

Regular Board Meeting |

Monday, June 20 2016

Young Canada Day: Grand Erie District School Board values and respects the importance of community fairs as they provide educational opportunities of engagement for our students. Grand Erie is creating the conditions for kids to safely and responsibly participate in the fair.

A motion was approved that reads the following:

- THAT All Norfolk schools are closed; transportation to Norfolk schools is cancelled. Students are allowed to attend the Fair. Elementary and secondary educational staff are expected to attend the Fair to provide supervision.

To view the original report, click here: <http://bit.ly/28JkCL2>

Ganohkwasra: Julia Jamieson, teacher, and Joe Martin, Classroom Child and Youth Worker, presented to the Board about the services and programs they offer. They support youth who are disengaged from their learning environment, experience difficulties at home, and who require additional help managing anxiety in social setting. Teachers provide learning opportunities from a First Nations perspective by integrating the Ontario curriculum and the traditional teachings of the Haudenosaunee people.



Presentation to Student Trustees: Trustees Brian Doyle and Alex Felsky acknowledged the Student Trustees, Madelaine Brown and Alexandria Martindale, and sent their best wishes. Doyle and Felsky shared their thoughts on how the Student Trustees made a difference for students across Grand Erie.



MINDS (Mentors Influencing New Directions) Project: Deanna Behnke-Cook works with students at McKinnon Park Secondary School (MPSS) and Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School (PJ) with senior students who act as mentors for younger students transitioning to secondary school. At MPSS, senior students mentor the Grade 9 students; at PJ, senior students work with their feeder school students at Major Ballachey, Woodman Cainsville and Bellview and mentor students entering Grade 9

Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report: Brent Howard continued his term as GEPIC Chair. He attended the Ministry's Annual Parent Involvement Committee Symposium in London on April 16, 2016. Two of the areas of focus for the symposium included leadership development for Parent Involvement Committees and School Councils, and building connections. Other highlights included the School Council Session took place on April 6, 2016 and the GEPIC Parent Engagement Grants.



- The GEPIC report can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1CoVTyv>

Capital Project Funding Submission: The Ministry of Education requests Boards to submit business cases identifying their most urgent and pressing pupil accommodation needs and new child care spaces. Trustees approved to move the proposals forward that support Haldimand East Elementary Schools and Child Care Retrofit funding to support the conversion of classroom space in Hagersville Secondary School for the operation of a new childcare facility.

- The report can be found here: <http://bit.ly/28l0FnV>:

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Memorial Statement:

- A memorial statement was read to honour Dimitra Halyk from Banbury Heights School

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of May 30, 2016 (Regular Board Meeting), June 6, 2016 (Committee of the Whole No. 1), June 13, 2016 (Committee of the Whole No. 2), and June 13, 2016 (Special Board Meeting).

- Grand Erie District School Board passed a motion to refer the matter of the Bison's alumni field back to Senior Administration to have conversations with the Bison's Alumni and the City of Brantford.

Trustees received the following as information:

- Special Education Advisory Committee Letter of Support for Grandfathering Students Currently on IBI Wait Lists: <http://bit.ly/28lkybE>
- Quarterly Budget Report (F2): <http://bit.ly/1yJon7h>
- Summary of Accounts - May 2016: <http://bit.ly/28l4Vzb>
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – May 19, 2016: <http://bit.ly/28ls6gH>
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – May 5, 2016: <http://bit.ly/28JaT5I>
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes - April 12, 2016: <http://bit.ly/28lGp2p>
- STSBHN Committee Minutes – May 31, 2016: <http://bit.ly/28lhbB7>