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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

REGULAR BOARD MEETING | OCTOBER 24, 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 Trustee Brian Doyle.

Rylan Marr, Dunnville Secondary School: Rylan finished first at the Ontario Power Lifting Association's provincial championships last year. He took the first place title for his squat, deadlift and total records. Rylan has been powerlifting for the past three years, his inspiration in the sport stemming from his older brother Kyle Marr. While at the provincial championship last year, Rylan also surpassed the national deadlift record. Rylan is attending Niagara College in the Border Security Program this year. Rylan was presented his certificate by last June with his coach.



Darienne Martin, McKinnon Park Secondary School: Near the end of her grade 10 school year, Darienne submitted a poem she wrote to the James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award competition. It was based on a fictional character, depicting Six Nations' traditions and culture as seen from a female's perspective, through the stories told to her by her grandfather. In September, 2015, she was chosen as the first place prize winner. She was invited to the awards luncheon, which was held in the Lieutenant-Governor's General Chambers at Queen's Park, with James Bartleman himself. Darienne was also awarded with \$2,500 for first prize.



Mila Gretzky & Simran Grewal, North Park Collegiate-Vocational School: Mila and Simran started playing competitive soccer together in 2010 when they were on the Paris Fc u9 Girls Soccer. Throughout their soccer years, the two became the best players in their own league which granted them 17 tournament championships, league cups and multiple MVPs. They also played for Saltfleet Stoney Creek soccer club. When their elite league season was over, they were undefeated champions, league cup winners and the Ontario Cup Champions, which gave their club a name as the number one team in Ontario. After all of their hard work and dedication the girls had become Ontario Champions.



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>

South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review Committee Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Senior Administration Recommendations for each school in the Accommodation Review:

Accommodation Review Committee

- Lynndale Heights Public School – no change
- The French Immersion Program at Walsh PS will be split with Lakewood Elementary effective September 1, 2017 following the boundary set out in option 5(a). Both Lakewood and Walsh programs will become JK-Grade 8 dual track FI upon full implementation by adding grades 6 – 8, one cohort per year from 2017 through 2019.
- West Lynn Public School – will be closed and become surplus pending capital approval, to redevelop Elgin Avenue Public School including additional classroom space to accommodate current West Lynn students and Elgin students.
- Elgin Avenue Public School - Apply to the Ministry of Education for Capital Funding Approval to redevelop the current school including additional classroom space to accommodate current Elgin Avenue and West Lynn students.

South East Norfolk Elementary

Click here for more information related to the South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review, including the report: <http://bit.ly/2efj7Ho>

North Brant Elementary Accommodation Review Committee Report

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Senior Administration Recommendations for each school in the Accommodation Review:

North Brant Elementary

- Cobblestone Elementary School – No Change
- North Ward School – No Change
- Implement a dual-track French Immersion program at Paris Central beginning with Grade 6 in September 2017 and phasing in Grade 7 (September 2018) and Grade 8 (September 2019). The dual-track French Immersion program at Burford District Elementary School will finish at the Grade 5 level and students will move to Paris Central for Grades 6 to 8.

Click here for more information related to the North Brant Elementary Accommodation Review, including the report: <http://bit.ly/2epOlv6>

2016-2017 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement

The Grand Erie Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement - Draft and Renewed Math Strategy Addendum was presented to Trustees on September 26th, and shared with representatives from the Student Achievement Division during their System Improvement Learning Cycle visit on September 27th.

The 2016-2017 BIPSA – Draft and Renewed Math Strategy Plan Addendum were submitted to Student Achievement Division on September 30th.



The Renewed Math Strategy Addendum has also been shared with Administrators.

- Click here to access the report: <http://bit.ly/2dvenXl>



DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Commencements:

- Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School: November 3, 2016
- Delhi District Secondary School, Hagersville Secondary School and Cayuga Secondary School: November 4, 2016
- North Park Collegiate-Vocational School: November 5, 2016

National School Library Day: October 24, 2016

Child Care Work and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day: October 26, 2016

Student Senate: Student Trustees will be hosting their first Student Senate meeting of the year on October 27, 2016. Brett Newman and Elizabeth Marr will welcome student leaders from every secondary school to the Board Room to share their ideas and Student Council work. This opportunity is for the students to learn from each others.

Holocaust Education Week: November 3 – 9, 2016

Take Your Kids to Work Day: Grade 9 students from across the Board will learn about the many career opportunities as they participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day, which is held this year on November 2, 2016. Placements will vary from school to school. This day is sponsored by The Learning Partnership.

Treaties Recognition Week: November 6th marks the beginning of Treaties Recognition Week. The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation has offered information to school boards to promote public education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of September 26, 2016 (Regular Board Meeting) and October 17, 2016 (Committee of the Whole Board).

Committee minutes and reports were received as information:

- Summary of Accounts - September 2016: <http://bit.ly/2dURtKD>
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes - September 8, 2016: <http://bit.ly/2edLO5o>
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes - September 22, 2016: <http://bit.ly/2eAOIDE>
- Audit Committee Minutes - September 20, 2016: <http://bit.ly/2eo2Gqq>
- Compensatory Education Steering Committee Minutes - May 19, 2016: <http://bit.ly/2e7CrTi>
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes - May 31, 2016: <http://bit.ly/2eBlbFE>

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