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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Meeting of the Board

August 29, 2022

All reports for this meeting can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3T1b3Ux>

Learning and Leading into a New School Year

Director of Education JoAnna Roberto welcomed Trustees and senior administration back for the first Board meeting of the 2022-23 school year, thanking them for their ongoing commitment and dedication to ensure a successful start to the new school year. Grand Erie's multi-year strategic plan is moving into its second year, with a renewed vision to Learn, Lead and Inspire, and a collective mission to build a culture of Learning, Well-Being and Belonging to inspire each learner.

Director Roberto also issued a special welcome to Student Trustees Maggie Baker, Tatyana Zebroski and Aleena Skye as they step into important leadership roles representing Grand Erie students in the year ahead. The Director also recognized the



From left: Aleena Skye, Maggie Baker and Tatyana Zebroski – New Grand Erie Student Trustees for the 2022-23 school year.

outstanding work that took place over the summer supported by System Principals and Leads, Facility Services, Information Technology, Human Resources, Communications, Health and Safety and Finance departments in preparation for a positive start and continued achievement in the year ahead.



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Major Construction Update

In October 2020, the Ministry of Education provided the Board with approved funding to address the enrolment pressure in Southwest Brantford by constructing a new 650-pupil elementary school. The general scope of the project is to partner with both the City of Brantford and the Brantford Public Library to construct a joint-use elementary school that would include an enhanced library, a triple gymnasium, and a 4-room child-care centre at the undeveloped site near the intersection of Shellard Lane and Anderson Road in Brantford.

To view the full report, please see page 22-24: <https://bit.ly/3Tlb3Ux>

Director's Report Highlights

A Successful Summer of Learning, Leading and Inspiring

This summer saw the successful return of in-person learning and well-being opportunities for students and staff. Among the highlights:

- Grand Erie's first Summer Institute, providing learning and professional development opportunities for staff, ran from August 17 – 24, with 17 sessions running, in-person and virtually, and approximately 150 participants.
- Camp SAIL (Summer Adventures in Learning) returned in-person at six locations across Grand Erie and saw double the number of students taking part in the learning.
- Three new technology camps were offered at various secondary-school sites in July and August including Mind Over Metal, Organized KOAS and Cooking with Chef David Wolfman.
- Grand Erie ran a drop-in support site at JC Hill in Ohsweken in July to allow students enrolled in online courses to receive in-person supports.
- Summer Learning courses saw 2,253 credits (and counting) earned by Grand Erie students looking to get caught up, get ahead or explore a new subject.



JoAnna Roberto,
Director of Education



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Action Plan for 2022-23

Director Roberto shared a glimpse into the Learning in Action Plan for the upcoming school year. Among the highlights:

- Specialized Services will focus on inclusive education working closely with the K-12 Program team.
- The K-12 Program team will continue to focus on culturally relevant, responsive and sustainable pedagogy, the implementation of a Reading Assessment Portfolio and Responsive Instruction.
- The Math journey continues with Instructional Coaches for All, as well as De-streaming and Re-engagement.
- AQ courses will continue to be offered to staff throughout the year at no cost to educators.
- Indigenous Education continues to focus on culture-competency training and intentional supports at the elementary level.
- The Equity Action Plan and the Mental Health Strategy are underway.
- Leadership Pathways will be offered to staff across the district.

Inspiring the Year Ahead

With a theme of “inspire” for the 2022-23 school year, Director Roberto introduced a video in which Grand Erie students put inspiration into action.

[Watch the video...](#)





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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.

Learning, Well-Being, Belonging

Welcome Message from our Director and Chair:

<https://www.granderie.ca/board/news/welcome-back-message-our-chair-and-director>