

## The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's  
Highlights from the Boardroom

Committee of the Whole Board Meeting |  
Monday, August 24, 2015

### Welcome Back!

Congratulations and a warm welcome was extended to the new Director of Education, Brenda Blancher, the new Superintendents Linda De Vos and Liana Thompson and this year's new Student Trustee Alex Martindale.

### Camp SAIL

Summer Adventures in Learning programs are almost over with 6 of the programs set to finish this Thursday – Brant, Brantford and Norfolk, while our Haldimand program ends next Tuesday.

- Read more in the feature article: <http://bit.ly/1PvzPcs>



### Secondary School Registration Activities

Kick off events begin next week as schools welcome the new group of Grade 9 students and welcome back the students in Grades 10 – 12 and of course the returning grads.

- Learn more at the following site: <http://bit.ly/1KICDzc>



### Annual Operating Plans for 2015-16

Senior Administration and staff presented the Annual Operating Plans to guide their work and the work of the system. These plans address components of the 2011-15 Multi-year Plan.

The following Annual Operating Plans include:

- Environment - Safe and Inclusive Schools: <http://bit.ly/1LtmUHH>
- Environment - Quality Accommodations: <http://bit.ly/1EenIQ9>
- Engagement - Communications and Community: <http://bit.ly/1EenI2M>
- Engagement – Parent Engagement: <http://bit.ly/1Ltn3Kw>
- Engagement – Staff Engagement: <http://bit.ly/1U2IXvH>



#### MISSION

*Engage, support and inspire all learners to achieve and succeed.*

#### BELIEF

*We believe that our students should be considered first as the basis for decision-making.*



**Approval of the IPRC (Identification, Placement and Review Committee) Composition:** Trustees recommended the approval of the Identification, Placement and Review Committee structure and jurisdiction as set out in the IPRC Terms of Reference included in Bylaw 8.

- Learn more and read the report at the following link: <http://bit.ly/1MJ3v6B>
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## ADDITIONAL ITEMS

**Director's Meeting with Administrators:** Administrators are meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 9:00 for the 2015-16 School Year Director's Meeting. This year's meeting will be held at Cobblestone Elementary School.

**Focus on Youth Funding** – FOY is an initiative that is part of a broader Youth Opportunities Fund. Several large school boards in Ontario have received FOY funding over the past few years and recently Brantford was identified as a community that could benefit from this initiative. The funding can be used to support youth opportunities.

- Stay tuned for details and implementation
- For more information, visit the Ministry of Education's website: <http://bit.ly/1MPBMCN>

### Revised 2015-2016 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule

- <http://bit.ly/1hD4p9H>

**Approval of Next Year's Board Schedules of Agenda Items:** Trustees recommended the approval of next year's Committee of the Whole No. 1 (<http://bit.ly/1EfG1or>) and No. 2 (<http://bit.ly/1JvBKxi>) and Regular Board (<http://bit.ly/1PNf0Kb>) schedules of Agenda items.