



# The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

REGULAR BOARD MEETING | AUGUST 28, 2017

All reports for the Regular Board Meeting can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2wMiHQu>

## What Does Success Mean to You?



Grand Erie's 2016-2020 Multi-Year Plan (MYP) puts Success for Every Student at its centre, with a goal to achieve this through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. To kick off the 2017-18 school year, students from across Grand Erie discuss what success means to them.

See the full video here: <http://bit.ly/2wiP2eH>

## Welcome to Secondary School

For parents and students set to begin Grade 9 next week, registration events are scheduled to orient families to the secondary school experience. Dates and times for secondary school registration can be found on Grand Erie's [homepage](#).

## Multi-Year Plan Video

Success for Every Student wouldn't be possible without the Grand Erie staff members who dedicate their energy and expertise to realizing this goal.

This year, as part of the MYP, a video series will introduce the Grand Erie community to the unique stories of just a few of the individuals making Success for Every Student a reality. To view a special preview of these stories, visit here: <http://bit.ly/2vD2I7T>



## Focus on Youth

This summer, 32 Grand Erie students took part in Focus on Youth (FOY), the summer employment program that provides full-time work opportunities with various not-for-profit organizations in Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk. The FOY program team worked closely with Student Success Staff and guidance counsellors to encourage involvement of students who had the greatest needs, and could benefit from the support of the program. Student from all areas of the Board and from Six Nations were included. Employment opportunities were expanded this year to include work within our facilities services department at 12 sites in Grand Erie.

### Grand Erie's Website Gets a New Look

This summer, Grand Erie's website was updated in order to improve design and functionality. These changes give the website a new overall look and feel, while allowing for better dissemination of system and school news, and the integration of social media. The website is also AODA compliant in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and streamlines content to whichever device you're using. The staff portal will be updated in mid-September.

### Camp SAIL



It's been another summer of adventures in learning as Camp SAIL gave elementary students an opportunity to continue building math and literacy skills during the break. Designed to bridge the gap between the end of the school year and the start of a new grade, Camp SAIL reintroduces students to the routine of a school day while boosting knowledge in these vital subject areas.

For photos and videos of the summer learning which took place at seven Grand Erie elementary schools, check out #GECampSail2017 on Twitter.

### Multi-Year Plan Communication Evaluation

Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan was officially launched last August. In spring 2017, a series of nine focus groups were held to assess the MYP's implementation during its first year. The focus groups took place in each region of the board, with participation from teachers, school administrators, and CUPE members. The feedback that was received is shaping the Board's next steps in building awareness and understanding of the MYP, as well as to help staff connect with it. The full report is available on pages 15-30 the [agenda package](#).



### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

**Approval of minutes:** Trustees approved the minutes of June 26, 2017 (Regular Board).

**Major Construction Update:** An additional at Thompson Creek Elementary School, redevelopment of Fairview Avenue Public School, and renovations to Hospitality and Tourism program space at Pauline Johnson C & VS the focus of the Major Construction Project Report.

**Trustees also received the following reports/updates:**

- Proposed Brant/Brantford Secondary ARC
- 2017-2018 Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Proposed Schedules of Agenda items
- OPSBA Membership Fee for 2017-2018
- Capital Priorities Project Funding Submissions

- Contract Award – Pauline Johnson Hospitality Classroom
- 2015-2016 Energy Consumption/Conservation Report
- Summary of Accounts – June 2017
- Summary of Accounts – July 2017
- Audit Committee Minutes – June 27, 2017