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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

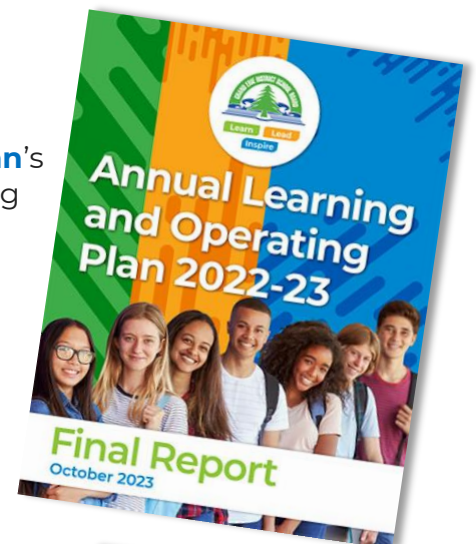
Regular Meeting of the Board

October 30, 2023

All reports for this meeting can be found here: bit.ly/3FD01as

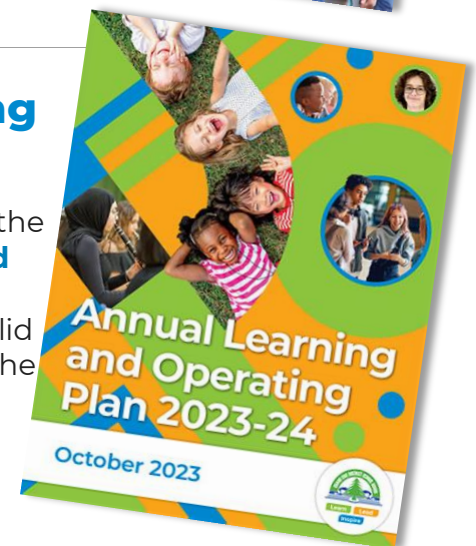
Annual Learning and Operating Plan Final Report

Grand Erie presented its **Annual Learning and Operating Plan's** final report for the 2022-23 school year to trustees, highlighting progress made towards learning, well-being and belonging goals, and previewing work to come in the year ahead. The Annual Learning and Operating Plan is rooted in the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the five-year path that guides its work through the collective priorities of learning, well-being and belonging. The final report document charts specific learning goals and outcomes related to math and literacy, graduation rates, mental health and well-being, and the support services that help deliver on those goals.



New Learning, Well-Being and Belonging Goals for 2023-24 School Year

The Annual Learning and Operating Plan's final report closes the 2022-23 school year, and opens the new **Annual Learning and Operating Plan for the 2023-24 school year**, which was also presented to the Board on Monday. This plan builds on the solid momentum of the previous plan, identifying new targets for the responsive, equitable environments to nurture curiosity and opportunity for each learner.





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Learning Summit Brings Goals to Life

Once again, the presentation of the Annual Learning and Operating Plan's final report was preceded by a Learning Summit, providing trustees with a chance to meet with staff members from various departments across the Board to hear firsthand about the results and opportunities guiding this work. In an interactive format, trustees reviewed highlights, asked questions, and learned more about the collective, collaborative processes dedicated to improving outcomes for learners across the district.



Right: Grand Erie leaders from various departments presenting their work during the Learning Summit



Student Trustees Attend Conference

This past month, Grand Erie's student trustees Aleena Skye, Maggie Baker and Keira Gayowsky attended the Ontario Student Trustees' Association Fall General Meeting, connecting with student trustees from across the province, hearing from various guest speakers, and learning about the initiatives of OSTA-AECO's leadership team and education interest groups. Gayowsky also joined the Student Well-Being Working Group as Secretary, and Skye took part in the Truth and Reconciliation working group.



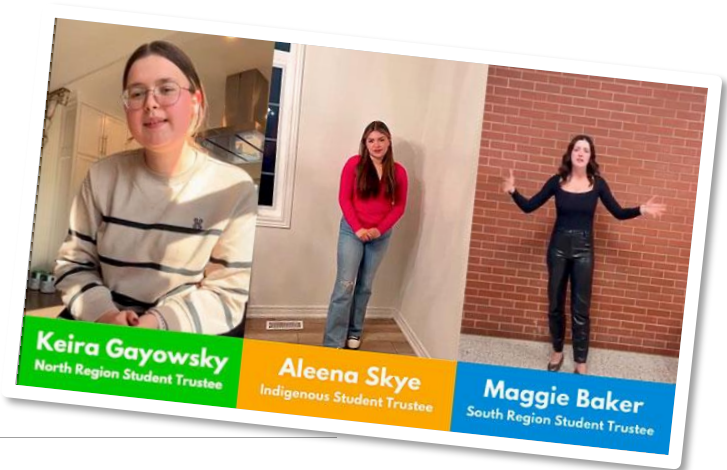
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Director's Report Highlights

Student Trustee Video

The Student Trustees put together a lovely **video**, aimed at students, introducing themselves and what their goals and activities are for the school year.



Congratulations, Grand Erie Retirees

Recently, Grand Erie had the chance to recognize each of this past year's retirees during an event intended to honour their dedication and commitment. Their years of service have been instrumental in realizing our goals and priorities. To all retiring staff members, thank you for building a culture of **learning, well-being** and **belonging** during your time in Grand Erie, and congratulations on well-deserved retirements!

Staff Recognitions

Grand Erie is bringing back a staff recognition program connected to years of service with the board. All permanent employees who hit milestones of five or 25 years of service in the 2023-24 school year were recognized at a staff meeting. Grand Erie thanks each staff member for their commitments to the learners across our district, and is honoured to recognize those celebrating these significant work anniversaries.





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Truth and Reconciliation in Grand Erie

Schools across Grand Erie took part in important learning about our collective commitments to Truth and Reconciliation last month. Among the highlights was a football connection; the annual Every Child Matters game raised awareness and support while taking the field at Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, playing McKinnon Park Secondary School. Pauline Johnson educator and coach – and former Hamilton Tiger-Cats player – John Macdonald was honoured the next day in Hamilton as his former CFL team recognized him as an alumnus of distinction. Macdonald, who is Mohawk, Wolf clan, originally from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, has been a leader and an inspiration in Grand Erie since beginning his educational career here.

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 Strategic Plan.

Learning

- [Graduating Class Shares Lessons in Resilience and Staying Inspired](#)
- [Book it to the Library to Check out New Titles Sure to Learn, Lead and Inspire](#)

Belonging

- [Truth and Reconciliation Takes the Field](#)
- [Donation Pitch Perfect for Simcoe Composite School's Music Program](#)