

Upper Grand District School Board

Program Committee

Minutes

September 8, 2015

The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, in the Dufferin Room of the Grant Evans Education Centre, at 40 Ameila Street, Orangeville, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairperson Trustee Moziar presided, and the following Trustees were present: Bailey, Busuttil, Cooper, Fairbairn, Lustgarten Evoy, MacNeil, Moziar, Schieck, Topping, and White, together with student Trustee Dylan Challinor. Also in attendance were Director of Education M. C. Rogers, Student Success Lead Zen, and Superintendents Lindsay, McDonald, Morrell, Slater, and Talbot together with Manager of Operations Viet.

Thanks

Superintendent of Program Lindsay expressed thanks for the recent upgrades done at the Orangeville office under the administration of Superintendent Boswell, and for the work done for the re-naming ceremony. A warm welcome and thanks were expressed to those who were in attendance.

Acknowledgement and Traditional Welcome

Elder Peter Schuler, was in attendance to perform a traditional welcome. He spoke initially in his native language providing his biographical information, and then spoke in English, conveying the same information. He presented a strong message regarding the preservation of the environment and the importance and protection of water and land. He also talked about discrimination and suggested that curriculum contain components of indigenous history to help understand and acknowledge Canadian heritage, and eliminate prejudices and discrimination.

Official Renaming of the former Orangeville Education Centre to the Grant Evans Education Centre

Chair of the Board Bailey welcomed everyone to the re-naming celebration. In recognition of a former Superintendent with the Dufferin County Board of Education, the new Centre was officially renamed The Grant Evans Education Centre. Current Chair of the Board Bailey, former Chair of the Board Borden, and Director of Education Rogers, each spoke in support of the years of service and personal attributes of Mr. Grant Evans. Dedication, strong work ethics, profound testament to the influence on education, his legacy and passion for curriculum, importance of family, encouragement and care about colleagues

and staff, career pathways and experience, ministry initiatives and how work load challenges were prioritized, were just a few of the wonderful comments made about Mr. Evans. It was a great pleasure to have Mr. Grant Evans in attendance while his career path and personal attributes were celebrated and acknowledged with the renaming of the Grant Evans Education Centre. Mr. Evans stated that it was a profound honour to have the Education Centre renamed the Grant Evans Education Center. He noted that the success of the curriculum work done in the system was a result of a strong and dedicated team, which he was proud to lead. He requested that Trustees ensure that Program/Curriculum remain a strong focus of the Upper Grand District School Board, now and in the future. A reception followed to celebrate the renaming of the facility.

Agenda

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the agenda be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 2, 2015 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Mental Health Update

Manager of Mental Health and Addictions Woodford provided an update on mental health.

She advised that there were three new positions filled specializing in mental health interventions to provide support for students with high needs. The new staff are Dr. Tammy Drain, Dr. Kerry Wells (sharing one position) Cora Stewart, and Kailey Thompson. Trustees expressed thanks for the continued work done in the area of mental health.

Recommendation # 1

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the verbal report on mental health be received.

The motion carried.

OPSBA Report

Trustee Busuttil advised that there would be a labour update at the upcoming Business Operations Meeting.

Other Business – nil report

Adjournment

Trustee Schieck moved that this Committee adjourn at 8:35 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.