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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Board Meeting

November 22, 2021

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

Learn Lead Inspire Award Presentation

Grand Erie is proud to recognize Karin Mertins, School and Program Supports Lead, for exemplifying the Board's vision and mission throughout her career and is honoured to present her with the *Learn Lead Inspire* award in recognition of her work. Karin is a lifelong learner who leads by example and inspires those around her. An advocate always for



students and families, and especially those who are vulnerable or marginalized, she has had a significant impact on student achievement and well-being. She uses her vast knowledge and understanding of child development, psychology, privacy legislation and accessibility to further the collective priorities of learning, well-being and belonging for each learner. As Chair of the Accessibility committee, Karin has brought focus to and engagement in understanding the necessity to eliminate barriers so that students can participate fully in all aspects of school life. She doesn't shy away from necessary and courageous conversations, and Grand Erie is better for it.



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Director's Report Highlights

School Council Orientation Hosted by GEPIC

The Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee is hosting its annual School Council orientation on November 25. Featuring keynote speaker Dr. Jean Clinton, Clinical Professor, McMaster University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences, the virtual event will also include topics and breakout sessions to foster effective parent engagement and develop partnerships to support school fundraising. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and can be accessed [here](#).



JoAnna Roberto
Director of Education

Art at the Education Centre

Special thanks to teachers Jean-Paul Gauthier at Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, Laura Mackenzie at Valley Heights Secondary School and their students for sharing their artwork, now on display in the Education Centre.

Student Senate 2021-22

Thank you to Student Trustees Carson Kitchen, Rielly Mitchell and Sierra Green for leading the first Student Senate of the school year. Thanks as well to staff liaison Mr. K Geerling for his leadership and support.



Additional Items

Memorial: A memorial statement was read to honour Liviann Freeman, a Paris District High School student who passed away peacefully at Sick Kids Hospital on October 18. Liviann was a beloved daughter, sister, friend, and a beacon of peace and happiness at school. She will be deeply missed by students and staff. Our deepest heartfelt sympathy is extended to Liviann's family and friends as they work through this tremendous loss.



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Additional Items

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

- October 25, 2021 (Regular Board)
- November 8, 2021 (Committee of the Whole Board)
- November 8, 2021 (Special Board)

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Committee of the Whole Board Report – November 8, 2021
- Audit Committee Annual Report
- Facility Renewal Plan 2020-21
- Major Construction Project Report
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee – October 14, 2021
- Indigenous Education System Supports Board Report
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes – September 16, 2021
- Safe and Inclusive Schools (SIS) Committee Minutes (Draft) – October 19, 2021
- Native Advisory Committee (NAC) Minutes (Draft) – October 19, 2021
- Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Minutes (Draft) – October 21, 2021
- Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Membership – October 21, 2021
- Audit Committee Minutes (Draft) – November 2, 2021
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN) Committee Minutes (Draft) – November 2, 2021

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 for each learner.

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



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Multi-Year Plan Stories

Learning

- Houghton Public School Reads its Way to First Place:
<https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/houghton-public-school-reads-its-way-first-place>

Belonging

- Indigenous Allyship Award Recognizes Strength and Resilience on Path to Graduation: <https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/indigenous-allyship-award-recognizes-strength-and-resilience-path-graduation>
- Grand Erie Launches Ryerson Heights Renaming:
<https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/media-release-grand-erie-launches-ryerson-heights-renaming>