



POLICY

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SCHOOL COUNCILS	
Superintendent Responsible: Superintendent of Education	Initial Effective Date: 2013/02/21
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Objective:

To support thriving school communities through School Councils within Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie).

Policy Statement:

Grand Erie will establish and support School Councils in their work to promote and improve student achievement, well-being and belonging through collaboration with parent(s)/caregiver(s), employees and communities.

- 1.0 Each school in Grand Erie shall establish a School Council.
- 2.0 Parent(s)/caregiver(s) shall constitute a majority of members of the School Council.
- 3.0 School Councils shall provide an annual report of activities to the Board. The report must be submitted to Director's Services by the end of June each year.
- 4.0 School elections shall be held within the first 30 days of the school year. In the case of a new school, for which a School Council has not been established, School Council elections shall be held within the first 30 days of the school's operation.
- 5.0 Grand Erie shall provide each School Council with an annual amount determined through its budget deliberation process. Members and Officers of School Councils who incur expenses as members of the Council must be reimbursed from this annual amount.
- 6.0 Grand Erie, with support from the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC), shall organize an annual School Council Orientation workshop and must invite all School Council Chairs.
- 7.0 The board may solicit input on any matter, but shall solicit the views of the School Councils through the School Council Chairs' email distribution list with respect to policies and guidelines for the following matters:
 - the conduct of persons in schools within in the board's jurisdiction
 - appropriate dress for pupils in schools within the board's jurisdiction
 - the allocation of funding by the board to School Councils
 - the fundraising activities of School Councils
 - the conflict resolution processes for internal School Council disputes
 - the Grand Erie's Multi Year Strategic Plan/Annual Learning and Operating Plan
 - process and criteria applicable to the selection and placement of School Administrators
 - may comment on any matter to the Board by writing a letter to the Board Chair or following the process for delegations

Reference(s):

- [Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2](#)
- Governance Policy #2 - Delegations
- Ontario Regulation 612/00