

Upper Grand District School Board

Program Committee

Minutes

October 6, 2015

The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairperson Trustee Moziar presided, and the following Trustees were present: Bailey, Busuttil, Cooper, Fairbairn, MacNeil, Schieck, Topping, and White, together with student Trustees Dylan Challinor and Leia Johnson. Also in attendance were Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose, Communications Officer Loney, Student Success Lead Zen, and Superintendents Benallick, Lindsay, McDonald, Slater, and Talbot.

Agenda

Trustee Schieck 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 Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the meeting held on September 8, 2015 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Report from Student Trustees

Student Trustee Dylan Challinor reported that at the last student senate meeting the attendance was very low, and that he was expecting greater attendance at the next meeting. He advised that their goal was to market the student senate to all elementary and secondary schools through videos, website, assemblies and school visits, explaining what the senate does, and how to get involved. Student Trustee Leia Johnson shared highlights from the OSTA-AECO conference, and she elaborated on future goals.

Recommendation # 1

Trustee Schieck moved that the verbal report from Student Trustees be received.

The motion carried.

Mental Health Update

Manager, Mental Health/Addictions Woodford provided an update on mental health. She provided an overview of the many supports available to students and the processes in place to access the appropriate support for mental health, behavioural concerns, complex profiles, interventions, and community partner involvement as required. Trustees expressed their thanks and appreciation for all the work done to provide support to students with mental health issues.

Recommendation # 2

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

The motion carried.

International Baccalaureate

Principal of Guelph CVI Prendergast, together with Acting IB Co-Ordinator Angela Snell, presented an in-depth overview of the International Baccalaureate Program, at Guelph CVI. They shared the journey from the commencement of the program to where they are today, and to future goals. They discussed course selection and grade requirements, exam writing, co-ordination of OSSD with the IB Diploma, success rates, reasons some students do not complete the program, program availability, program costs, staff training, the growth of the program, and its many highlights.

Recommendation # 3

Trustee Busuttill moved that the verbal update on the International Baccalaureate Program be received.

The motion carried.

BIPSA 2015-2016

Principal of Program VanOoteghem presented the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement 2015 2016. The Plan is divided into two sections; Student Inclusion, Well-Being, Engagement, and Student Achievement and School Improvement. They both contain school effectiveness framework indicators, goals, and targeted instructional strategies/action visible in schools. Data/needs assessment, accountability – monitoring of schools and professional learning – support for schools are also included

in the plan. The vision Lead, Learn, and Inspire was included, together with the mission statement which read: As leaders in our educational community we will develop student learning skills; foster achievement and well-being and create a positive and inclusive environment. We will do this by Inspiring all voices, Learning through collaboration and Leading with confidence. Ms. Van Ooteghem advised that access to healthy living programs, mental health resources, and collaborative proactive solutions are in line with goals and supports in place for mental health issues, as described earlier by Dr. Lynn Woodford. Ms. Van Ooteghem further noted that the incorporation of mental health, social justice and environmental issues are in cross curricular units of study. Student inclusion, well-being, and engagement result in student achievement and school improvement. If a child feels safe, the child can learn. As further changes are required, the plan will grow. Trustees expressed their thanks for the BIPSA and all the hard work in implementing it.

Recommendation # 4

Trustee Schieck moved that the verbal update on the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement 2015/2016 be received.

The motion carried.

OPSBA Report

Trustee Busuttill spoke briefly about the current bargaining status, and noted that there was a need to articulate a process around problem solving and communications to the public.

Recommendation # 5

Trustee Bailey moved that the verbal OPSBA report be received.

The motion carried.

Other Business – nil report**In Camera**

Adjournment

Trustee White moved that this Committee adjourn at 9:55 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.