

Committee of the Whole Board No. 1 and
Special Board Meeting | Monday, January 11, 2016

Engagement

Kindergarten Registration: January is Kindergarten Registration month. Schools received this year's edition of the *Welcome to Kindergarten Guide*. Parents can also order a guide online. For more information about Kindergarten Registration, click on the following link: <http://bit.ly/1SeJGlp>

Grade 8 Student and Parent Information Nights: Secondary schools from Brantford/Brant and Norfolk are engaged in Grade 8 Nights this week. Dates and times for the schools who are hosting an information session this month can be found at the following link: <http://bit.ly/1RHMX1t>

French Immersion Kindergarten Registration: Grand Erie District School Board approved the 2016-17 school-year plan for French Immersion Kindergarten Registration. Information will be posted on the Board's website on January 12, 2016, ready for French Immersion Kindergarten Registration on January 13, 2016.

Highlights of the 2016-17 process for French Immersion Kindergarten Registration include:

- There will be an enrolment cap at our existing FI schools for the 2016-17 school year. A process will be put in place to manage the cap:
 - Families with children currently attending an French Immersion program will declare the number of siblings of existing French Immersion students planning to enter Kindergarten in September 2016
 - Once the sibling numbers are factored into the spaces available, it will be determined how many spaces are available for new registrations through a randomized selection process
- Read the report here: <http://bit.ly/1OdJV2k>

Elementary French Immersion Accommodation Consultation Ad Hoc Committee: The Grand Erie District School Board Trustees approved the terms of reference for the Elementary French Immersion Accommodation Consultation Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference.

- The terms of reference can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1OdJV2k>
- An additional parent was added to include Paris Central, raising the total to 10 parents in section 2.8.



French Immersion Kindergarten Registration

January 13 - February 5, 2016

Additional Professional Activity Day: Grand Erie District School Board recommended the approval of the additional 2015-16 Professional Activity Day on February 26, 2016, pending approval at the Special Board Meeting on January 18, 2016. The number of PA days were increased as a result of the recent round of teacher/school board negotiations.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The following Policy will be shared to stakeholders for comment received by Apr. 2, 2016:

- SO24 Copyright – Fair Dealing Guideline: <http://bit.ly/1ZniqMd>

The following Policies and Procedures were recommended for approval:

- FT1 Major Construction Projects: <http://bit.ly/1PZT6WS>
- FT2 New School Construction Projects: <http://bit.ly/1Ri0q1a>
- FT3 Naming of Schools: <http://bit.ly/1ZgbLy0>
- FT4 Community Use of Schools: <http://bit.ly/1VZARBh>
- P105 Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR): <http://bit.ly/1SJCoMa>

Trustees received the following Procedures as information:

- F106 Receipt of Charitable Donations: <http://bit.ly/1Y3uPBS>
- P103 Learning Resource Selection: <http://bit.ly/1mQj9EE>

Special Board Meeting

Ratification of the Collective Agreements:

- The Board ratified the Collective Agreement Settlement on local terms between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, District 23, for the period September 1, 2014 up to and including August 31, 2017.
- A formal announcement will be made and shared with the Grand Erie community.

Revised 2015-16 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule: The Grand Erie District School Board approved the change in Board Meeting Schedules to combine the Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 1 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 2 Meeting. As such, the February 1st Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 1 will be combined and held on February 8, 2016. <http://bit.ly/1RwU2Ug>