

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:20 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Busuttill. Student Trustees Dylan Challinor and Leia Johnson were also in attendance.

Opening Prayer, Trustee MacNeil

Trustee MacNeil read a quote from the book entitled The Te of Piglet, written by Benjamin Hoff.

Condolences

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Melissa Cranley, Administrative Assistant, Health and Safety and Human Resources, on the loss of her mother-in-law; Lindsay Mall, Teacher at Parkinson Centennial PS, on the loss of her father; Andrew Mall, Teacher at Spencer Avenue ES on the loss of his father-in-law; Andrew Chevalier, Teacher at Erin DHS on the loss of his mother, and Gerald Charbonneau, Night Shift Supervisor at Erin DHS on the loss of his father.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the good news as follows:

Centre Wellington DHS

Glenn Wagner, Science Department Head, currently on leave as teacher in residence at the Perimeter Institute, continues to lead workshops on the concept of 21st century approach to learning at the Perimeter Institute with his OAPT (Ontario Association of Physics Teachers) colleagues. Mr. Wagner will be presenting at the May 2016 OAPT Conference to be held at Wilfred Laurier University in the workshop entitled Classrooms Driven by Questions: A 21st Century Approach to Learning. In addition, he has penned an article by the same title which was published in the OAPT Newsletter, and is available on the OAPT website.

John F. Ross CVI

The OAPT has recognized James Ball, Physics Teacher at John F. Ross CVI who wrote an article An Experiment Involving Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle. This is another example of James Ball's ability to take very complex physics concepts and make them understandable.

OFSAA

Six hundred and twenty cross-country ski athletes will travel to Highlands Nordic this Wednesday through Friday to compete. Twenty athletes from Upper Grand will be attending; 19 from Orangeville DSS and one from Centre Wellington DHS. The Orangeville DSS coach, Stuart Dennie, Science Head, started his ski career as a student skier at Orangeville DSS. Frances Norlen, Chief of the Course will be welcoming one of the largest field competitors in years, in both Para Nordic sit and Para Nordic standing athletes.

Shakespeare at the River Run Centre

Staff and students from the Upper Grand DSB performed a three-night run of Yes! Shakespeare, at the River Run Centre in Guelph. The play was written and directed by Rickson Ridge PS teachers Aaron Duncan and Heather Walker. Students from Centennial CVI and John McCrae PS, together with teachers from Rickson Ridge PS, Guelph CVI, and Centennial CVI were featured in the play.

Guelph CVI

Guelph CVI was officially authorized as an International Baccalaureate World School.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee Cooper, that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held January 26, 2016

Trustee Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the minutes of the meeting held January 26, 2016, and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting, be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business Transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera

Trustee MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Sit in Committee of the Whole

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

Ratification of ETFO Occasional and Teachers Bargaining Units Collective Agreements

Trustee Bailey announced that earlier this evening, in the In Camera session, the Board ratified both Collective Agreements with the ETFO Teachers' Bargaining Unit as well as ETFO Occasional Teachers Bargaining Unit. Mr. Bailey expressed thanks for the relationships and partnership developed with ETFO and staff. He noted that both agreements are effective for the period September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017.

Program Committee

Trustee Moziar moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held February 2, 2016 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. The verbal update from student Trustees be received, with thanks.
2. The verbal update on Mental Health be received, with thanks.
3. The verbal report on Financial Literacy be received.
4. The verbal update on Student Success be received.
5. The verbal OPSBA report be received.

6. The update from the Public Education Symposium be received.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee Schieck moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held February 9, 2016 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Schieck moved that:

1. The report PLN:16-04 Draft Plan for French Review Public Information Sessions dated February 9, 2016 be received.
2. The schedule of meetings as contained in PLN:16-04 Draft Plan for French Review Public Information Sessions be approved and publicized as outlined, and that the draft feedback form be finalized for distribution at the public information sessions.
3. Memo PLN: 16-05, 2016/17 Development Area School Assignments, dated February 9, 2016 be received.
4. The Development Area School Assignments as outlined in Appendix A to memo PLN: 16-05 2016/17 Development Area School Assignments be approved for the 2016/17 school year.
5. The report 2015 2016 Interim Financial Reporting as at October 31, 2015, be received.
6. The report Resignations and Retirements dated February 9, 2016 be received with thanks for the many years of service.

