



The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

REGULAR BOARD MEETING | SEPTEMBER 26, 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 recipients were presented with a certificate from Brenda Blancher, Director of Education and Rita Collver, Trustee.

Ryerson Leenders, Jarvis Public: A year after playing his first game of hockey, Ryerson Leenders has been identified as one of the best AAA goalies in the region. The Jarvis Public School student was honoured to be chosen as the goalie for the 2016 Toronto Bulldogs' Brick Team that traveled to Edmonton in July. He earned a Star of the Game trophy in his first game, in addition to being invited to the final skills competition and winning the overall shoot-out. His team was headed to Finland and Sweden this past summer to compete in the Europe Cup, but the trip was postponed for one year due to travel rules. Ryerson's spot on the team is secured and he will be venturing to Europe next summer.



Aaron Barton, Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School:

Aaron Barton won the midget boys triple jump event at the OFSAA track and field meet in Windsor on Saturday, June 4, 2016. He qualified by winning at BCSSAA and coming in 2nd place at both the CWOSSA and OFSAA West regional track meets. He improved each week as he progressed through the meets. He jumped 12.87 meters to win the gold at OFSAA. Aaron has been training at PJ since March Break last year and recently has been training with the Brantford Track and Field club since last spring.



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>

Patti McCleister Memorial Leadership Award

Suzie Miller is the Instructional Coach with the Indigenous Education department. She is looking to change the path of the many First Nations students, and the perception of First Nations students amongst the student body. She is working to make them feel connected at school and that they have a voice in the classroom.

A great example that shows Suzie's commitment to students is through the implementation of the pen pal project that she worked to establish. The pen pal project connects students from various school boards within Southwestern Ontario with schools on Six Nations. Suzie's goal is to bring compassion and inclusiveness to engage students in their learning.

Diane De Vos goes above and beyond every day. She oversees all aspects of the elementary staffing process in Human Resources for the Grand Erie District School Board. Diane is knowledgeable about all aspects of her portfolio and is able to give clear advice and information when asked. She's described as caring and compassionate. She always put others before herself. She is kind, considerate, and patient. She is always willing to help out by offering assistance to others.

Diane is a positive role model who provides the best possible service to those on the front line (principals, vice-principals, and teachers) and to enable them to ensure success for every student.

South East Norfolk Elementary ARC Delegations: The following delegations were heard: C. Kitchen, C. Cornell and A. Takas, S. Ashley, J. Cornell, C. Oliveira, K. Swick, C. Sloat, R. Andrews, S. Baldock, K. Ashley, K. Kitchen, and G. Malo.

- View the delegation presentations and learn more about the ARC here: <http://bit.ly/2dv5qzr>

Orange Shirt Day – September 30, 2016: Participating Secondary schools in Grand Erie will be wearing an orange shirt on Friday in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem. The slogan is "Every Child Matters."

- Learn more about Orange Shirt Day at <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>



*Accommodation
Review Committee*

**South East Norfolk
Elementary**



Be Well Campaign wins Bravo Award

The Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) recognized Grand Erie's Be Well Campaign with top marks. The Bravo Awards of Excellence, Distinction and Merit recognize exemplary work in all aspects of school public relations, communications, marketing and engagement. The Be Well Campaign won in the category of Communications Program/Project. The award will be presented at their annual conference in Ottawa on October 23, 2016.



Upcoming Fall Fairs: Houghton Fair: Thursday, September 29, 2016; Caledonia Fair: Thursday, September 29 - Sunday, October 2, 2016; Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show: Starts with Young Canada Day on Tuesday, October 4, 2016; Burford Fair: Friday, Oct. 7 - Monday, Oct. 10, 2016

Terry Fox Runs: Although National School Day run is on Thursday, September 29, 2016, many Grand Erie schools will run at various times through this week.

World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2016

United Way Campaign – Thanksgiving to Halloween in Grand Erie

Major Construction Projects: The Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Project Report as information. The following is a status update for the 2015-16 Major Construction Projects now completed.

- <http://bit.ly/2cyLYVd>



Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA)

- Trustees received the 2015-16 BIPSA goals and outcomes as information. Click here to view the report: <http://bit.ly/2dutMlq>
- Trustees then received the 2016-17 Draft BIPSA for information. Click here to view the report: <http://bit.ly/2cGejYa>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of August 29, 2016 (Regular Board Meeting), September 12, 2016 (Committee of the Whole), and September 12, 2016 (Special).

Committee minutes and reports were received as information:

- PPM159- Professional Collaboration: <http://bit.ly/2dmWXxR>
- Multi-Year Plan Communications: <http://bit.ly/2cx4Wa1>
- Summary of Accounts - August 2016: <http://bit.ly/2deMes5>
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes - June 2, 2016: <http://bit.ly/2cx3QLi>
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes - June 16, 2016: <http://bit.ly/2cyO4nS>
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee - Safety Audit Tracking Report (Summer 2016)(Summer 2016): <http://bit.ly/2cGf03E>

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