

Regular Board Meeting |
Monday, March 21, 2016

Student Recognition Program

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 students were presented with a certificate from Brenda Blancher, Director of Education and Brian Doyle, Vice-Chair of the Board.

Kataliya Sorensen, Nathaniel Reid-Smith, Sarah Lyn Carter, Hailey Cole, and Shasta Ritchie, Brantford Collegiate Institute

There were ten students in total from BCI's French Immersion program who took their French-language skills to another level last spring and participated in the Diplôme D'études en Langue Française examination (DELF). The DELF exam is frequently used around the world in marketing, with employers, and higher education institutions. It signifies a high level of French proficiency and bilingualism. This is the first time that Grand Erie FSL students have participated and successfully completed the exam. The other five students who were unable to attend are Elizabeth Balint, Montana Schott, Raina Ritchie, Austyn Antonowicz, and Matthew Hudson.



Liam Allen, Grade 7, Ecole Fairview

As the youngest black belt on the Canadian team last year, Liam Allen travelled to Brazil for the World Karate Organization's championship with Don Warrener's Martial Arts Academy. During this major competition, he won gold in both his division and the older division of kata, and weapons kata; gold in sparring for his division; and silver in sparring in the older division. As a result he received an overall gold medal in the junior division for the competition.



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>

Engagement

Staff Wellness Committee: Monique Goold, Principal of Centennial Grand-Woodlands provided an update to the Board of Trustees about the Staff Wellness Committee. Recently a survey was issued to all staff members across Grand Erie District School Board. The committee seeks to address the well-being and health needs of all Grand Erie employees in a proactive manner.

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Focus on Youth: Grand Erie partnered with local not-for-profit groups to provide hired students to join their youth staff leaders/counsellors at established March Break camp programs.

Focus on Youth is a Ministry of Education funded program that allows Grand Erie to provide employment opportunities for youth, with a focus on hiring and supporting the employment experiences of 'at-risk' youth.

The goal of Focus on Youth is to provide greater access to high quality programs for children and youth in our community. Focus on Youth provides learning, leadership and employment opportunities for youth and offers free use of school space for children and youth based programming.

Programs were operating at the following locations throughout the City of Brantford and the County of Brant.

- For more information about the program, visit www.granderie.ca/focusonyouth
- Read a feature story on the Board's website: <http://bit.ly/21E01qu>
- View the direct link to Facebook: <http://bit.ly/1XI90WA>

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Major Construction Update: An update about the Coronation Redevelopment and the Major Ballachey Hub are included this edition of the Major Construction Update: <http://bit.ly/1LBYMSc>

Schedule of Budget Review Meetings: The Board schedules a number of public meetings to review the proposed budget for the following fiscal year. Dates for the Budget Review Meeting are: May 4; May 11; May 18; and May 25, 2015. Each meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Education Centre. The report can be found at the following link: <http://bit.ly/1EalGys>

Appointment of Non-Board Audit Committee Members: William Lovekin was appointed as a non-board audit committee member for a three-year term ending January 31, 2019. Ontario Regulation 361/10 made under the Education Act requires every board to establish an audit committee: <http://bit.ly/1WDsDPd>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of February 22, 2016 (Regular Board Meeting), February 29, 2016 (Special Board Meeting), and March 7, 2016 (Committee of the Whole).

The following were received as information:

- Summary of Accounts - February 2016: <http://bit.ly/21DZqF0>
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes - February 18, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1RdVhFd>
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – January 7, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1LBSTci>
- STSBHN Committee Minutes – February 23, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1RdVnN0>
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes – January 21, 2016: <http://bit.ly/22szy4K>
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes - December 8, 2015: <http://bit.ly/1SdHlLy>
- Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes – January 21, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1WDtjH>
- Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes (Draft) - February 25, 2016: <http://bit.ly/25grBPb>

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