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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting

June 13, 2022

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

2022-23 Budget Approved

The 2022-23 Operating and Capital budgets have been developed as set out in Board's Budget Development Process Policy (F-02), in consultation with all departments, program and service area staff and Trustees, while considering the mission, vision, goals and objectives provided by the Board, Grand Erie's Multi-Year Strategic Plan and alignment to the Ministry of Education's Grants for Student Needs (GSN). The budget development for 2022-23 has incorporated a significant investment from the Ministry to assist Boards with planning for the upcoming school year while emerging from the impacts that the pandemic had on school boards. The theme of this budget development was twofold; first, to preserve and maintain a balanced cost structure throughout the system, and second, to maximize investments that impact the classroom directly. To view the full report, visit pages 3 – 36 here: <https://bit.ly/3QlkEsX>

Student Showcase: North Park Repertoire Class Performance

Music teacher Kristin Reid's Repertoire class shared its talents through a video performance of a few favourite numbers from this past semester. Thank you for sharing your love of music and incredible talents with Grand Erie!





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Director's Report Highlights

Student Trustee Sierra Green Receives National Indigenous Scholarship

Sierra Green, McKinnon Park Secondary School student who has represented her fellow students in the role of Indigenous Student Trustee this year, has received the National Indigenous Scholarship at Western University, valued at around \$50,000. We are thrilled to hear of her continued successes and value her leadership at the school and board level this past year, and we wish her all the best as she pursues her university education at Western University.



Summer Learning in Grand Erie

Registration for summer learning programs is now live and available on our website. Program offerings are for all grades (Kindergarten to Grade 12) in a mix of virtual and in-person settings. Students can participate in transition programs, focused learning in key areas such as math and reading, and the always popular Camp SAIL.



New Elementary Recess Program Coming

Grand Erie Child and Youth Workers (CYWs) will be offering a new recess program in elementary schools next year. This recess program will involve intermediate students taking on the role of recess leaders, running games and activities, and gaining leadership training in the process. Primary students will have the opportunity to participate in organized games and activities during recess. This program is a collaboration with school staff and the school CYW.



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Understanding How to Use Kids Help Phone

A Kids Help Phone presentation for Grade 6 and up was created by the CYW team to familiarize students with this valuable service. Included in this presentation is an outline of how to access support by phone, Facebook Messenger, text or live chat. In addition, students will be provided with a quick review of what happens when support is accessed, as well as other helpful resources within the website. Information will also be provided on local community resources and support.

Kids Help Phone 

Additional Qualification Courses on Offer

We are excited to offer new **Special Education for Administrators** Additional Qualification course through Lakehead University this summer. The course will be offered July through August, asynchronously with optional in-person sessions, and completely free to the first 20 participants. Also in collaboration with Lakehead University, Grand Erie is offering free enrolment in the **Reading Part 1** Additional Qualification course July through August, online asynchronous course, to interested educators and administrators.



Sector Partner Experience Days

The Student Success and the Technology for Innovation and Learning teams recently scheduled six Sector Partner Experience opportunities to help Specialist High Skills Major students complete the requirements for their SHSM Red Seal designation. The central team collaborated with schools to offer these opportunities to Grade 12 students in SHSM programs.





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Sector Partner Experience Days Contd.

Over May and June, the Sector Partner Experiences were delivered at JBLC and included authentic, hands-on learning activities directly connected to the Construction and Environmental, Transportation and Manufacturing, Information and Communication Technology, Sports and Health, and Arts and Culture, Hospitality sectors.

Grand Erie continues to offer these impactful events that connect students to real-life situations and experiences in their chose SHSM field.

Additional Items

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

- Privacy and Records Information Management (SO-19)
- Use of Electronic Communication and Social Media
- Guidelines (SO-03)

The following Policies were recommended for approval:

- Visual Identity (SO-25)
- Advocacy (F5)
- Boundary Reviews (FT-08)

Trustees also received the following reports as information:

- Visual Identity (SO-025)
- Boundary Reviews (FT-008)
- Right to Disconnect (HR-002)
- Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol



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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

- Incoming Student Trustees Ready to Learn, Lead and Inspire:
<https://granderie.ca/board/news/incoming-student-trustees-ready-learn-lead-and-inspire>

Belonging

- Students Against Racism Making Positive Impact at North Park:
<https://granderie.ca/board/news/students-against-racism-making-positive-impact-north-park>