



The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

Regular Board Meeting | February 25, 2019

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2Nm2IDV>

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, Sarah Coward, a Grade 12 student from North Park Collegiate and Vocational School was presented with a certificate from Trustee Susan Gibson 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."



SARAH COWARD – NORTH PARK COLLEGIATE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL – ARTS

For young artists, the opportunity to exhibit their work in a juried show is an important step in career development and artistic growth. For Sarah Coward, this opportunity came last October when she showcased an acrylic on canvas piece entitled *The Peoples Dance* during a regional competition for emerging artists up to age 25. Sponsored by Cadillac Fairview in partnership with the Hamilton Arts Council, the jury consisted of representatives from the corporate, non-profit, and arts communities, with the overall task of determining a best-in-show winner.

Coward's work took home the highest honour in

the Youth and Emerging Artists category, selected from 140 submissions from across Southwestern Ontario. Coward plans to continue pursuing the artistic field, and will be submitting a portfolio this spring for consideration of advanced placement as she begins her post-secondary visual arts career.

Additional Items

Approval of minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the February 4, 2019 (Regular Board) and February 11, 2019 (Committee of the Whole) meetings.

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Student Trustees Report
- Committee of the Whole – February 11, 2019
- Workforce Report
- Summary of Accounts – January 2019
- Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes – January 17, 2019
- Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee Minutes – January 17, 2019
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes (Draft) – January 10, 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.

Community

- Community Efforts Make a Mad Hatter of a Great Production at Onondaga-Brant
 - <https://bit.ly/2XaAefg>

Environment

- Students at Russell Reid Public School Demand Action on Climate Change
 - <https://bit.ly/2TP6vXf>

Equity

- *Count Us In!* Grand Erie's First Student Census Takes Place March 18-29
 - <https://bit.ly/2TZTxG7>