



# The Leader

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Committee of the Whole Board Meeting September 13, 2021

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3k8AoBw>

#### Director's Report Highlights

##### Kicking off the 2021-22 Year

On Thursday, September 2, Grand Erie hosted a professional development day, with a focus on the launch of our new multi-year strategic plan. School teams were able to engage with the new Vision and Mission statements, as well as the key priorities of our new plan. Educators and leaders had an opportunity to come together and welcome each other back and review re-opening guidelines. Dr. Jean Clinton, Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster, division of Child Psychiatry, delivered a virtual keynote address to all Grand Erie educators and leaders regarding the challenges and opportunities that they may face when students return to school.



**JoAnna Roberto**  
Director of Education

##### Balanced School Year Pilot Project Town Halls

Grand Erie is seeking to engage parents and guardians as it explores piloting a balanced school-year calendar in one of its Brantford elementary schools for the 2022-23 school year. Schools following a balanced school-year calendar have the same number of school days and holidays, but breaks are scheduled differently (or "balanced") throughout the school year. More information will be shared directly with families in the schools being considered.



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### Grand Erie Partnering with Six Nations Polytechnic to Offer AQ Course for Educators

Grand Erie and Six Nations Polytechnic is offering an opportunity for educators to take part in the additional qualification course *Teaching First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Children*, providing an overview of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit perspectives as they relate to current classrooms in Ontario. This course is free to Grand Erie educators, and supports inquiry-based learning, honouring candidates' knowledge and lived experiences.

#### Update:

- SO17 Guidelines for Student Accommodation, up to and including Exemption from Non-Medical or Cloth Masks /Resource Package

#### The following Policies and Procedure will be sent out for comment:

- F107 Reporting Suspected Wrongdoing
- FT101 Smoke-Free Environment
- HR102 Working with Blood-Borne Infections, Precautions and Practices
- F7 Reporting of Wrongdoing

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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.

#### Leading

- A Grand Return as Staff and Families Ready for New School Year: <https://bit.ly/3zay8xL>