

Regular Board Meeting |

Monday, April 25, 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 David Dean, Chair of the Board.

Connor Carusello and Jack Richardson, both from the McKinnon Park Secondary School Football Blue Devils, represented team Ontario in the Canada Cup last summer from July 13-19, 2015 in St. Jean, Quebec where they won the silver medal.



Connor represented team Canada in Dallas Texas at the International Bowl in 2014 and Jack represented Team Canada in 2015 in Dallas at the International Bowl. Connor is a quarterback, and Jack is a centre. They are teammates on their school team and in representing Ontario at the Canada Cup, and they're also teammates on the Hamilton Hurricanes of the Ontario Football Conference (OFC) where they won the provincial championship in 2014.

Jack has been recruited and has signed to attend school and play football at McMaster University next year. Connor has been highly sought after north and south of the border, but will be returning to MPSS for an additional year before choosing his path. Connor and Jack are being recognized tonight for their hard work, dedication and commitment to athletics in Grand Erie and for their success at the Canada Cup last summer.

Simcoe Composite School's Gay Straight Alliance hosted Grand Erie's first annual Rainbow Ball last spring. The 'Enchanted Circus' themed event welcomed all gay, straight, bisexual and transgendered students within Grand Erie to attend an evening of fun and dancing at Simcoe Composite. About 60 students from 12 of the 14 secondary schools in the board attended.



Due to last year's great success, the Rainbow Ball returned for its second year, hosted just last week on Thursday, April 21 at McKinnon Park Secondary School. Grand Erie recognizes the efforts of SCS' GSA for bringing an impactful event to Grand Erie and for demonstrating a commitment to providing a positive, safe, and inclusive space for students at their school.

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 and Mental Health Week: The Education Week Gala/Student Talent Show – April 27, Sanderson Centre, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., is an event to kick-off Education Week and Mental Health Week (May 2-6), and will showcase the exceptional talents of Grand Erie students. Hosted by Student Trustees, Madelaine Brown and Alex Martindale, the show aligns with the Education Week and Mental Health Week theme *Journey to Well-Being*. Students from across the Board have volunteered to participate in the event to showcase a number of performing arts.



Mind Over Metal: A number of special guests and students came to meet with Trustees to share their experience with the successful Mind Over Metal event held in February. Guests included:

- John Dabrowski- Manufacturing Instructor, Valley Heights Secondary School, Mind Over Metal camp host
- Giancarlo Crotta- Principal, Houghton Public School
- Ian Summers- Grade 8 teachers, Houghton Public School
- Leanna Marcin- Communications Coordinator, CWA Foundation
- Two students from Houghton Public School



Thanks to the support of Grand Erie, Mohawk College and The Canadian Welding Association (CWA) Foundation, the manufacturing program based out of the Norfolk County school has taken off. The CWA foundation has provided training, machinery and funding for the program.



- For the full story, a link to the Facebook photos and a video, click here: <http://bit.ly/1OrhAIZ>

Director's School Visits

- Pauline Johnson: Director Brenda Blancher toured Pauline Johnson including the new change room facilities and the new Kiwanis Field.



SHSM Teachers Explore Great Lakes for Great Skills: Over a hundred teachers from boards across Ontario came together for the SHSM Teacher Conference at Best Western in Brantford. The conference started at Grand Erie's Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School where teachers and students were greeted by Minister of Education, Liz Sandals, and addressed by Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdesdell.



- For more information about the visit and SHSM conference, click here: <http://bit.ly/1qNOzg9>

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Memorial Statements were read for the following individuals:

- Maria Ham, Bloomsburg Public School

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2016-17 Student Trustees: Congratulations to Brett Newman and Elizabeth Marr for being elected as the two new student trustees. Brett attends Paris District High School, representing students in the North, and Elizabeth attends Waterford District High School, representing students in the South.

Approval of 2016-17 School Year Calendars: The Grand Erie District School Board received confirmation from the Ministry of Education that the 2016-17 School Year Calendars have been approved.

- To view the School Year Calendar 2016-17, click here: <http://bit.ly/1WQEBYa>

Approval of Minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of March 21, 2016 (Regular Board Meeting), April 4, 2016 (Committee of the Whole No. 1), April 11, 2016 (Committee of the Whole No. 2).

The following were received as information:

- Workforce Report: <http://bit.ly/1D4vYvf>
- Quarterly Budget Report (F2): <http://bit.ly/1yIon7h>
- Enrolment Update: <http://bit.ly/24fVe1u>
- Revised 2015-2016 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule: <http://bit.ly/1VUcEiF>
- Summary of Accounts - March 2016: <http://bit.ly/1VOyEMn>
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Draft Minutes – March 10, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1WQtmir>
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – March 22, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1pyPVuo>
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes - March 3, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1SFz3g3>
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes – February 16, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1Nu2ORS>
- Audit Committee Minutes – March 29, 2016: <http://bit.ly/1Sv5ueP>