



# The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

REGULAR BOARD MEETING | APRIL 24, 2017

Please note that reports are linked as one complete Board package.  
All reports for the Regular Board Meeting held April 24, 2017 can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2pXFJIE>

## Kailey Russell, Brooke Winkels, Jacklyn Smith & Megan Rohfritsch, Grades 11, 11, 9, and 12, North Park Collegiate - Vocational School

Kailey, Brooke, Jacklyn, and Megan were members of the senior girl's 4x50 medley relay swim team, which, last month, won gold at the OFSAA Swim Championships in Windsor. Through teamwork, cooperation and dedication to their sport, this team of young women has excelled in the pool, bringing further accomplishment to North Park Collegiate - Vocational School's swim program, and pride throughout Grand Erie. The youngest team member, Jacklyn Smith, also won gold in the junior girl's 100 individual medley in the next day of competition. Their perseverance and positive spirits are an example both at the pool and in the community.



## Kiara Barrow, Grade 8, Delhi Public School

Since the age of six, Kiara Barrow has been stirring audiences throughout Norfolk County with her renditions of musical theatre and classical pieces. The Norfolk Musical Arts Festival has been a main stage for the young singer, where she's earned scholarships including the Emily Hillyer Memorial Scholarship. Her talent is becoming widely recognized, with festival adjudicators encouraging Kiara to pursue her craft through competition at the provincial level, which is next on her list. Her sense of responsibility and commitment to the arts is an inspiration, and she's only just getting started.



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>

## Education Week | Student Gala at the Sanderson Centre

- Thursday, April 27, 2017 | 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- The theme is "Yes I Can - Growth Mindset."
- Student Gala Programme: <http://bit.ly/GalaProgramme>

Participating schools include: McKinnon Park Secondary School, Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, Central Public School, Ecole Dufferin, Walsh Public School, Lansdown-Costain, Agnes G. Hodge, Ecole Confederation, Port Rowan Public School, Grandview Public School, Princess Elizabeth, Major Ballachey Public School, Caledonia Centennial Public School, West Lynn Public School and Simcoe Composite School.



"Yes I Can"  
a growth mindset

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017  
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
THE SANDERSON CENTRE

### Earth Week in Grand Erie

Earth Week is an important part of the Grand Erie experience. In addition to the fact that Grand Erie is situated in a beautiful part of Ontario surrounded by forests, rich agricultural lands, the Grand River and Lake Erie, our schools are focused on environmental education and leadership. Grand Erie recognizes the importance of the environment to the well-being of our students and staff. Our stewardship of the environment is an important part of building a healthy and sustainable future. Follow #EcoGEDSB on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for more highlights.

- Learn more about Grand Erie and the Environment: <http://bit.ly/2pbPrw6>
- For an event listing, click here: <http://bit.ly/2oFaZ23>



### Inclusiveness and Equity

The Grand Erie District School Board raises awareness to protect students against discrimination and harassment. Grand Erie promotes the dignity and equality of gender diverse and trans students and staff. Presenting to the trustees included Christine Bibby, a social worker with Grand Erie, Jennifer Schooley, a member from Haldimand Norfolk REACH and Finn Cole, an advocate for the trans community.

### Open House at Anna Melick Memorial School

Saturday, April 29, 2017 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Anna Melick Memorial School is hosting an Open House to celebrate the school's history. Anna Melick students will join Thompson Creek Elementary School as of September, 2017. An invitation is being extended to all students, parents, staff (both past and present) and community members to join in celebrating the school's 58 years in education.



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### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

**Delegations:** Trustees received delegations from Jennifer Daniel, Angela McMillan and Heather Keam on the topic of Burford District Elementary School French Immersion.

**Memorial Statements:** Memorial Statements were read for Cindy Miller, Glen Morris Central Public School and Karl Langton, Grand Erie Learning Alternatives.

**Approval of Minutes:** Trustees approved the minutes of March 27, 2017 (Regular Board) and April 10, 2017 (Committee of the Whole).

**Information Items:** The following items were received as information (<http://bit.ly/2pXF1JE>):

- Workforce Report
- Quarterly Budget Report (F2)
- Enrolment Update
- Summary of Accounts - March 2017
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes - March 2, 2017
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes - March 23, 2017
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) - March 23, 2017
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes - February 28, 2017
- Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) - March 28, 2017