

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting |
Monday, October 5, 2015

Engagement

World Teachers' Day – World Teachers' Day, celebrated annually on Oct. 5, reminds us to recognize and celebrate the wonderful teachers in the Grand Erie District School Board and to let them know how much we appreciate their work. They help fulfill our mission statement which is to engage, support and inspire all students to achieve and succeed.

From elementary to secondary, special needs and ESL, to counselors and librarians, teachers across our Board are providing exceptional leadership and service to our students. Through their support and expertise in education, our students are reaching higher.



Commencements start this week:

- **Pauline Johnson Commencement at the Sanderson Centre** | Thursday, October 8, 2015 | 7:30 p.m.
- **Dunnville Secondary School Commencement** | Friday, October 9, 2015 | 7:00 p.m.
- **Waterford District High School Commencement:** Friday, October 9, 2015 | 7:30 p.m.
- **Simcoe Composite School Commencement:** Friday, October 9, 2015 | 8:00 p.m.

Dunnville Community Closet: The Dunnville Community Closet is a new community resource available to all residents of Dunnville and the Haldimand area this year. The Community Closet is designed to provide gently used clothing, shoes, books and toiletries to families. The motto of the Community Closet is "Helping Others Help Themselves". It will be open to all and everything will be FREE. The Community Closet will be located at the Dunnville Secondary School in Room 112. It will be open for service on the first Thursday of every month. Every family is allowed to come and fill one bag full of free items to support them in their time of need. Donations of interest include clothing, books, shoes/boots, and coats (winter wear) for children and adults. Donations can be dropped off at DSS or at Thompson Creek Elementary School.

Young Canada Day: Young Canada Day is held on the opening day of the Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show (October 6 to 12). Norfolk Secondary Schools compete in the tug-of-war championships, road races, and cheerleading competitions. The coveted spirit award encourages each school to cheer loudly and boldly decorate their teams' benches in the grandstand making for a spectacular, colourful display of school spirit.



Achievement

Data Report – EQAO Board Report of the 2014-15 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test: Results from the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) were compiled into a report to the Board based on the information from the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Results indicate improvement for Grand Erie students. For more, click on the report here: <http://bit.ly/1KWtK7Y>

**Education Quality and
Accountability Office**



Environment

Primary Class Size Report: Since 2007-08 the Ministry of Education has required Boards to be fully compliant with the primary class size cap: 90 per cent of primary classes will have 20 or fewer students and up to 10 per cent of primary classes may have up to 23 students. It is also a requirement that the Board achieve compliance while ensuring that the average class size in Grades (4 to 8) is 24.15 or less.

- The report, received by Trustees as information, can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/1Nh20Ph>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The following Policy and Procedures will be shared to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by January 15, 2016:

- FT9 Transition Committee: <http://bit.ly/1GsyNZl>
- HR111 Personal Protective Footwear: <http://bit.ly/1WIGef3>
- HR119 Progressive Discipline: <http://bit.ly/1MUxasO>

The following Policies were recommended for approval:

- FT15 Safe Work Practices: <http://bit.ly/1Z4qYFk>
- SO12 Code of Conduct: <http://bit.ly/1OgbZTx>
- SO16 Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification: <http://bit.ly/1OifnyV>

The following Procedures were rescinded:

- FT106 Workplace Electrical Safety: <http://bit.ly/1hm1jG2>
- FT108 Confined Space Entry: <http://bit.ly/1Q1Oah8>
- FT109 Hot Work Permit: <http://bit.ly/1M7EToO>
- FT115 Lock Out, Tagging and Test Procedure: <http://bit.ly/1Z4rVx9>
- SO131 Code of Conduct: <http://bit.ly/1OTo0jc>
- SO132 Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification: <http://bit.ly/1FSTKCK>

Trustees received the following Procedures as information:

- FT107 Asbestos: <http://bit.ly/1VByKBX>
- HR104 Employee Safety Protocol at Non-Board Locations: <http://bit.ly/1L2pqSy>
- HR114 Confidentiality of Medical Records: <http://bit.ly/1MbreZp>
- HR115 Employee Absenteeism: <http://bit.ly/1M7FgzK>
- HR116 Return to Work Program and Workplace Accommodation: <http://bit.ly/1LtEcY6>
- P107 Home Schooling: <http://bit.ly/1L2pElp>
- SO101 Pediculosis (Head Lice): <http://bit.ly/1Leiq8N>
- SO107 Physical Intervention/Restraint: <http://bit.ly/1GszLoS>