennial Public School were received. Delegations were presented by Marcia Stinson, Rebecca Walter and Lindsay Rennie.

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the May 28, 2018 (Regular Board), June 11, 2018 (Committee of the Whole) and June 11, 2018 (Special Board) meetings.

Trustees received the following as information:

- Student Trustee Report
- Committee of the Whole Report – June 11, 2018
- Quarterly Budget Report (F2)
- Summary of Accounts – May 2018
- Special Education Advisory Committee – May 17, 2018
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – May 17, 2018
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 29, 2018
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Minutes – May 22, 2018
- Compensatory Education Committee Minutes - April 26, 2018