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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

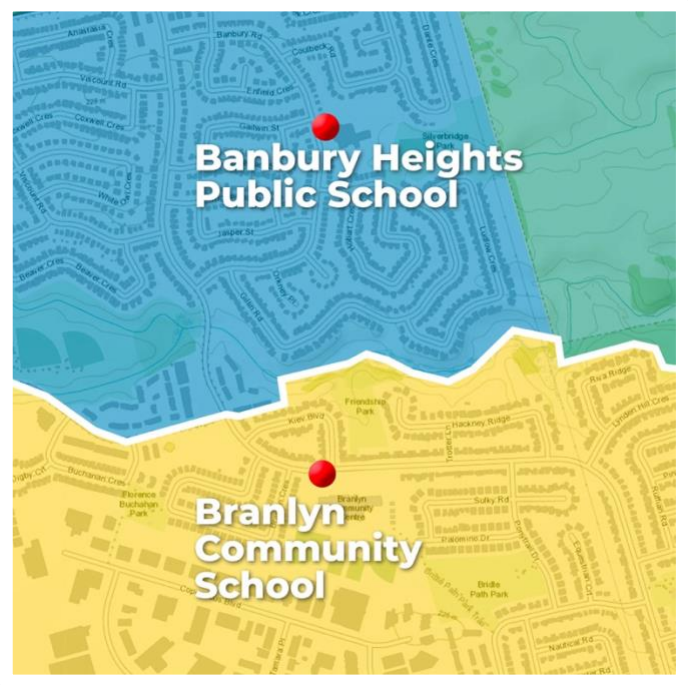
Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

March 7, 2022

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

Boundary Review: Banbury Heights and Branlyn Community School

Grand Erie initiated a boundary review in the Banbury Heights Public School and Branlyn Community School areas after consideration of long-term accommodation forecasts and recommendations from the Quality Accommodation Committee. The proposed boundary amendment under review would use the creek through Jaycee Park as the divide. The area south of Jaycee Park is currently part of the Banbury catchment. A virtual public meeting was held on February 10, 2022, to share the proposed boundary change and enrolment forecasts for the Banbury and Branlyn areas with the school communities.



Pursuant to the steps outlined in Policy FT8 Boundary Reviews, Senior Administration recommends approval of the amended school boundaries as presented at the public meeting, included in the report, included on pages 5 -10 here:

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Math Additional Qualification Courses

Brenda Stone and Michelle Swyer from the K-12 Program team provided an update on Math Part 1 and 2 additional qualification courses being offered for free to Grand Erie educators in collaboration with Lakehead University. The course is designed around evidence-based research and provides participants with knowledge and skills to create a dynamic community of mathematicians in the classroom.

Approximately 100 educators have participated in the program to date. “We are learning about how to engage students with rich math tasks that promote collaboration, communication, and deep thinking beyond the basic question-answer model of teaching,” said Andrea Lawrence, Grade 3 teacher at Mapleview Elementary School.

Director’s Report Highlights

International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day is celebrated on March 8, recognizing the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

It was observed for the first time in 1911, and celebrates women's achievements, raises awareness about equity and equality, and lobbies for accelerated gender parity. The theme of 2022 International Women's Day is “gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow.”



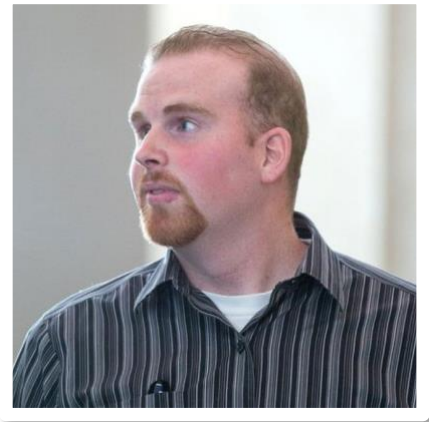


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Author to Speak at Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Grand Erie's Special Education Advisory Committee is excited to welcome author Michael Jacques to the March 10 meeting. Michael is a young, talented and determined person who has autism and an intellectual disability. Michael's passion to tell his story led him to writing his first book, *Can't Read. Can't Write. Here's My Book*. Michael is an advocate and role model for others with autism and intellectual disabilities and shares his story around Ontario at speaking engagements. For more information, visit Michael's [website](#). The meeting take place this Thursday, March 10, at 6 p.m. To watch the livestream of the meeting, click [here](#).



Supporting Ukraine

This is a very difficult time for some of our students, staff and their families who have loved ones in Ukraine and are worried, wondering what will happen next. Resources have been shared with educators and parents with respect to supporting mental health and meaningful classroom discussions. Schools will also have an option to participate in fundraising through Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Reflecting on Black History Month

Classrooms across the district were engaged in learning throughout Black History Month – thanks to student inspiration and resources that we were able to share with our schools. You can see one of those stories of engagement and learning from Banbury Heights featured on our [website](#). As we conclude Black History Month, it's important to continue honouring and celebrating Black History and achievement throughout the year across all curriculum areas.



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Additional Items

The following Policies and Procedures will be sent out for comment:

- Advocacy (F5)
- Purchasing Card Program (F102)
- Travel and Expense Claims (F103)
- Disposal of Surplus Furnishings and Equipment (FT112)

The following Policies were recommended for approval:

- Reporting of Wrongdoing (F7)

Trustees also received the following reports as information:

- Transportation Consortium Annual Report for 2021-22 School Year

The following Policies were rescinded:

- Consideration of Non-Unionized Employee Concerns (HR2)

Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2021, 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 the vision to Learn, Lead and Inspire, and a mission to build a culture Learning, Well-Being and Belonging for each learner.

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

Learning and Belonging

- [Black History Month at Banbury Heights School](#)

Well-Being

- [Grand Erie Adds New Positions, Resources to Support Student Achievement, Equity and Well-Being](#)