



Regular Meeting of the Board | May 31, 2021

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2SHfr5g>

Review of Annual Operating Plans 2020-21

Each fall, Grand Erie's Senior Administration team presents Annual Operating Plans (AOP) to the Board of Trustees. The AOPs connect directly to the indicators in Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, Success for Every Student, and guide the work of the system throughout the year.

Each May, Trustees are provided with an update on the AOPs, including: Community, Environment, Equity, and Technology. To review the results of the 2020-21 AOPs, see pages 66-84 here: <https://bit.ly/2SHfr5g>

Major Construction Update

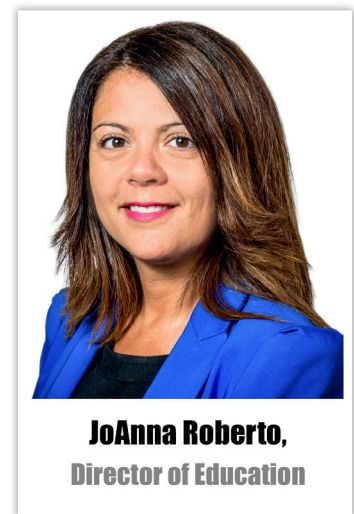
On Monday, Trustees were given a status update on a major construction project underway in Grand Erie: the child care addition at Central Public School in Brantford. The general scope of the project created an addition on Central Public School that created a child care program that will service 10 infants, 15 toddlers, 24 preschoolers, and space to provide support for a family age group. This report supports the Environment indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, Success for Every Student. To review the report, see pages 85-86 here: <https://bit.ly/2SHfr5g>

Director's Report Highlights

Grand Erie Honours Lives Lost to Residential School System

Beginning May 31, all flags across Grand Erie's schools and worksites will be lowered to mourn the 215 children whose remains were recently found at the site of the former Kamloops Residential School in Kamloops, BC. The flags will be lowered for nine days, 215 hours to represent the life of each child lost. We stand with all Indigenous peoples, and our local First Nations, both Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as we collectively mourn this loss and recognize the trauma caused and felt across the nation.

Throughout the month of June, students, staff, families and community members are encouraged to wear orange in honour of their memory.



JoAnna Roberto,
Director of Education

Grand Erie Welcomes Kevin Graham as Superintendent of Education

Grand Erie is pleased to announce the appointment of Kevin Graham as the new Superintendent of Education. Kevin has extensive experience as a secondary school and system principal. Throughout his 20 years of experience at the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, he has created a positive impact at both the school and board level, most notably in Student Success, Indigenous Education, Equity and eLearning.

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month, celebrating the history, heritage, diversity and significant contributions that First Nations, Métis & Inuit people have made in shaping Canada.

June 21 is also National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada. This day was created in collaboration with Indigenous organizations and the Government of Canada in 1996 as a day for all Canadians to recognize the “unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Métis & Inuit peoples.”

The Grand Erie Elementary Teachers’ Federation, in partnership with the Grand Erie, will host a virtual event, *Sharing our Voices: We are the Water*, to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 18. The virtual event takes place from 1-2 p.m. through MS Teams. Students from Grand Erie, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, will be in attendance to celebrate and honour our relationships with the waters of the Grand River and Lake Erie. The event will feature music, dance, art, sign language and powerful messages on behalf of clean, healthy drinking water.

Pride Month

Throughout the month of June, students and staff in Grand Erie will celebrate Pride Month to demonstrate support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and to acknowledge significant contributions to making Grand Erie schools safer and more inclusive spaces for everyone.

All Grand Erie schools have a Pride flag, and will be encouraged to display their flag prominently, not only this month, but throughout the school year. Grand Erie’s Safe and Inclusive Schools team will also provide students and staff with resources to help learn, support and participate in Pride Month.

The Honourable Stephen Lecce and MPP Will Bouma visits King George’s Grade 3/4 Virtual Classroom

The Honourable Stephen Lecce and MPP Will Bouma recently visited Ms. Jacklyn Balkwill’s Grade 3/4 virtual classroom at King George Elementary School. Students learned about “inferencing” as they analyzed the clues provided by their special guests. They then had to inference to find out who their special guests were. Students were thankful for the fun opportunity to ask their questions to the Minister and MPP as they learned more about what they do.

A special thank you to Ms. Jaclyn Balkwill, Principal Cheryl Bannister and Vice-Principal Dina Atanas for coordinating this special class visit and lesson.

Additional Items Memorial: At the beginning of the Regular Meeting of the Board on May 31 at 7:15 p.m., a moment of silence was held in honour of the lives lost at Kamloops Residential School.

Approval of Minutes: Trustees approved the minutes of April 26, 2021 (Regular Board Meeting), May 10, 2021 (Committee of the Whole Board), April 27, 2021 (Special Board Meeting), May 10, 2021 (Special Board Meeting) and May 13, 2021 (Special Board Meeting)

Trustees also received the following reports:

- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – April 8, 2021
- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes – April 17, 2021
- Native Advisory Committee (NAC) Minute (Draft) – April 6, 2021 D. Martins
- Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Minutes (Draft) – April 19, 2021
- Privacy and Information Management Committee (PIM) Minutes (Draft) - May 13, 2021
- Student Senate Minutes (Draft) - March 25, 2021

Multi-Year Plan Stories

In 2016, 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 Success for Every Student. Grand Erie will achieve Success for Every Student through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The six indicators that support the Multi-Year Plan are: Achievement, Community, Environment, Equity, Technology and Well-Being.

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

Achievement

- Grand Erie Teacher Recognized with Award for Excellence in Secondary Teaching: <https://bit.ly/2S1s5vV>

Community

- COVID-19 vaccine clinics for youth ages 12 to 17 now open: <https://bit.ly/3g1cG6L>

Equity

- Grand Erie Celebrates Pride Month: <https://bit.ly/3x2anaH>
- June is National Indigenous History Month: <https://bit.ly/2SNw4Mu>