

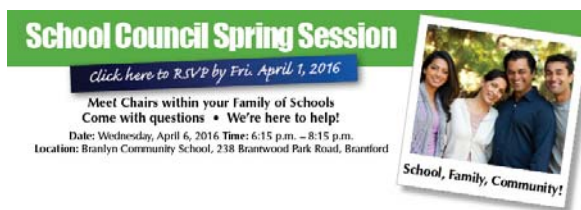
Committee of the Whole No. 1 Meeting |
Monday, April 4, 2016

Engagement

Minister of Education visits Six Nations: The Honourable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, and Dave Levac, Member of Provincial Parliament for Brant, visited Six Nations Council Chambers to meet with educators, local leaders from Six Nations and representatives from Grand Erie. Sandals also visited Emily C. General Elementary School, Six Nations Polytechnic and Woodland Cultural Centre. Grand Erie was invited to celebrate the exemplary relationship between the Six Nations community and our school board. The Minister acknowledged the relationship and suggested this is a model for other boards of education.



Spring Session - Supporting Parents and School Councils: On Wednesday, April 6 parents and school council members will gather at Branlyn Community School, 6:15 p.m. light dinner with session from 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. This session is for parents who are on School Councils across Grand Erie to come together and learn about how they can inspire and lead in their school to support parent involvement. School Councils will hear presentations on shaping the future of Grand Erie through its Multi-Year Plan development, an update on the Children and Youth Mental Health Strategy including an opportunity to learn more about SAFETalk, a suicide prevention program, and collaborating on a new parent engagement framework that will support parents and families throughout the Board.



National Volunteer Week: From donating time to assisting with classroom and school activities, parent volunteers play an important role in our schools. When schools and families work together to support learning, everyone benefits. April 10 to April 16, 2016 is National Volunteer Week, a time to celebrate and thank Grand Erie's many volunteers.



Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statements: In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada concluded its work resulting in 94 far reaching Calls to Action, including a number specifically focused on education, in order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation.



Grand Erie District School Board Trustees deferred the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Statements Report and approved a motion to bring it back to the Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 1 in May.

- To view the original Board report, click here: <http://bit.ly/1PQrGgT>

South East Norfolk Elementary ARC: The second ARC (Accommodation Review Committee) for the South East Norfolk Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Lakewood Elementary School. For more information about the ARC, click here: <http://bit.ly/1Xduj2n>

Special Education Special Nights: The Special Education team from Grand Erie District School Board invites the community and parents to an information night about the programs and services provided to students with Special Education needs. A Special Education night was held on March 29 at Walsh Public School. The next two sessions are as follows:

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- Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Agnes Hodge Public School (Library) 52 Clench Ave., Brantford
- Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Caledonia Centennial (Library) 110 Shetland Street
- Visit www.granderie.ca/specialeducation for more information.

2016 Summit on Children & Youth Mental Health: A group of Grand Erie representatives will attend the Summit on Children & Youth Mental Health on April 7-8, 2016. Heather Carter, School Mental Health Lead and Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations will be presenting on *Communications and Mental Health: Planning for Strategic Success*, which will include highlights of the Be Well Campaign (www.granderie.be/bewell). The Summit is a unique event that unites the voices of educators, professional student services personnel, mental health and health professionals, children service agencies, children service advocates, families and students.



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pour la santé mentale des
enfants et des adolescents
Réfléchissons ensemble.

Data Report - eLearning Annual Report: Grand Erie District School Board has been delivering eLearning programming since December 2002. During this time the program has expanded to include a greater number of courses in a variety of grades and pathways.



Grand Erie eLearning offerings are in partnership with the Ontario eLearning Consortium (OeLC). The OeLC is a group of 21 school boards who share eLearning courses and students for the purposes of increasing eLearning access and choices to all students. Additionally, the virtual learning environment is used to support student learning through: Homework Help, Career Cruising, Credit Recovery, blended learning, Summer School, Continuing Education and Adult Education. Learn more about the success of eLearning in this year's data report: <http://bit.ly/1S2Nx6Z>

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International Students - Fee Structure: Grand Erie receives a number of applications from students outside of Canada to attend our schools each year. International student enrolment at Grand Erie secondary schools over the past five years as well as the tuition fee increase, is detailed in the report: <http://bit.ly/1UDhPTL>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mileage Remuneration Review: The Board's mileage rate is to be reviewed each year, for budgeting purposes, in accordance with a motion of the Board. Trustees recommended the approval to decrease the rate from \$0.47 to \$0.45 per kilometer. To view the report, click here: <http://bit.ly/1UDi3Ky>

The following Bylaws was recommended to be deferred to the Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 1 in May:

- BL15 Trustee Expenses: <http://bit.ly/1XbHlxa>

The following Policies will be shared to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by September 9, 2016.

- FT10 Green Schools Construction: <http://bit.ly/1TvQW2Z>
- FT11 Community Planning and Facility Partnership: <http://bit.ly/1ZZt08G>
- SO2 School Councils: <http://bit.ly/1RU9iZ5>
- SO4 Advertising and Material Distribution in Schools: <http://bit.ly/1M9AWSH>

The following were received as information:

- Trustee Expense Report (F3): <http://bit.ly/23aKn8v>