

Committee of the Whole No.1 Board Meeting |
Monday, November 2, 2015

Engagement

Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday, November 4, 2015: Grade 9 students from across the Board will learn about the many career opportunities as they participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day. Placements vary from school to school. This day is sponsored by The Learning Partnership.

Highlighted during last year's TYKTW Day, Gr. 9 SCS student Julia Ritchie (shown with kitty), Rhonda Reimer, receptionist at the hospital and her niece, Gr. 9 SCS student Megan Reimer. Julia's mother used to work at the veterinarian hospital and Megan wanted to be with her aunt to learn more about what a job was like in a veterinarian hospital.



Director's Blog: Director of Education Brenda Blancher has been engaging with staff, parents and community members on a weekly basis since the start of school in a blog called *Grand Connections*. The blog is her chance to connect with everyone and share common experiences.

- Be sure to follow the Director's Blog via Brenda's Twitter account @BrenBlanch, access from the homepage of www.granderie.ca or directly to her blog: <https://brendablancherblog.wordpress.com/>



Movember: Many Grand Erie District School Board schools will be participating in the Movember cause this month. Men and women across the globe join together to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues. Men will spend the month growing and grooming their moustaches and become walking, talking billboards for men's health causes. Multiple staff and students are participating across the Board. A feature Movember article from 2014 at Walter Gretzky Elementary School is here: <http://bit.ly/1x2NY94>

- Watch a video create in 2014: <http://bit.ly/1vK1vVF>



ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The following Bylaws were recommended for approval:

- BL7 Public Concerns: <http://bit.ly/1WrUupl>
- BL8 Committees of the Board: <http://bit.ly/1Q6o66V>
- BL15 Trustee Expenses: <http://bit.ly/1kmTDFI>
- SO15 Out of Classroom Field Trips and Excursions: <http://bit.ly/1MCPR7n>

The following Policies will be shared to stakeholders for comment received by Feb. 19, 2016:

- SO1 Fund-Raising: <http://bit.ly/1Hnb0eg>
- SO115 Anaphylaxis (Life Threatening Allergic Reactions): <http://bit.ly/1Q6ov9q>

The following Procedure was rescinded:

- SO105 Out-of-Classroom Trips and Tours for Students; Insurance Requirements for Trips and Excursions: <http://bit.ly/1OjiPcX>

Trustees received the following Procedures as information:

- SO108 Community Service Providers and Schools Working Together: <http://bit.ly/1OjiUx3>
- SO117 Parental Request for Temporary Excuse from Attendance at School: <http://bit.ly/1P6qZoT>
- SO124 Use of Service Dogs in Schools: <http://bit.ly/1Q2shl8>