



# The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

REGULAR BOARD MEETING | MARCH 27, 2017

*Please note that reports are no longer linked as individual reports but rather as one complete Board package. All reports for Regular Board Meeting held March 27, 2017 can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2naEr0d>*

## Student Recognition

The recognition program is Grand Erie District School Board's way to honour and celebrate students who have accomplished excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and the arts, as well as excellence in the community. All recipients receive a certificate signed by Brenda Blancher, Director of Education, and David Dean, Chair of the Board. Trustee Diane Sowers and John Harris presented the certificate to Arabella Alton.

### Arabella Alton, Grade 12, Valley Heights Secondary School

- Watch Arabella receive her recognition: [https://youtu.be/HY7Bab\\_jnAE](https://youtu.be/HY7Bab_jnAE)

Recognized for her dedication and perseverance to the sport of high jump, resulting in outstanding athletic achievement. This past summer, Arabella achieved a first-place finish in high jump at the Eastern Canadian Championships in Moncton, N.B., in a field of competitors from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime provinces. The sport has taught her much about goal setting and perseverance, as she achieved a new personal best of 1.74 meters, beating her third-place finish at OFSAA the previous spring, which had earned Arabella her first medal at the provincial level. Aside from being a tremendous athlete, Arabella is a stand-out student, applying the same dedication and hard work to everything she pursues.



*Do you know a student to nominate for this recognition? Learn about the criteria and the nomination process by visiting the Student Recognition section on the Board's website under the Student tab or directly through this link: <http://bit.ly/1T2CS1v>*

## Take the Be Well Pledge

As the *Be Well* campaign is launched in elementary schools to promote student and staff well-being, Grand Erie wants to hear about your own wellness journey.

- **Take the Be Well pledge** for the chance to win a Wellness kit: <http://bit.ly/2n6JhxO>
- For more information about the Be Well campaign, visit <http://bit.ly/2n91VSB>



## Fentanyl Can Kill Campaign, Brantford Police Services

Fentanyl is a synthetic opiate narcotic, a prescription drug used primarily for cancer patients in severe pain. It is roughly 50 to 100 times more toxic than morphine. It's odourless and tasteless and it can kill you. The campaign to raise awareness is being supported by local agencies, Grand Erie District School Board and police detachments. For more information, please visit: [www.fentanylcankill.ca](http://www.fentanylcankill.ca)



## Facilities Efficiencies

The Manager of Facilities, Tom Oldham, and Supervisor of Energy & Environmental Conservation, Katie Hashimoto, presented to the Board of Trustees. The management of facility data plays a crucial role in the management of our facilities. Gathering, organizing and interpreting facility data allows the Board to make better decisions, better understand and manage our facilities, set priorities and measure conservation efforts. Grand Erie District School board has implemented various applications, such as its Building Automation System, eBase, and INET, to assist in data management. Further, integration of the applications provides the ability for them to communicate with each other to allow for increased management. Tom and Katie also demonstrated the functions of various facility management applications, such as our Building Automation System, eBase, and INET.



## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Grand Erie secondary students in Grade 10 will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on Thursday, March 30, 2017. This is administered by Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) and measures reading and writing skills of students.



## Grand Erie students head to science and engineering fair (BASEF)

Nine Grand Erie students from North Park, BCI and Caledonia Centennial, involved in six projects will be competing at the Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair at Mohawk College in Hamilton this Saturday. The yearly competition includes students from Hamilton and Halton regions, Haldimand, Norfolk, and Brant counties, and Six Nations, with winners going on to compete at a national level.



## Wellness Wednesday: Learning more about your EAP

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
The second of three Wellness Wednesday events is taking place at Joseph Brant Learning Centre, with a focus on the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Five community representatives from EAP providers will be sharing information and resources on topics including marriage and relationship conflict, children and their behaviours, anxiety and depression, and grief. Open to all Grand Erie employees.



## Camp SAIL 2017

Planning for Camp SAIL Summer 2017 is underway with seven locations and 14 classes. This year's focus will switch from Literacy only, to Numeracy or a Lit/Num combination. There will continue to be an Indigenous focus at some schools. The focus aligns with the provincial Renewed Math Strategy and our Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement. Locations and administrators include:

- Brantford: King George (Greg Rowe); Central (Joe Atanas); Major Ballachey (Mark Fraser); & Bellview (Dennis Wright)
- Norfolk: Delhi (Paula Rasokas/Ian Summers), Lynndale (Bill Valoppi/Lori Rodgers)
- Haldimand: Hagersville (Doug Ouellette)



## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

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## Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Mid-Year Update

Grand Erie District School

Board Trustees received the report on the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Mid-Year Update as information. The Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement is also posted in the School tab on the Board's website. Click here to access the BIPSA website: <http://bit.ly/2nuqlUE>

## Board Highlights

- Major Construction Update: Thompson Creek Addition and Fairview Avenue Redevelopment
- Schedule of Budget Review Meetings: May 10, 17, and 24, 2017
- Contract Award – Website and Staff Portal Design, Development and Implementation Services
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Terms of Reference

## Approval of Minutes

Trustees approved the minutes of February 27, 2017 (Regular Board), and March 6, 2017 (Committee of the Whole).

## Reports received as Information

- Summary of Accounts – February 2017
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – February 2, 2017
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes -February 16, 2017
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Minutes – February 28, 2017
- Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes – September 22, 2016

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