

Regular Board Meeting |
Monday, September 28, 2015

Engagement

Lynn Abbey recognized with Patti McCleister Memorial Award (From left to right: Carol Ann Sloat, Chair, Lynn Abbey, Ted McCleister, Patti's husband, Erin Richards, Patti's daughter, and Brenda Blancher, Director of Education)

Described by many as a caring and compassionate advocate for staff and students, Abbey has evolved into the administrator she is today through exemplary leadership in the areas of engagement, environment and achievement.

In addition to being Principal at Delhi District Secondary School, Abbey is also active in other areas of leadership including the Aspiring Leaders Program, Global Day of Dignity Student Conference and the Leadership and Development Committee. She also never hesitates to provide mentorship and coaching to many of her colleagues.

The Patti McCleister Memorial Award is given on an annual basis to the Grand Erie employee who best embodies Patti's passion and has shown great leadership and effort within their role. Last year, two Grand Erie staff were recognized: Doreen Mels and Ruth Mills.

Lynn Abbey said, "I am incredibly honoured to be the recipient of this award in Patti's memory."

Link Crew at NPCVS

Students and staff from North Park came to the Board to share their experience about the Link Crew. Senior students mentor Grade 9 students with activities and support on the first day school in September and throughout the year.

Three hundred Grade 9 students were greeted by Grade 11 and 12 Link Crew Leaders, dedicated to help ease the transition for new students at NPC. The whole Grade 9 class was divided into groups of ten and two Link Leaders with whom they will all be locker mates for the year. In teams, they spent the morning getting to know each other and the school.

"Link makes the transition into Grade 9 better," said North Park Principal Phil Midgley. "Students are connected to senior mentors who've been trained and are also exposed to the school culture."

Link teams will get together monthly throughout the school year.

- For more, click here: <http://bit.ly/1P27Yml>



Achievement

2014-2015 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Goals: Trustees received the 2013-14 report as information. In August of 2015 preliminary OSSLT results were released. Those results along with final report card data are currently being reviewed. The Board can anticipate the release of the EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics results on October 28, 2015. Grade 3 and 6 EQAO testing was cancelled in the spring of 2015.

- The 2014-15 BIPSA goals can be found in the following report: <http://bit.ly/1jq62rU>

2015-2016 Draft Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement: Trustees received the 2015-16 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement - Draft as information. The Grand Erie Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement Committee met on September 11, 2015 to begin to examine the Ministry of Education's Board Improvement Planning tool and to discuss next steps in the development of the Draft 2015-2016 Board Improvement Plan.

- The committee met again on September 17, 2015 to discuss and review available data which informed the new format and content of the plan.
- Each portfolio met individually to refine their respective plan components in preparation for the sharing of the Draft 2015-2016 Board Improvement Plan with Executive Council on September 23, 2015. Feedback provided at that meeting, informed the current draft.
- To view the draft report, click here: <http://bit.ly/1MUizAI>

Environment

Major Construction Projects – Final Report: Three projects were highlighted in the Major Construction Projects: Lakewood Daycare Project, Coronation Redevelopment, and Pauline Johnson change rooms.

- To view the report, click here: <http://bit.ly/1h2KLTc>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Memorial Statements were read by Trustees in memory of the following individuals:

- Jean Anderson, Former Trustee
- Paityn Marie Woodcock, Lansdowne-Costain School

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of August 31, 2015 (Regular Board Meeting), September 14, 2015 (Committee of the Whole No. 1), and September 21, 2015 (Committee of the Whole No. 2).

Committee minutes and reports were received as information:

- Summary of Accounts - August 2015: <http://bit.ly/1Wt9QXk>
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes - June 4, 2015: <http://bit.ly/1KOi9FZ>
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes - June 16, 2015: <http://bit.ly/1O4XVxH>
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee - Safety Audit Tracking Report (Summer 2015) Report (Summer 2015): <http://bit.ly/1MUjxwI>