The motion carried.

Principal/Vice-Principal Transfers

Director of Education Rogers advised that, earlier this evening in the In Camera session Trustees approved Principal/Vice-Principal transfers and appointments effective March 21, 2016 as follows: Paul Huddleston will move from Principal at Ross R. MacKay PS

to Principal at Princess Elizabeth PS and Mitch Zuk (retired Principal) will be the Principal at Ross R. MacKay PS from March 21, 2016 to June 30 2016. In addition, Cheryl Van Ootegham will take the position of Assistant to the Superintendent of Program to oversee programs and services for students with special needs. Jonathan Walker, Principal of Princess Elizabeth PS was the successful candidate for Principal of Program.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Evoy moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held February 10, 2016 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Policy Management Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held February 2, 2016 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil moved that Policy 513 Alcohol and Drugs be received and released for public consultation.

The motion carried.

Resignations and Retirements

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Resignations and Retirements report dated February 23, 2016.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the report Resignations and Retirements, Appendix A and Appendix B dated February 23, 2016 be received, with thanks for the many years of service.

The motion carried.

Long Term Financing

Superintendent Wright advised that in May of 2007, the Ministry of Education amended its funding model for approved Capital construction projects. Since then, the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) provided a long term financing vehicle, which is still in place. She reported that the loan agreement attached to the by-law 2016-1 is in the amount of \$8,333,809 which represents the value of capital construction work that was completed

August 31, 2015. The loan agreement is for a 25 year term, with an interest rate of 3.242%, and will mature in 2041. Ms. Wright advised that the OFA will forward the funds to the Board on March 16, 2016 and that the annual repayment amount will be provided to the Board by the Ministry of Education.

Trustee Schieck moved that:

1. The report Long Term Financing dated February 23, 2016 be received.
2. By-law number 2016-1, attached to the report Long Term Financing as Appendix A, authorizing the Board to enter into the Loan Agreement be approved.

The motion carried.

2016-2017 School Year Calendar

Superintendent of Education Slater advised that, in accordance with both the secondary and elementary recently negotiated teacher collective agreements, the professional activity days have been increased from six to seven in each school year, beginning with the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Slater noted that revised school year calendars were submitted to the Ministry which showed April 25, 2016 as the additional PA day for 2015-16. Superintendent Slater also presented the drafts for the 2016 2017 school year calendars which, upon approval by the Board, will be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Trustee Topping moved that:

1. The report entitled School Year Calendar 2016-2017 dated February 23rd, 2016 be received.
2. The proposed school year calendars for the 2016-2017 school year for the Upper Grand District School Board's elementary and secondary schools, as outlined in Appendix B and C respectively, be approved by the Board for submission to the Ministry of Education for final approval in accordance with Regulation 304.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Schieck moved that the Board Correspondence dated February 23, 2016, be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee MacNeil reminded Trustees of the PIC Spring Event scheduled for April 14, 2016 which will be held at Centennial CVI.

Trustee MacNeil advised that interviews are scheduled for next week for the position of Executive Director of the Art Gallery of Guelph.

Dates of Future Meetings

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the March 2016 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	March 1, 2016
Business Operations	March 8, 2016
Board Meeting	March 22, 2016

The motion carried.

Director Rogers added the following to the dates of future meetings:

Saturday, March 5, 2016 Digital Saturday, Westminster Woods PS,
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday March 7, 2016 Dufferin Parent Council, Mono Amaranth PS, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21, 2016 Learning Foundation, Room 3, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 Student Senate, Room 8, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 Trustee Workshop on Sports Fields,
Board Room, 7:00 p.m.

March 1, 2, and 3, 2016 Music Festival, Harcourt United Church

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated February 23, 2016 be received, with the above noted additions.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

Trustee Moziar moved that the Committee of the Whole rise and report to the Board.

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee White moved, seconded by Trustee Lustgarten Evoy that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 8:15 p.m.

The motion carried.

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