



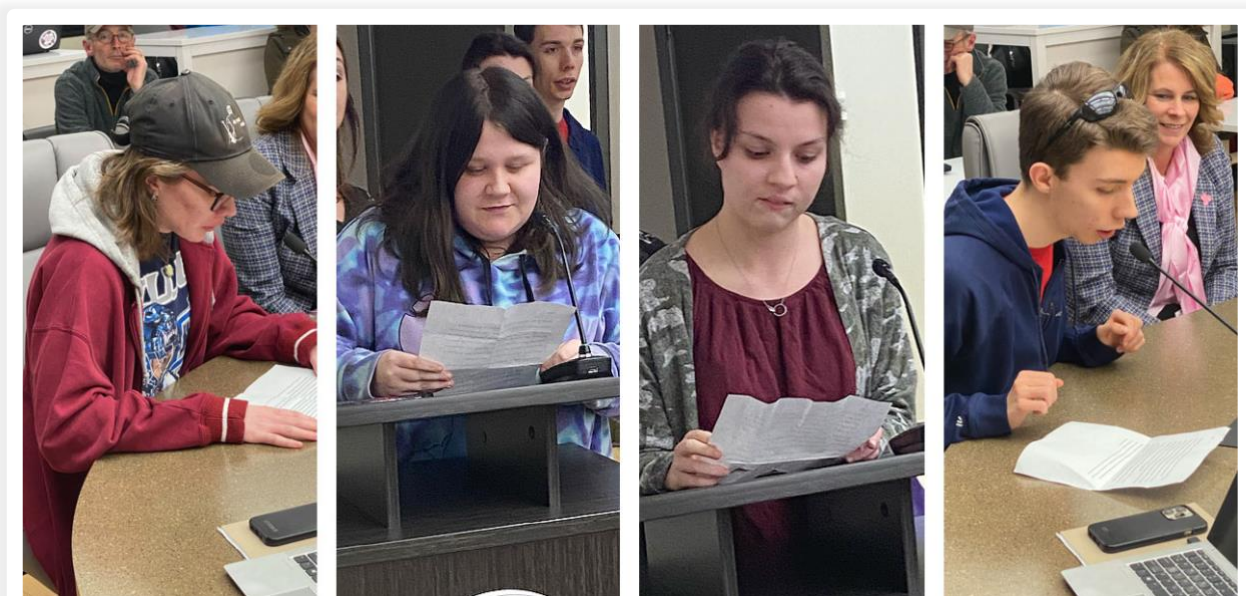
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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting of the Board

February 26, 2024

All reports for this meeting can be found here: bit.ly/3wxm1iN



Above: Educators and learners involved in Project SEARCH shared their experiences.

Student Showcase: Project SEARCH

Learners and educators involved in Project SEARCH shared more about the unique school-to-work program that's making a difference for learners and communities. The project, now in its second year and expanded to include two regions and employers, provides students with disabilities the opportunity to work with a host employer to gain hands-on experience and in-demand job skills. Guests included Project SEARCH teacher Katrina Dalton, and current students Alexis Walker, Alyssa Racette and Zach McColeman, as well as Justyse Devins, a graduate from the first Project SEARCH class.



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Agreements Reached with Three OSSTF Local Unions

Grand Erie District School Board is pleased to announce that it has reached tentative agreements with three local labour unions representing a significant number of educators in the district. All these agreements were ratified by the Board on February 26, 2024, and the term of the agreements span 2022 through to 2026. They include secondary teachers, representing nearly 600 staff members, professional student service personnel, representing 80 staff members, and the secondary occasional teacher local, representing almost 200 employees. Read more [here](#).



Director's Report Highlights

Student Trustee Elections

At Student Senate on February 15, elections took place to select Student Trustees for the 2024-25 school year. The number of candidates for the three positions this year was 17 – the most to date – speaking to the passion and leadership of youth in Grand Erie schools, and the great work done by current Student Trustees to inspire participation and promote and support the elections.





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Math Achievement Action Plan

Math achievement continues as a focus in schools and professional development. Math coaches, teachers and administrators are collaborating to enhance learning for students through a variety of high impact strategies. Lessons are co-designed and co-taught by coaches at schools to highlight the value of math conversations, problem-solving tasks and experiences. Engaging families through grade-appropriate math newsletters is also supporting learning at home.



Learning from the Land

With the active involvement of the Indigenous Education team, school staff and administrators, Grand Erie is developing a new Learning from the Land course bundle to launch in September. Through a program based at Hagersville Secondary School, the course bundle will offer the chance to explore English, Geography, Math and Science through an empowering, culturally-relevant learning-from-the-land lens. We're very excited to launch this program, and will be sharing more with communities and prospective students in the coming weeks and months.

Achievements in Visual Arts

Senior Media Arts students at Cayuga Secondary School completed their final projects recently. Some of the work was highlighted Monday, including this **short film** completed by senior student Hannah.





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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

- [From Rust to Radiant: Students Revive 1956 Beetle in Classic Car Restoration](#)

Well-Being

- [Strength in Mind as Tollgate Pushes for Mental Health](#)

Belonging

- [Ready to Shape the Future: Student Trustee Elections are Coming](#)
- [Diving Into a Day of Discovery](#)