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

Regular Board Meeting | May 25, 2020

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3bSnIqL>

Review of the 2019-20 Annual Operating Plans

Each fall, Grand Erie's Senior Administration team presents their Annual Operating Plans (AOP) to the Board of Trustees. The AOPs connect directly to the indicators in Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, [*Success for Every Student*](#), and guide the work of the system throughout the year.

Each May, Trustees are provided with an update on the AOPs, including: Community (pages 99-100), Environment (pages 101-104), Equity (pages 105-106), Technology (pages 107-110) and Well-Being (pages 111-116). The AOP for Achievement is presented separately through Grand Erie's Student Achievement Plan. To review the results of the 2019-20 AOPs, see pages 97-116 here: <https://bit.ly/3bSnIqL>.



Major Construction Update

On Monday, Trustees were given a status update on the major construction projects underway in Grand Erie. These projects include: the child care renovation at Hagersville Secondary School (pictured left) and the child care addition at Central Public School in Brantford. The biggest news of the report is that after a five-week hold due to COVID-19, construction at both child care sites resumed on May 11. This report supports the Environment indicator of Grand

Erie's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*. To review the report, see pages 93-96 here: <https://bit.ly/3bSnIqL>.

2017-20 Strategic Communications Plan – Year 3 Evaluation Update

Grand Erie approved its 2017-20 Strategic Communications Plan in March 2017. Created by the Strategic Communications Ad Hoc Committee, the plan aligns with the Board's Multi-Year Plan and includes four streams: Leadership, Internal Communications, Marketing and Branding, and Public Relations. Within each stream is a number of objectives as well as a list of activities, timelines and outcomes.

Each May, Trustees are presented with an evaluation of the Strategic Communications plan. This year, the evaluation report also includes a draft Crisis Communications Plan for the Board. This plan was created by the Crisis Communications Plan Ad Hoc Committee that was created in September 2019. To review the Year 3 (2019-20) evaluation, see pages 33-60 here: <https://bit.ly/3bSnlqL>. This report supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan through the following statements: "We will set high expectations of our students and staff. We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes."

Additional Items

Memorial: A memorial statement was read in honour of Leona Mittlefehldt, a Grade 5 student at École Dufferin. Leona died May 17 after a battle with cancer. She will be remembered as a creative little girl who loved art and music. Leona had a great sense of humour and a beaming smile. Her classmates and the staff at Dufferin were full of admiration for Leona's ability to handle cancer treatments with bravery and humour, as well as a certain amount of sassiness.

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the April 27, 2020 (Regular Board) and May 11, 2020 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Director's Report
- Student Trustees' Report
- Committee of the Whole – May 11, 2020
- Summary of Accounts – April 2020
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 20, 2020
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – April 22, 2020
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 14, 2020
- Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – May 14, 2020

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.

Achievement

- Summer School 2020 Offers Students a Chance to Get Ahead, Catch Up
 - <https://bit.ly/3ebp7dE>
- Government of Ontario Announces All Grand Erie Schools Will Remain Closed for the Rest of the 2019-20 School Year
 - <https://bit.ly/3bTdlxO>

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