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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Inaugural Board Meeting

December 13, 2021

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

Chair's Inaugural Address

In her inaugural address as Chair, Trustee Susan Gibson shared her gratitude towards the Board of Trustees, Student Trustees, outgoing Chair Greg Anderson, and each Grand Erie staff member for demonstrating leadership and resilience during the ongoing pandemic. She also highlighted the steadfast collective commitment to the board's multi-year strategic plan to guide the year ahead:

- "All of us keep students in the front of our minds as we collectively learn, lead, inspire and focus on well-being. Our board of trustees leads by example. We too are learning. We are refining our knowledge on governance so that we can focus on the budget, policies and multi-year strategic plan to ensure our students meet their goals."
- "As 2022 approaches, I am excited for the learning, leading and inspiring that continues not only at this table but most importantly in our schools. Let's keep the momentum going!"



Susan Gibson,
Chair of the Board

Gibson, who will lead Grand Erie as Board Chair for 2022, was selected by her peers at last week's Board Nomination Meeting. Find Gibson's complete Inaugural Address [here](#).



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Revised Budget Estimates

The 2021-22 Revised Budget Estimates are due for submission to the Ministry of Education on December 15, 2021. Updated enrolment estimates have been adjusted to reflect the actual enrolment on the October 31, 2021 count date. The enrolment generated significant revenue changes within the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) to allow for investments in new resources and hiring educators and staff to support learning and well-being for students.

“These additional investments are directly targeted to support students and the board’s ability to deliver caring, quality education. It represents a strong step forward on our mission to create a culture of learning, well-being and belonging.”

Susan Gibson, Chair of the Grand Erie District School Board

“I would like to thank our Trustees for their support of the revised budget, and their confidence in our team. These investments will positively impact every aspect of our vision to learn, lead and inspire.”

JoAnna Roberto, Director of Education, Grand Erie

Investment highlights:

- More than 30 elementary teachers to support enrolment growth
- More than 17 secondary teachers to support online learning, student success and guidance
- An additional eight educational assistants to support rising special education needs across the system
- Four full-time Indigenous Grad Coaches (Cultural Mentors)
- Additional school support and custodial positions
- Computer lab upgrades at five secondary schools
- Investments in secondary Specialist High Skills Major programs through the replacement of a dust collector and purchase of new specialized equipment (Robotics, 3D Printers and Climate Action Kits)
- Additional investments in devices and connectivity across the district

To read the full report, see pages 37 – 44 here: <https://bit.ly/3oRPtJN>



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Annual Director's Report for 2020-21

On Monday, Director of Education JoAnna Roberto presented her draft Annual Director's Report for the 2020-21 school year. The report, which is required by the Education Act, provides an overview of how the board is performing based on its **Multi-Year Strategic Plan**, indicating goals, outcomes and activities based on the plan's vision to learn, lead and inspire, and its mission to build a culture of learning, well-being and belonging.

Director's Report Highlights

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday

Director Roberto thanked the Board of Trustees and senior team for their dedication and commitment so far this year, and wished everyone a safe and restful winter break:

"I'm filled with gratitude for the dedicated staff across the district who continue to support students, families, and colleagues during these challenging times. It is our strength that has and will continue to move us forward together. The strategic plan is a constant reminder of our obligation to learn, lead, and inspire daily and countless examples of learning, well-being and belonging have been captured in every school, classroom, field and gathering place this fall. Together, I look forward to our return, filled with hope and joy."



JoAnna Roberto,
Director of Education



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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.

Learning

- **Susan Gibson elected Chair of Grand Erie District School Board:** <https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/susan-gibson-elected-chair-grand-erie-district-school-board>

Belonging

- **Community Support Enhances Jarvis Public School's Learning Commons Renovation:** <https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/community-support-enhances-jarvis-public-schools-learning-commons-renovation>