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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

REGULAR BOARD MEETING | JANUARY 29, 2018

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Student Recognition Awards

The recognition program is Grand Erie District School Board's way of honouring and celebrating students who have excelled in academics, arts, athletics or community involvement. Monday evening, Isaac Kragten and Carter Rount were presented with a certificate from Board Chair Greg Anderson and Director of Education Brenda Blancher. The Student Recognition Awards program supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and Success for Every Student through the following statement: "We will set high expectations for our students and staff."

Isaac Kragten – Arts

Isaac is a highly accomplished actor and dancer who has appeared in a variety of television series and movies, including *Anne of Green Gables*, *Odd Squad* and *Taken*. Last year, the Grade 10 student won a 2017 Daytime Emmy Award as Outstanding Performer in a Children's Series for TVO's *Odd Squad*, which airs internationally. Most recently, Isaac worked alongside Academy Award winner Robert DeNiro on a major motion picture called *The War with Grandpa*, which is set for release later this year. Isaac has made a positive impression on staff and students at McKinnon Park Secondary School thanks to his humility and integrity, as well as the respect he consistently demonstrates.



Carter Rount – Athletics

Carter is an elite-level golfer, taking up the game five years ago. In 2016, the Grade 9 student was accepted into the Junior Performance Team at Cambridge's Whistle Bear Golf Club. The following year, he finished third at the 2017 Optimist Kingsville Canadian Open. The finish qualified Carter for the 2018 Optimist International Junior Golf Championship, one of the largest junior golf tournaments in the world, taking place this July at

the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach, Florida. Carter attends Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School as part of the SOAR (Strength, Opportunity, Achievement, Results) program, where he is recognized for his perseverance and sense of responsibility.

Major Construction Update – New Dunnville Elementary School

Work continues at the site of the new Dunnville Elementary School. As of January 23, crews were working on the above-ground masonry walls of the school. Corridor walls to the west and north of the gymnasium are nearing completion along with the walls around the Early Years area.

Rough-ins for plumbing and electrical are currently underway and duct inserts are being placed in the masonry openings. The new Dunnville Elementary School, which will bring together students from Fairview Avenue Public School and Grandview Central Public School this fall, will include child care as well as child and family program spaces. The new Dunnville Elementary School is being built thanks to a Capital Priorities Grant of approximately \$10 million from the Ministry of Education. The project is



expected to be on-time for the start of the 2018-19 school year as well as completed within budget. The Major Construction Update report also featured news on the addition at Thompson Creek Elementary School, the hospitality renovation at Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, and the redevelopment at Elgin Avenue Elementary School. This report supports the Environment indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan and Success for Every Student. To review the full report, see pages 39-42 of the agenda package: <http://bit.ly/2nnGuiQ>.

Scott Johnson Memorial Award – Brant United Way

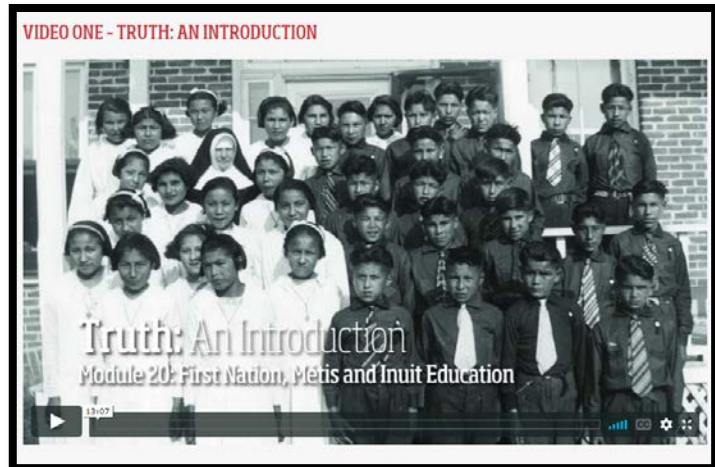
At the Brant United Way Achievement Celebration, the Scott Johnson Memorial Award was presented to Paris District High School teacher Aimee Ernst. The award recognizes those who are involved in the stewardship of their community through supporting the Brant United Way. Paris District High School encourages a spirit of giving. Students raise money for the United Way by having a classroom Waves of Change competition. Waves of Change focuses on how even one small donation can create a positive ripple effect throughout the community. Scott Johnson was a Grand Erie Principal.



A Journey Towards Truth and Reconciliation

Last week, the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC), with the support of its education partners – including the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) – and the Ministry of Education, launched a video and professional development resource module for Ontario school board trustees on Indigenous history called “A Journey towards Truth and Reconciliation: First Nations, Métis

and Inuit Trustee Professional Learning Module.” The resource, which can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2Gs0Sb4> focuses on the true history of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the ways in which school boards, and schools, are moving towards reconciliation. It also offers an understanding and appreciation for Indigenous histories, with insight and support for building school communities where the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples is founded on mutual respect.



Energy Efficiency Award from Energy+

In recognition of Grand Erie's energy conservation and efficiency, the Board was acknowledged by Energy+, the local distribution company serving Brant County schools. Energy+ recognized Grand Erie as a community leader in 2017 thanks to the board's efforts in conserving energy through the LED retrofit program and the saveONenergy program that offers incentives and education to staff and students on the importance of energy and environmental conservation. One of the success indicators of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan is Environment and the goal of “improving energy and environmental conservation at all sites.”

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of December 11, 2017 (Inaugural Board) and January 15, 2018 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

Trustees received the following as information:

- Committee of the Whole Report – January 15, 2018
- Quarterly Budget Report (Q1)
- Reverse Education Services Agreement
- Summary of Accounts – December 2017

- Special Education Advisory Committee – November 16, 2017
- Special Education Advisory Committee – December 7, 2017
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – December 21, 2017
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes – November 28, 2017
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – December 18, 2017
- Student Senate Virtual Minutes – December 7, 2017
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – January 11, 2018
- Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee Minutes (Draft) – January 11, 2018