



The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

Regular Board Meeting | March 25, 2019

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2uoMonv>

Student Recognition

The recognition program is Grand Erie's way of honouring and celebrating students who have excelled in academics, arts, athletics or community involvement. On Monday, Nicole Kelly, a Grade 12 student from Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, was presented with a certificate from Trustee Carol Ann Sloat 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."

Nicole Kelly – Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School – Athletics

Nicole Kelly is a world champion in the sport of hockey. Last year, the Grade 12 student donned the maple leaf jersey for the first time as one of 23 players on Canada's Under-18 women's hockey team.

In January, she was named to the team to compete at the International Ice Hockey Federation's Under-18 Women's World Championship in Japan. There, the team defeated the United States 3-2 in overtime, earning gold for Canada.

During her secondary school career, Nicole has balanced the gruelling training schedule required of an international-caliber athlete, while earning a reputation for her sense of integrity, responsibility, respect, and cooperation.





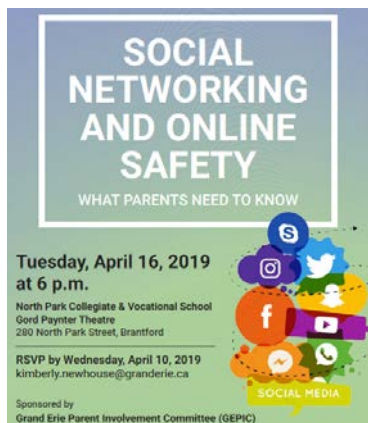
Mid-Year Report: Grand Erie's 2018-19 Student Achievement Plan, *Success for Every Student*

At the November 26 Board Meeting, Grand Erie's 2018-19 Student Achievement Plan was presented. The Student Achievement Plan focuses on the goals outlined in the Board's Multi-Year Plan and the Mathematics Achievement Strategy goals. Find the 2018-19 plan here: <https://bit.ly/2JEZTKu>. The Student Achievement Plan is also designed to include all students and is reflective of their journey from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Identifying the links between what the board does and how it does it, the Plan demonstrates the cyclical nature of school

improvement and aligns with Grand Erie's focus on a multidisciplinary system and school-based teams approach.

On Monday, Trustees were presented with the Mid-Year Review of the 2018-19 Student Achievement Plan. Highlights include a wide range of activities and initiatives in the Elementary and Secondary Program as well as Special Education. The report features the work of staff in Numeracy, Literacy and Well-Being and highlights the Board's indicators of success and monitoring to ensure success. To review the complete Mid-Year Report, see pages 31-51 here: <https://bit.ly/2uoMonv>.

This report supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan through the following statements: "We will set high expectations for our students and staff. We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes."



GEPIC Spring Event: Social Networking and Online Safety

Grand Erie's Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) is hosting an important and timely social media and online safety information session for Grand Erie parents. *Social Networking and Online Safety: What Parents Need to Know* will be held on April 16 at 6 p.m. in the Gord Paynter Theatre at North Park Collegiate and Vocational School. The event features guest speaker Paul Davis, who brings more than 27 years of IT knowledge and experience to Grand Erie. Davis is an expert in all of the latest social media trends and his presentation will cover cyberbullying, sexting, smartphones, digital trails, online security and other relevant topics. For more info, visit: <https://bit.ly/2CChvAP>.

Ministry of Education Announcement

On March 15, the Minister of Education announced a new vision for education, which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2TzdtOV>. The new vision includes a number of changes that are outlined in the Education Ministry's memo to all Ontario school board's here: <https://bit.ly/2UQqeWZ>. The memo features 14 key areas, including: Class Size, Attrition Protection, Hiring Practices, Technology and Modernizing Learning. On the same day, the Ministry of Education also invited the public to provide further input on teacher hiring practices (Ontario Regulation 247) and class sizes. Find the consultation information here: <https://bit.ly/2OqWVrF>. The deadline to provide feedback is May 31, 2019.

Additional Items

Memorial: A memorial statement was read to honour Dawn Tanner, Department Head for Special Education at Hagersville Secondary School. Dawn was a well-respected and beloved educator who was one of 18 Canadians who died in the Ethiopian Airlines crash on March 10.

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the February 25, 2019 (Regular Board) and March 4, 2019 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

Trustees approved the following:

- BL4 – Board and Committee of the Board Meeting Agendas
- Committee of the Whole – March 4, 2019
- Contract Award – Dunnville Secondary School (Masonry)

Trustees received the following as information:

- Director's Report
- Major Construction Update
- Summary of Accounts – February 2019
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – February 21, 2019
- Native Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 19, 2019
- Privacy and Information Management Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 20, 2019
- Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft) – February 27, 2019
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Committee Minutes (Draft) – March 5, 2019
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – March 7, 2019

Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2016, Grand Erie approved a new strategic direction to guide the work that the school board is doing. At the centre of this Multi-Year Plan is *Success for Every Student*. Grand Erie will achieve *Success for Every Student* through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support the Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Community, Environment, Equity, Technology and Well-Being.

The following stories showcase some of the most recent stories related to the Multi-Year Plan.

Achievement

- Statement on Behalf of the Grand Erie District School Board from Greg Anderson, Chair of the Board – Impact of Ministry of Education Changes
 - <https://bit.ly/2TWchdB>
- 2019-20 Budget Survey
 - <https://bit.ly/2TZNN2k>

Community

- Statement on behalf of the Grand Erie District School Board Senior Administration Team and Board of Trustees – Death of Dawn Tanner
 - <https://bit.ly/2HrMLWd>
- Social Networking and Online Safety: What Parents Need to Know – Information Session for Set for Grand Erie Parents
 - <https://bit.ly/2CChvAP>

Equity

- Elgin Avenue Public School is ‘Unlearning’
 - <https://bit.ly/2urHrKQ>

Well-Being

- On the Job with... Phillip Kuckyt, Manager of Transportation Services
 - <https://bit.ly/2UGx0P2>
- Helping Students Deal with High Anxiety at North Park Collegiate and Vocational School
 - <https://bit.ly/2OniA40>