

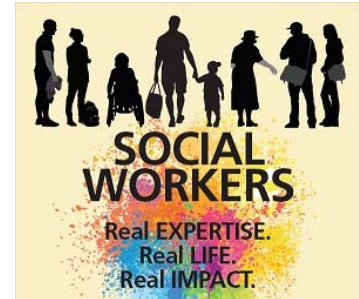


The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING | MARCH 6, 2017

Social Work Week: Established in 1990 by the Canadian Association of Social Worker, the Social Work Week is celebrated annually across Canada during the month of March. In Ontario, the first week of March marks the start of Social Work Week. Each year a theme is selected that reflects the ideals and values of social workers. This year's theme is: *Social Workers: Real Expertise. Real Life. Real Impact.*



Special Education Consultation: Grand Erie invites parents and community members to provide feedback on its Special Education Plan. Survey closes on April 10, 2017.

- Access the plan and complete the survey here: <http://bit.ly/2mPonEz>



Application open for 2017-18 Parents Reaching Out grants:

Parents are a key part of their children's learning, and of Ontario's success in education. Ontario's Parents Reaching Out grants are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to engagement in their own communities, and to find local solutions to involve more parents, guardians, and caregivers in support of student achievement and well-being. The application period for 2017-18 Parents Reaching Out grants is now open.

- Click here: <http://bit.ly/2IVKkOp>
- The deadline for application is May 25, 2017



International Women's Day: Officially first held in 1911, International Women's Day was launched across Europe to promote equal rights including suffrage for all women. From 1914 onwards, it has been held on March 8 every year to celebrate women for their economic, political and social achievements, advocate the female's right to vote, hold public office and to protest against employment sex discrimination.

- Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2017
- Twitter engagement campaign: #BeBoldForChange



Compensatory Education Action Plan: A Compensatory Education action plan addresses the need for sustained and enhanced financial, academic, social and early intervention strategies to reduce socioeconomic barriers and improve student achievement.

- **Compensatory Education Plan:** <http://bit.ly/2lxhw2f>
- **School Selection:** Trustees recommended the approval of the designation for high- and moderate needs Compensatory Schools for 2017-18. To view the full report, click here: <http://bit.ly/2mYjeXn>
- **Funding Direction Report:** Trustees recommended the approval of the direction for Board to approve the direction for staffing and resource enhancements for compensatory education schools for 2017-18, subject to final budget approval. More information can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/2mckMgB>

Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Annual Report and Route Exceptions:

The Manager of Transportation, Philip Kuckyt, presented the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees. The report includes route and vehicle statistics, average daily kilometers travelled by vehicle type, student data, registered vs. transported students, and courtesy ridership. Issues related to their website was addressed and a plan to upgrade was communicated.



- Read the Annual Report: <http://bit.ly/2mxx4Ti>
- In addition, Trustees recommended the approval of the transportation route exceptions listed in this report for the 2017-18 School Year. The report details Out-of-Boundaries students in various areas of the Board, Out of District students, and Section 23 – Woodview Program students. The full report can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/2mYvdo0>

Contract Award – Thompson Creek Addition: Grand Erie District School Board recommended the approval of the award of contract for Project 2016-79-T / Construction of the Thompson Creek four Classroom Addition to T.R. Hinan Contractors Inc. The full report can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/2n7nb1N>



Draft Proposed School Year Calendar 2017-2018: Grand Erie District School Board recommended the approval of the calendars recommended by the School Year Calendar Committee. The calendars will be confirmed for approval at the March Board Meeting and submitted to the Ministry of Education for their approval. Access the Draft Proposed School Year Calendar 2017-18 here: <http://bit.ly/2mukLqk>

Strategic Communication Plan 2017-2020: Trustees recommended for approval the Grand Erie District School Board's Strategic Communications Plan 2017-2020.

This plan has a goal to enhance the Board's communications with a focus on its Multi-Year Plan and vision of Success for Every Student. The goal of the plan will be achieved through four streams in communications: Leadership, Internal Communications, Marketing & Branding, and Public Relations. The Grand Erie District School Board disbanded the Strategic Communications Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

- Access the plan here: <http://bit.ly/2lx40f6>



Allocation of Self-Contained Classrooms for 2017-18: The locations and number of self-contained classrooms for 2017-18, as outlined, pending budget deliberations, have been recommended for approval.

- The full report can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/2lxhw2f>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Trustees received the following as information:

- Information Technology Services Annual Report: <http://bit.ly/2mYEfkL>
- F104 Advertising: <http://bit.ly/2muv7qu>
- HR109 Offence Declaration: <http://bit.ly/2mfczty>
- SO126 Volunteers: <http://bit.ly/2n7ocAn>

The following Bylaws, Policies and Procedures were recommended for approval:

- P1 Special Education Guiding Principles: <http://bit.ly/2mumrjX>

The following Bylaws, Policies and Procedures were recommended to be rescinded:

- SO3 Involvement of Schools in Community Events: <http://bit.ly/2mYqy9M>

The following Policy will be shared to stakeholders for comment received by June 2, 2017:

- F4 Trustee Honoraria: <http://bit.ly/2muplVx>
- HR118 Occasional Teacher Performance Appraisal: <http://bit.ly/2lPb4Pt>

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