



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

Committee of the Whole Meeting | June 8, 2020

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2MyCB7K>



Special Education
A Grand Erie Program

Grand Erie's Special Education Plan Review

Every two years, as outlined in Ministry regulations, school boards across the province are required to maintain a Special Education Plan. In Grand Erie, the Special Education Plan is reviewed annually. It is updated with amendments and includes comprehensive information on the Board's programs and services that support students with special education needs. Changes to the plan are made annually in response to feedback collected from the Special Education Advisory Committee, input from parents and community members. To review the plan, see pages 3-120 here: <https://bit.ly/2MyCB7K>. This report supports the

Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, *Success for Every Student*, through the following statement: "We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes."

Paris District's Theo Collins Earns TD Scholarship for Community Leadership

Grand Erie District School Board congratulates Theo Collins who was awarded a TD Scholarship for Community Leadership on June 5. Theo, who attends Paris District High School (PDHS), was one of only 20 recipients from across Canada to receive this scholarship, which provides up to \$10,000 in tuition and up to \$7,500 in living expenses for up to four years (total value: up to \$70,000). Recipients of the TD Scholarship for Community

Leadership have made a meaningful and lasting difference in their communities. The scholarships are offered to students who help support change, nurture progress and contribute to making the world a better place. To learn more about TD's Scholarship for Community Leadership visit: <https://go.td.com/3dlJAGT>.



Theo (on left in photo) is an engaged and innovative leader in the PDHS community, holding positions on Students' Council (Co-Prime Minister) and Environment Council, while also participating in many other groups and clubs. He recently co-founded a student-led climate initiative called *We Declare Emergency* and spoke on behalf of this organization at a local council meeting. Of particular note are Theo's tireless and impactful efforts to improve the high school experience for LGBTQ+ youth. He is one of the founding members and leaders of PDHS's Gay-

Straight Alliance, called Q.U.E.S.T. (Queers United for Education in Small Towns). Since its inception two short years ago, this small but mighty club has brought gender-neutral washrooms to the school, planned and executed events aimed at educating and informing the school community of LGBTQ+ issues and experiences, and last June raised the Pride Flag for the first time with a wonderful event that included students, staff and key community leaders.

Additional Items

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Director's Report
- French Immersion Program – Ad Hoc Committee
- Category III Trips

The following Bylaws and Policies were recommended for approval:

- BL1 Board Composition
- BL6 Board and Committee of the Whole Minutes
- SO1 Fund Raising

The following Procedures were shared as information:

- SO105 Privacy Breach Protocol/Procedure
- SO114 Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Confirmation Form

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/302ZWGA>

Success for Every Student