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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting of the Board

November 27, 2023

All reports for this meeting can be found here: bit.ly/46woHJO



Learn Lead Inspire Recognition

Gimaa (Chief) R. Stacey LaForme of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Chief Mark Hill of Six Nations of the Grand River were honoured Monday with Learn Lead Inspire awards, recognizing the outstanding work each has contributed to advocating for and enriching the educational experiences of Indigenous learners across Grand Erie, and for their leadership in helping all of us better understand our commitments to reconciliation. Gimaa LaForme and Chief Hill are also former Grand Erie students, having attended Hagersville Secondary School and Brantford Collegiate and Vocational School respectively. Each chief is now concluding terms heading their elected councils, following many successful years of political leadership. The Learn Lead Inspire award celebrates students, staff members, volunteers and community members who have made significant contributions and commitment to our school communities, aligning with the Board's mission to build a culture of learning, well-being and belonging to inspire each learner.



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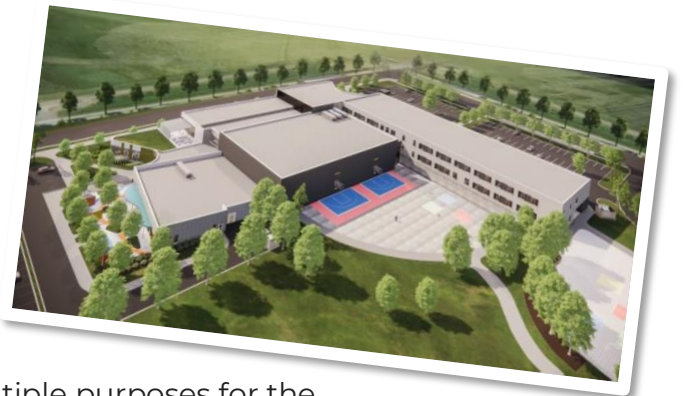
Student Showcase

Members of North Park Collegiate and Vocational School's wind ensemble performed Monday. The school's music program has been rebuilding following the pandemic, with a reimagined approach to student leadership within the wind band to prioritize inclusion. Last year, the group's focus was musical diversity, selecting and performing music by composers from a range of BIPOC, 2SLGBTQ+ and female composers. This year, students are working towards creating a more equitable space where everyone can learn together, regardless of performance level.



Major Construction Updates

Details on the progress of three major construction projects were presented Monday. The **southwest Brantford** joint-use elementary school is in the late stages of design, and the cost consultant report is being analyzed so cost estimates for the joint build can be forwarded to the Ministry of Education to obtain approval to proceed to tender. The project will serve multiple purposes for the growing community, featuring a recreation centre, public library and gathering spaces, and is a partnership with the City of Brantford. In **Caledonia**, project details for a joint-use elementary school have been submitted to the Ministry to obtain approval to proceed to tender. The elementary school will be situated on seven acres near the intersection of McLachlan and Whitehorn. In Paris, the child care addition at **Cobblestone Elementary School** has also been submitted to the Ministry before it proceeds to tender. The new four-room space will provide infant, toddler and preschool child care.



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Director's Report Highlights



North Park Students Against Racism Coalition Honoured

North Park Collegiate and Vocational School's Students Against Racism coalition was recently awarded a YMCA Peace Medal. The prestigious award recognizes individuals and groups contributing to peace, community cohesion and social justice. Within their school community, members promote diversity, inclusion, and combat racism through initiatives and weekly meetings where students can share and discuss sensitive issues.

Recognizing Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Recently, five Early Childhood Educators in Grand Erie were honoured at the 2023 ECE Awards, presented by Kids Can Fly, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field within Brantford/Brant County schools. Congratulations to Theresa Davis of Onondaga-Brant Public School, Michelle Hill of Cobblestone Elementary School, Genevieve Rochette of École Dufferin, Shannon Wood of St. George-German School, and this year's winner of the award of excellence, Valerie Rosebrugh of Grandview Public School.



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STEM

Students in Grade 8 from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of Credit First Nation schools were invited to join members of Grand Erie's Curriculum and Student Achievement team and Indigenous Education team for an Amazing Race STEM reach-ahead event this month, held at the Gathering Place by the Grand. The event was intended to help students gain familiarity and feel more comfortable taking on opportunities at secondary schools in Grand Erie. Secondary Leadership students from Hagersville Secondary School and McKinnon Park Secondary School ran a games station for students to visit and chat about high school.

Right: Students take part in a STEM challenge as part of the event meant to familiarize Grade 8 students with secondary school opportunities



In Memoriam

Memorial statements were read to honour the memories of Grand Erie staff member Michael Wierzbicki and student Jordan Evans. Our deepest condolences to the friends and families of Michael and Jordan.



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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 Strategic Plan.

Learning

- [Early Childhood Educators Recognized for Outstanding Contributions](#)

Belonging

- [Student Journalism Spotlight: Disc Golf Tournament a Chance to Showcase Secondary School Experience](#)