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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Board Meeting | August 30, 2021

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3BmFQX6>

Leading and Learning in a Pandemic

Director of Education JoAnna Roberto welcomed Trustees and senior administration back for the first meeting kicking off the 2021-22 school year. The start of this year also marks the launch of Grand Erie's new multi-year strategic plan. This summer, the school board approved the new strategic direction to guide its work in the coming years. At the core of the plan is the vision to Learn, Lead, Inspire, and a mission to build a culture of Learning, Well-Being and Belonging to inspire each learner.

Major Construction Update

The childcare projects at both Hagersville Secondary School and Central Public School are now complete. The construction at Central Public School in Brantford created an addition allowing for childcare space for 10 infants, 15 toddlers, 24 preschoolers, and space to provide support for families. The project at Hagersville Secondary School renovated the existing childcare space and will service 10 infants, 15 toddlers, and 24 preschoolers. Final financial information will be provided through the Final Major Construction report presented to Trustees in September.

Director's Report Highlights

Warm Welcome and Special Thank-You

A warm welcome to Superintendents Jennifer Tozer and Kevin Graham; Dave Smouter, Manager of Communications and Community Relations; and Diane DeVos, Manager of Human Resources, who have each moved into new roles as part of Grand Erie's team.



JoAnna Roberto
Director of Education



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Warm Welcome and Special Thank-You Continued...

Grand Erie is recognizing the outstanding work that took place over the summer, supported by System Principals and Leads, Facility Services, Information Technology, Human Resources, Communications and Community Relations, Health and Safety and Business Services departments. On before of the Board of Trustees, we value and appreciate your ongoing efforts to make the 2021-22 school year a positive one. We're proud of all of you and your contributions to leadership, and commitments to our students, staff and school communities.

Summer Learning Success

This summer, more than 200 Grand Erie students participated in Camp SAIL. Open to students entering grades 3-5, this Summer Adventures in Learning program provides students with an opportunity to continue developing literacy and numeracy skills in the summer months, with a fun summer camp-like experience. Students and teachers also had opportunity to work with Apple Education this year to connect literacy, numeracy, and technology through three programs: Digital Artisans, Digital Creations, and Digital Storytelling.

Summer learning for secondary students included 1407 registrations in eLearning courses and 480 registrations in online learning courses. In addition, 170 students participated in Reach Ahead credits, 87 students in credit recovery and 23 students in course upgrades.

Students and teachers received support this year through Learning Resource Teachers and Multilingual Learning Resource Teachers. We would like to extend our appreciation to Camp SAIL administrators Alison Cooke, Nancy Norton and Cheryl Bannister, Program Coordinator Brenda Stone and the many educators for their dedication and exemplary leadership which led to the success of this program. Thank you to Superintendents Lisa Munro, April Smith and Liana Thompson, who led the Summer Learning programming and initiatives. We also thank Rob Malcolm, Griffin Cobb, Stephen Wills, Mike DeGroot and Robin Staats.



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Indigenous Round Table

Held August 11 with Chief Leroy Hill, Chief Mark Hill, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation representatives, Chief Davis, Indigenous Education team members, Safe and Inclusive Schools team members, Mental Health and Well-Being Leads and Trustee VanEvery-Albert, this round-table event focused on forwarding plans to support Grand Erie's Indigenous students and communities. Principal Leader Robin Staats facilitated the conversation. The engaging event was well-attended, and stakeholders look forward to continued learning and planning.

Additional Items

Approval of Minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of the following meetings:

- Regular Board Meeting – June 28
- Special Board Meeting – July 9
- Special Board Meeting – July 28

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Learning and Governance Caucus Sessions
- 2021-22 Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board Agenda Schedule
- SO17 Guidelines for Student Accommodation, up to and including Exemption, from Non-Medical or Cloth Masks
- 2020-21 School Council Report

Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2021, 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 the vision to Learn, Lead and Inspire, and a mission to build a culture Learning, Well-Being and Belonging.



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

Learning

- Grand Erie Superintendent Selected to Help Develop Provincial School Mental Health Strategy: <https://bit.ly/3gM6WPP>

Leading

- River Heights Teacher Honoured with Building Leaders Award: <https://bit.ly/3sXVZPL>
- McKinnon Park Student Receives Canadian Student Leader Award: <https://bit.ly/3jtcLTJ>
- Delhi Graduate Earns Scholarship: <https://bit.ly/3jvM5lr>

Inspiring

- Patti McCleister Memorial Award Recipient Has Seen Grand Erie Through Unprecedented Challenges: <https://bit.ly/3yoh7ji>
 - Grand Erie Raises Over \$1,700 for Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation: <https://bit.ly/2WBmXAs>
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