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Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING | DECEMBER 12, 2016

Chair's Inaugural Address

David Dean, Chair of the Grand Erie District School Board, addressed the Board in his Inaugural Address.

In his address, Chair Dean shared, "As I look back over the last year it must be said that our most important achievement as a Board has been the development and early implementation of our new multi-year plan. We followed a collaborative process that was open and debated vigorously along the way. Success for every student and a culture of high expectations defines our collective focus for students and staff. It is in keeping with our theme of inclusiveness and it encourages all of us to up our game in terms of what we expect of others and especially of ourselves.

And as I look forward to 2017, I see many reasons for optimism and excitement in Grand Erie."

Read Chair Dean's complete inaugural address: <http://bit.ly/2gAdflX>



Code of Ethics

The Trustees stood and read the Code of Ethics aloud: <http://bit.ly/2hFNSS2>

Director's Annual Report - 2015-16

Click the link to view the Director's Annual Report to the Community: www.granderie.ca/dar2016

Director Brenda Blancher released the Director's Annual Report to the Community to the Board of Trustees. The report compiles articles and facts that tell the stories of Grand Erie's journey through the 2015-16 school year. The Director's Report is available online and a link will be promoted through a banner on the website and through social media. The Director's Report will be submitted to the Ministry of Education by January, 2016.



Celebrating the Season in Grand Erie

With the Christmas season upon us, schools across Grand Erie are participating and hosting various holiday-themed events and activities. Like Fairview Avenue Public School families who participated in their community tree lighting ceremony (shown in picture), there are many events and initiatives taking place over the next two weeks.



- For a list of events in this week's media advisory, click here: <http://bit.ly/2gTmMXl>

Technology Infrastructure Review: Grand Erie Trustees approved the reallocation of the 2016-17 IT budget to support the year 1 change outlined in the "Technology Infrastructure Review" report: <http://bit.ly/2gtsGxr>. Grand Erie also approved the "Technology Infrastructure Review" report plan subject to annual budget approval.

School Consolidation Capital Funding Submission: Guided by the ARC Approval for the South East Norfolk Elementary accommodation review, Grand Erie Trustees recommends a business case be submitted to the Ministry of Education, prior to the January 27, 2017 deadline, as follows:

- The redevelopment of Elgin Avenue Public School including additional classroom space to accommodate current Elgin Avenue and West Lynn students following the closure of West Lynn Public School. This would mean demolition of portions of the existing school, building of new portions of the school and a complete retrofit of the portions of the building being retained.
- The business case would be supported by the closure of West Lynn Public School and the creation of a new French Immersion attendance boundary to better utilize space at Walsh and Lakewood Elementary.
- Subject to the support of the county Consolidated Municipal Services Manager, the submission would include the request for capital funding to support the creation of child care space and child and family support space in the redeveloped Elgin Avenue Public School.
- To view the report, click here: <http://bit.ly/2gEYUcy>

Financial Requirements and Information at the Inaugural Meeting:

- **Audit Committee Annual Report:** Ontario Regulation 361/10 and Grand Erie Bylaw 8 – Audit Committee Terms of Reference require the Audit Committee to provide an annual report to the Board. View the annual report by clicking the following link: <http://bit.ly/2gSwEB2>
- **Audit Committee Minutes:** Trustees approved the Audit Committee Minutes for December 6, 2016: <http://bit.ly/2gtoTAX>
- **Consolidated Financial Statements - August 31, 2016:** Grand Erie Trustees received the Auditor's Report for the year ended 2015-16 as recommended by the Audit Committee. To view the report, visit the following link:
- **Signing Officers:** Trustees approved that signing authorities for the Board: <http://bit.ly/2hnmwkm>
- **Borrowing Authority:** Trustees authorized the Signing Authorities of the Board to obtain loans at any one time up to a maximum of \$35 million to cover current payrolls and general account cheques, if required. The report can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2hnnPQ4>
- **Revised Budget Estimates:** The 2016-17 Revised Budget Estimates were approved and will be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- **Approval of Minutes:** November 28, 2016 (Regular Board), December 5, 2016 (Nomination), and December 5, 2016 (Organizational)
- **Striking Committee Report:** <http://bit.ly/2hwILHR>
- **Review of Bylaws Not on Board's Regular Review Schedule [from October 5, 2009]:**
<http://bit.ly/2hnhsw0>
- **Summary of Accounts - November 2016:** <http://bit.ly/2hr7quC>
- **Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – November 17, 2016:**
<http://bit.ly/2gSuocN>
- **OPSBA Report:** <http://bit.ly/2hnik49>

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