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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

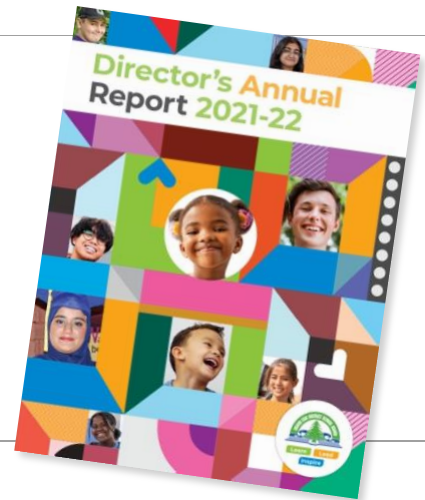
Regular Meeting of the Board

December 12, 2022

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

Director's Annual Report 2021-22

JoAnna Roberto, Director of Education, presented the **Director's Annual Report** 2021-22. The report looks at just some of the highlights and achievements in learning, leadership and inspiration throughout the last school year, shining the spotlight on the students, staff and community members who contributed to Grand Erie's collective priorities and goals in so many ways.



Student Showcase: Russell Reid Public School

The Grade 8 students at Russell Reid Public School recently hosted a Stress and Wellness Fair, and during Monday night's Board meeting, they brought this learning experience to share with Trustees and Grand Erie's senior team. As part of the preparations for the Stress and Wellness Fair, students differentiated between types of stress and learned about coping strategies. They then used a wide array of interactive media, including slide decks, TikTok videos, songs and dances, word searches, stress-relieving toys, and mental health resources to share with their peers.



Above: Back row, left to right: Shari Wencel, child and youth worker; students Omari and Morgan; Principal Mark Fraser; and Jennifer McColl, teacher; front row: students Dane, Mio, and Maddie; and Piyali Bagchee, mental health and well-being manager.



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Facility Renewal Projects

As part of a revised budget for the 2022-23 school year, a number of upgrades to school buildings and grounds will be taking place. The Facility Renewal Plan earmarks revenue for projects including updated HVAC, electrical, roofing, paving and masonry at multiple school sites. For a full list of projects, see pages 28 – 29 here:

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Indigenous Education

The Indigenous Education team has created a five-part speaker series on land-based learning. From an Indigenous perspective, land-based learning goes beyond simply moving indoor lessons outside or adding Indigenous content to an existing outdoor education program.

True Indigenous land-based learning is rooted in the traditional knowledge of Indigenous peoples acquired over a centuries-long relationship with the land. The next in this speaker series takes place **December 13 with Betts Doxtater**.



Teaching to Diversity and Inclusion

Shelley Moore, a dynamic presenter and familiar face in Grand Erie for facilitating professional development sessions on teaching to diversity and inclusion, led a powerful session for members of SEAC, GEPIC, IEAC and the Student Senate on December 8. Moore's leadership and expertise in these areas continue to benefit Grand Erie in its commitments to diversity, equity and inclusion.





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BOLTT Conference: Growing and Supporting an eLearning Program

At a recent Bringing Online Teachers Together (BOLTT) conference, Grand Erie staff presented their learning and success regarding significant growth in the eLearning program over the last few years. The session uncovered strategies to grow the program and ways staff can support students.

Thank you to Jeff Allison, vice-principal; Kyle Geerlings, DeLC; John Della Fortuna, principal; and Sarah Purdy, secondary consultant, for representing Grand Erie and presenting strategies on supporting students and staff as the program expands.

Additional Items

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Lucas Surek, a Grade 12 student at Paris District High School. Lucas was grateful for the support and encouragement he received from the staff while at Paris District High School. He was protective, loyal and loving to his friends and family. His smile and hugs were infectious. He will be remembered and missed by so many. Our deepest condolences go out to Lucas's family and his friends.

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

- 3D Printing Project Allows Students at Princess Elizabeth Public School to Learn, Lead and Inspire in New Ways: <https://bit.ly/3uLAJhN>



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Multi-Year Plan Stories Contd.

Well-Being

- Q&A: Welcoming Sara Darling, Chair of the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee: <https://bit.ly/3U4kuGW>

Belonging

- Grand Erie Nations and New Start Programs to Move to Six Nations Polytechnic: <https://bit.ly/3uPQ7tM>