



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting | June 14, 2021**

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3cIY5Mo>

### **Budget Approval**

The 2021-22 Operating and Capital Budgets have been developed as set out in Board Policy F2 – Budget Development Process, in consultation with program and service area staff and in consideration of budget priorities provided by the Board, the Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan and alignment to the Ministry of Education's Grants for Student Needs (GSN). The budget development for 2021-22 has also incorporated a significant investment from the Ministry of Education to assist Boards with planning and implementing safety protocols for the upcoming school year that may be required as a result of evolving public health regulations for COVID-19. The Budgets will be submitted to the Ministry as required by regulation on or before the submission deadline of June 30, 2021, pending Board approval.

The total Operating Budget for the 2021-22 school year for the Grand Erie District School Board is \$338,343,594 and has increased \$4,681,384 or 1.40 per cent from the 2020-21 Budget of \$333,662,210. The total Capital Budget for 2021-22 is expected to be \$24,535,000. The details are identified on pages 3-7 here: <https://bit.ly/3cIY5Mo>

### **Annual Review of the Special Education Plan**

Per regulation 306, each school board is required to maintain a Special Education Plan, review it annually and make amendments as appropriate. Each school board is also required to ensure that updated and comprehensive information regarding Special Education programs and services is made available to the community by the start of the school year. The plan includes comprehensive information on the Board's programs and services that support students with special education needs. Changes to the plan are made annually in response to feedback collected from the Special Education Advisory Committee, input from parents and community members.

To review the plan, see pages 10-115 here: <https://bit.ly/3cIY5Mo>

This report supports the Achievement indicator of Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, Success for Every Student, through the following statement: "We will monitor, measure and reflect on our outcomes."

## **Director's Report Highlights**

### **Recent Tragic Event in London**

To mark the tragic events that took place in London, Ontario, all flags across Grand Erie were lowered until June 9. We continue to stand in solidarity with those of Muslim faith and condemn this unacceptable and hate-motivated attack, as Islamophobia has no place in our community.

Our hearts continue to be with the victims' family and all those impacted. Resources and supports have also been shared with students and families.

# Director's Report Highlights

## School Year Calendar for 2021-22

The Grand Erie District School Board has received approval from the Ministry of Education for the 2021-22 School Year Calendars. The calendars were developed in collaboration with the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board. A special thank you to Superintendent of Education Wayne Baker's team for their leadership on the upcoming school year calendar.



**JoAnna Roberto,**  
**Director of Education**

## Graduation Plans

Last week, Grand Erie shared an update regarding graduation ceremonies with students and families. At this moment, Ontario is at the stage which allows up to 10 people to gather outdoors. With the health and safety of students, families and staff in mind, Grand Erie will continue with existing graduation plans for a virtual celebration for Grade 8 graduates. Schools may also celebrate in other ways such as graduation lawn and/or display signs, contact-less drive-through celebrations, video messages and more. This option was consulted on with public health and was deemed to be safe.

All secondary graduation ceremonies will be held in the fall of 2021. At this moment, we continue to monitor and receive direction from the Province with regards in-person gatherings. As more people in the Province become vaccinated, we hope that Provincial guidance will allow for in-person gatherings in the fall. More information will be shared with families as they become available.

We would like to thank our students, families and staff for their understanding and patience throughout these extraordinary times. We recognize that this is not the way we hoped to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates, but we know that our staff are busy going above and beyond to organize these graduation ceremonies to make them a special and memorable one.

## Agnes G. Hodge Elementary School Virtual Art Show

We are excited to share the fantastic virtual art show that students at Agnes G. Hodge have put together during remote learning. The virtual show featured a variety of art including paintings, recreational art using objects, neurographic art, pencil sketches, Lego, sculptures, digital, drawings and more.

[Visit the Agnes G. Hodge Virtual Art Show here.](#)

## Additional Items

Trustees also received the following reports:

- The following Policies and Procedures will be sent out for comment:
- SO8 Community Partnerships
- SO10 Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- SO11 Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour
- HR 110 Hiring Procedures
- HR120 Communicable Diseases
- SO134 Website Requirements

## **Additional Items**

The following Bylaws and Policies were recommended for approval:

- BL08 Committees of the Board
- F7 Disclosure of Wrongdoing
- P1 Special Guiding Principles
- HR3 Hiring of Staff
- HR7 Replacement Casual Principal/Vice Principal Selection Process
- HR9 Conflict of Interest

The following Procedures were shared as information:

- F104 Advertising
- HR109 Offence Declaration
- P108 Secondary Programs of Choice
- SO126 Volunteers

## **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 Top Honour for Data-Driven Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3gjZI5o>
- Summer Learning Offers Students Opportunity to Get Caught Up, Get Ahead, or Change Paths: <https://bit.ly/2U6lZtO>

### **Well-Being**

- Pride Day at Thompson Creek Offers Lessons in Humanity: <https://bit.ly/3iK7zeb>

### **Community**

- A Message to The Muslim Association of Brantford: <https://bit.ly/3vwKmz7>