

Committee of the Whole Board No. 1 Meeting |
and Special Board Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2016



In celebration of **Education Week**, Grand Erie is pleased to share the many events taking place in across the Board. For more information about the highlighted initiatives below and for a detailed look at all events, click here: <http://bit.ly/1UrXDn2>

- Mental Health Week:** The theme for Education Week is the *Journey to Well-Being* as it's also Mental Health Week. Students will participate in "Let's Chalk" activities to raise awareness about mental health and wellness.
- Math Champions:** Schools across the Board are offering exciting math events for students and some open houses with parents to learn math with their child. For example, Glen Morris Central Public School is coordinating Mathematics Olympics Day, Graham Bell-Victoria Public School is offering Marvelous Math Meet, Oneida Central Public School is hosting The Amazing Math Race, and Lynndale Heights will welcome parents and their children to Family Math Night. Look for more math events at the Education Week site: <http://bit.ly/1UrXDn2>
- Aboriginal Education:** David Bouchard is a Metis author who originates from Saskatchewan and is now based in Victoria, BC. He has authored many books with one of his latest titles being 'The Great Law'. David will continue his speaking engagements with parents, staff, community and students this week to discuss his book and the impact of First Nations, Metis and Inuit identity and the importance of parent engagement and community support. He will be at Bellview, Caledonia Centennial, River Heights and Woodman-Cainsville. David will also be at the Equity Speakers Series event on Wednesday.
- Art Showcase:** Grand Erie will highlight pieces of art through pictures and video on social media from its Education Week Kick-Off Event held last week at the Sanderson Centre and Art Soup events.



Ontario Technological Skills Competition: Twelve Grand Erie secondary schools are being represented at this year's Ontario Technological Skills Competition for secondary students from Monday, May 2 to Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at RIM Park in Waterloo.



Over the three days, students will be competing in a variety of contest categories including carpentry, culinary arts, graphic design and more at Canada's largest skilled trades competition. In conjunction with the competition, female students from Grades 7-12 in Grand Erie will also be attending the Young Women's Conference at Bingemans in Kitchener on Monday and Tuesday. There, students will meet and network with tradeswomen from across the province and test their skills in a fun, hands-on activity.

Director of Education Continues School Visits

- **McKinnon Park Secondary School:** Director Brenda Blancher had a guided tour of the facility from Principal Dave MacDonald including a visit to the greenhouse where students were actively preparing for a spring sale.
- **Grand Erie Learning Alternatives (GELA):** Principal Scott Johnson showed the Director around GELA on Rawdon Street in Brantford. She enjoyed her conversations with staff and students, including one from a student who shared his nature photography and students from the Cosmetology lab who shared a new trend in nail art with the Director.
- **Sprucedale:** Representatives from Fanshawe College and the Ministry of Child and Youth Services were in attendance during the Director's visit to recognize the end of a trades component that several students had been participating in.



Budget Review Meeting: The first of a series of Budget Meetings will be held in the boardroom starting on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6:-8:30 p.m. at the Education Centre.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The following Bylaws were recommended for approval:

- BL3 Annual Organizational Meeting: <http://bit.ly/1SGOwxI>
- BL5 Board and Committee of the Whole Board Meetings – Rules of Procedure: <http://bit.ly/1X5aaxv>
- BL15 Trustee Expenses: <http://bit.ly/1kmTDFI>

The following Procedures will be shared to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by October 7, 2016:

- FT5 Pupil Accommodation Reviews: <http://bit.ly/1TqWoQZ>
- F101 Hospitality and Food Expenses: <http://bit.ly/1W2BhcP>
- FT116 Building Security and Access: <http://bit.ly/1SIZWgP>
- P102 Business Procedures for Experiential Learning Program: <http://bit.ly/1Y3uRYZ>

The following were received as information:

- SO24 Copyright – Fair Dealing Guideline: <http://bit.ly/26LL9LP>

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statements: The Grand Erie District School Board directed Senior Administration to develop a policy around the TRC Statements and to bring back to the Committee of the Whole No. 1 meeting in June 2016. To view the original report, click here: <http://bit.ly/1W3Zlv8>

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: The Board approved the ratification of the Collective Agreement between OSSTF Occasional Teachers' Bargaining Unit and the Board.

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