

Inaugural Board Meeting |
Monday, December 14, 2015

Chair's Inaugural Address

David Dean, Chair of the Grand Erie District School Board, addressed the Board in his Inaugural Address. The Chair acknowledged the contributions of the previous Chair, Carol Ann Sloat.

In his address, Chair Dean stated, *"I shall focus my remarks this evening on one of my favourite themes – the student as the learner. As mentioned last week in our press release, the student as the learner is at the centre of our system and the sole reason for its existence. And so I have chosen three headings to pursue briefly in the context of the student learner: student achievement; the student voice; and the learning environment."*



Chair Dean shared his appreciation to staff and extended best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Read the full address here: <http://bit.ly/1SY6Rnm>

Code of Ethics

The Trustees stood and read the Code of Ethics aloud: <http://bit.ly/1SXFPww>

Director's Annual Report



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

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 2014-15 school year. The Director's Report is available online and a link will be promoted through a banner on the website. The Director's Report will be submitted to the Ministry of Education by January, 2015.

Report to the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and Six Nations of the Grand River:

Trustees received the draft report to the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and Six Nations of the Grand River as information and forward it to AANDC and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

- To view the draft report, click here: <http://bit.ly/1O0u7wE>



Financial Information: Financial Requirements 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/1NPUEKc>
- **Audit Committee Minutes:** Trustees approved the Audit Committee Minutes for November 25, 2015 (<http://bit.ly/1O5vKiZ>) and December 1, 2015 (<http://bit.ly/1mklcjG>).
- **Consolidated Financial Statements - August 31, 2015:** Grand Erie Trustees received the Auditor's Report for the year ended 2014-15 as recommended by the Audit Committee. To view the report, visit the following link: <http://bit.ly/1RkHpLj>
- **Signing Officers:** Trustees approved that signing authorities for the Board: <http://bit.ly/222CzGm>
- **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/1JlYqy>
- **Revised Budget Estimates:** The 2015-16 Revised Budget Estimates for submission to the Ministry of Education were approved and can be found here:

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- **Approval of Minutes:** Trustees approved the minutes of November 23, 2015 (Regular Board), December 7, 2015 (Board Nomination), and December 7, 2015 (Board Organizational).
- **Striking Committee Report:** <http://bit.ly/1mkkKC3>
- **Review of Bylaws Not on Board's Regular Review Schedule:** <http://bit.ly/1157bAq>
- **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Membership:** <http://bit.ly/1O5xkBV>
- **Summary of Accounts – November 2015:** <http://bit.ly/1J7AKfl>
- **Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes – November 19, 2015:** <http://bit.ly/1157OtP>
- **Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Minutes – November 9, 2015:** <http://bit.ly/1TLMfPt>
- **Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee Minutes – November , 2015:** <http://bit.ly/1P3Bd75>
- **OPSBA Report:** <http://bit.ly/1QiOImE>