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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting | June 10, 2019

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

Annual Review of the Special Education Plan

Each year, as outlined in Ministry regulations, school boards across the province are required to maintain a Special Education Plan. Reviewed annually, Grand Erie's Special Education Plan is updated with amendments and includes comprehensive information on the Board's programs and services. Changes to the plan are made annually in response to feedback collected from the Special Education Advisory Committee and input from parents and community members. To review the plan, see pages 3-120 here:

<https://bit.ly/2WvGiNH>. This report supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*, through the following statement: "We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes."



Special Education
A Grand Erie Program

2019-20 Grand Erie Board Budget

The development of Grand Erie's 2019-20 budget is currently ongoing. The next Budget Meeting takes place on Monday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Education Centre. At the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 24 (7:15 p.m. at the Education Centre), Trustees are expected to be presented with the final 2019-20 budget, which includes both the Operating and Capital budgets for next year. Next steps for approval of the 2019-20 budget will be outlined on June 24.



Grand Erie Schools Earn Healthy Schools Certification

A total of 11 Grand Erie schools earned their Healthy Schools Certification from OPHEA this year. OPHEA is a not-for-profit organization that is led by the vision that all children and youth value and enjoy the lifelong benefits of healthy, active living. In 2018-19, six Grand Erie schools earned OPHEA gold for their commitment to promoting and enhancing the health and well-being of students, staff and the greater community including:

Burford District Elementary School, Central Public School, Houghton Public School, J.L. Mitchener Public School, North Ward Public School, and Ryerson Heights Elementary School. Four Grand Erie schools earned their silver certification including: Jarvis Public School, Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, Walter Gretzky Elementary and Waterford District High School. Finally, Major Ballachey Public School earned a participant certification. In 2017-18, Grand Erie had seven schools earn Healthy Schools Certification from OPHEA, which uses a point system to measure schools' efforts, aligning them with the Ministry of Education's Foundations for a Healthy School resource. The OPHEA Healthy Schools Certification aligns with Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan through the Well-Being indicator and the following statement: "We will create environments that are healthy and that recognize the well-being of mind, body, emotion and spirit of students and staff."

Additional Items

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Director's Report
- Fundraising Approval – Lakewood Elementary School
- Contract Award – Masonry for Caledonia Centennial Public School
- Category III Trips
- Implications of 2019-20 Friday the 13th Events on Port Dover Students
- Burford Tennis Courts Modifications
- OPSBA Report

The following Bylaws and Policies were recommended for approval:

- BL13 Signing Authorities of the Board
- BL18 Personnel Matters to be Considered In Camera
- SO28 Student Concussion and Head Injury
- SO19 Privacy and Information Management

The following Policy will be sent out for comment:

- SO5 School/Site Security and Lockdown in Schools

The following Procedures were received as information:

- FT103 Temporary Closure of Board Buildings
- FT110 Recorded Surveillance: Board Buildings & School Transportation Vehicles
- HR103 Duties and Expectations of Teachers
- HR105 Term Appointments – Central Support Staff
- HR117 Re-evaluating Existing Non-Union Positions

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.

Achievement

- Grand Erie's Director of Education Recognized for Always Going 'Above and Beyond'
 - <https://bit.ly/2XdRboR>

Environment

- It's Pedal Power as Grand Erie Celebrates Bike to Work Week
 - <https://bit.ly/2wp5NFW>
- The Story of *The Future* at Russell Reid Elementary School
 - <https://bit.ly/2WzYKdf>

Equity

- Faceless Dolls at Simcoe Composite School Aim to Humanize Statistics of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
 - <https://bit.ly/2WdRfnb>
- An Inside Look at Special Education at Cayuga Secondary School
 - <https://bit.ly/31mRNef>