



Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Board Room

Regular Board Meeting | October 28, 2019

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2Neq0X1>

Student Showcase: A Message of Kindness from Caledonia Centennial

Grand Erie's Student Showcase provides an opportunity for the Board to highlight and celebrate some of the unique work being done by students throughout the system. On Monday, students from Caledonia Centennial Public School shared with Trustees a song they created that is focused on the Equity Indicator of the Board's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*.



Not Just a Day, But a Way began in Teacher Jessica Roberts' Grade 5 classroom in 2018-19 with the guidance and support of Suzie Miller, Indigenous Education Instructional Coach. During a community circle on Orange Shirt day, one student asked why there was only one day dedicated to recognizing anti-bullying efforts. This led to a discussion of the multiple days throughout the year that focus on certain causes. It was during this discussion that *Not Just a Day, But a Way* began.



The class wanted to raise awareness every day, not just on designated days, to encourage respect and kindness. With help from Miller, Math Coach Johanna Gordon, ESL Teacher Marcie McGeein, and recording artist Rob Lamothe, the class created a song to help spread their message. The song's lyrics were written by the students, to spread the message to other students.

This year, *Not Just a Day, But a Way* has become a school-wide initiative, with the goal of spreading the message even farther. With a growing school community, Caledonia Centennial wants to encourage and empower everyone to embrace and celebrate our differences and treat each other with kindness each and every day. Listen to *Not Just a Day, But a Way* here: <https://bit.ly/2otIzSY>.

2018-19 Student Achievement Plan Outcomes

Grand Erie's 2018-19 Student Achievement Plan was first presented to the Board last fall (November 26, 2018). A mid-year report was offered in the spring (March 25, 2019) based on monitoring and the evidence of impact to date. In mid-September 2019, final EQAO results were released to school boards and the public. These results, along with the evidence of impact have been reviewed and are included in the final report, which Trustees discussed on Monday.



The report provides a summary of the outcomes of the 2018-19 Student Achievement Plan for Grand Erie's Elementary and Secondary panels. Featuring a wide range of data on both student and staff learning in 2018-19, the report covers outcomes related to language (i.e., reading, writing) and mathematics. It also includes a number of next steps for both panels as well as Special Education students and staff. To review the report, see pages 67-79 here: <https://bit.ly/2Neq0X1>.

2019-20 Grand Erie's Student Achievement Plan: *Success for Every Student*

Grand Erie's Annual Operating Plan for Achievement was presented to Trustees on Monday. The plan focuses on the goals outlined in the Board's Multi-Year Plan and the Ministry of Education's Focus on Fundamentals of Mathematics goals. The plan is designed to include all students and is reflective of their journey from Kindergarten through Grade 12. It also identifies the links between what the board does, and how it does it. Finally, the plan demonstrates the cyclical nature of school improvement and aligns with the Board's focus on a multidisciplinary system and a school-based teams approach. Grand Erie's Student Achievement Plan is considered a living document and changes can be made throughout the school year based on identifying, reflecting and responding to system needs to ensure a focused, intentional improvement plan. To review the plan, see pages 81-82 here: <https://bit.ly/2Neq0X1>.

Enrolment Update

While official enrolment numbers are presented to the Ministry of Education on October 31 each year, Trustees received an update on enrolment for the 2019-20 school year on Monday. The Enrolment Update report features details on original enrolment projections, as seen in the 2019-20 budget, and actual enrolment as of September 27, 2019. It also includes a look at Grand Erie's previous enrolment history. For the 2019-20 school year, overall enrolment at Grand Erie is up from projected enrolment numbers at both the elementary and secondary school levels. Elementary enrolment is up 332 from original projections, while secondary enrolment up 52. In total, as of September 27, 2019, Grand Erie has 18,327 elementary students and 7,889 secondary students. To review the report, see pages 83-85 here: <https://bit.ly/2Neq0X1>.

Treaties Recognition Week: November 4-8

In 2016, the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation declared the first week of November Treaties Recognition Week. The intention is to raise awareness and promote public education of treaties and treaty relationships. The week gives educators the opportunity to set aside time for curriculum-related activities to share with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, families and staff to support the ongoing efforts to build a deeper cultural understanding, stronger relationships, and a broader awareness for all. Grand Erie's Indigenous Education team will provide support materials to schools to use as part of Treaties Recognition Week.



Upcoming Events:

Several upcoming events were highlighted, including:

- Cayuga Secondary School – Commencement – Friday, November 1, 2019 – 6 p.m.
- Hagersville Secondary School – Commencement – Friday, November 1, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.
- Delhi District Secondary School – Commencement – Friday, November 1, 2019 – 8 p.m.
- North Park Collegiate and Vocational School Commencement – Saturday, November 2, 2019 – 7 p.m. – Sanderson Centre
- Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Additional Items

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the September 23, 2019 (Regular Board), October 1, 2019 (Special Board) and October 7, 2019 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Hagersville Secondary Child Care Renovation Project Committee
- Director's Report
- Student Trustees' Report
- Committee of the Whole – October 7, 2019
- Elementary Class Size Report
- Summary of Accounts – September 2019
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – June 13, 2019
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – September 19, 2019
- Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) – September 17, 2019
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – October 7, 2019
- Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – October 11, 2019

Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. Grand Erie will achieve *Success for Every Student* through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support the Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Community, Environment, Equity, Technology and Well-Being.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent stories related to the Multi-Year Plan.

Community

- Everyone's a Winner Playing for a Cause as Six Schools Take Part in Fundraiser
 - <https://bit.ly/2PjTGET>

Environment

- Waste Not, Want Not as Grand Erie Schools Take Part in Waste Reduction Week
 - <https://bit.ly/2qlesn3>

Equity

- Grand Erie Trustee Shares Family History on Orange Shirt Day
 - <https://bit.ly/369OXeP>

Well-Being

- Active Transportation Funding to Promote Walking and Wheeling to School
 - <https://bit.ly/36dsWvO>

Success for Every Student