

Upper Grand District School Board Business Operations Committee Minutes

February 9, 2021

The Business Operations Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met virtually and in person on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, Ontario commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairperson, Trustee Campbell presided, and the following Trustees were present: Bailey, Busuttil, Bedi, Edwards, Foley, Lustgarten Evoy, MacNeil, and Topping, along with Student Trustees Taran Fournier and Kim Tran.

Present from the Administration were, Director of Education Rogers, together with Superintendents Heaslip, Lindsay, McDonald, Morrell, Regier, Slater, and Van Ooteghem, Communications Officer Loney, Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose, Student Success Lead Zen, Manager of Planning Angrish, Operations Officer Scinocca, and Manager of Operations Veit.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Bailey moved that the agenda be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Topping moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2021 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Trustee Climate Change Committee Minutes

Trustee Bailey noted that the committee has requested that the name be changed from Trustee Climate Change Committee to Trustee Climate Emergency Committee to reflect the fact that the Board declared a climate change emergency and that the committee work is a response to that declaration.

The committee prepared a mission statement which included the building of a team of environmental leaders, and that they are committed to bringing the environment to the forefront of the decision making processes and personal actions of the Upper Grand DSB Trustees in an effort to inspire positive change in our schools, system, and community. Feedback and comments regarding the mission statement were welcomed, and should be forwarded directly to Trustee Bailey or Trustee Edwards.

Trustee Bailey requested that the Board allocate resources to have Upper Grand DSB staff attend the meetings and prepare the minutes. Trustee Busuttil commented that restraint measures need to be considered in preparation of the next budget and that for the time being, in order to enable full participation of members of the committee at the meetings, that the that the meetings be recorded and a member of the committee create minutes from the recording.

Trustee Busuttil inquired on minutes from previous meetings and Trustee Bailey advised that, the minutes of January 19, 2021 were the first set of official minutes created for presentation to the Business Operations Committee.

Recommendation # 1

Trustee Busuttil moved that:

1. The minutes of the Trustee Climate Change Committee meeting of January 19, 2021 be received.
2. The name of the Trustee Climate Change Committee be changed to Trustee Climate Emergency Committee to reflect the fact that the Board declared a climate change emergency and that the work of the committee is in response to that declaration.

The motion carried.

Development Application Review Annual Report

Manager of Planning Angrish presented the Development Application Review Annual Report. She noted that development applications from each municipality within the Board's jurisdiction are circulated to the Planning Department. These include applications for Zoning By-law Amendments, Official Plan Amendments, Draft Plans of Subdivision, Condominium Plans, and other County/City/Township initiated projects. The Planning Department reviews these applications and provides comments and/or conditions as they relate to school direction, active transportation, and property matters. In total, 149 applications were received and 99 Municipal

circulations were responded to by the Planning Department. The majority of the circulations that were responded to were residential development applications. In the spring of each year, an annual review of the Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) is released. The Development Application Review Annual Report supports the LTAP in providing staff with information regarding trends in development and growth in the municipalities throughout the Board's jurisdiction. These growth trends assist staff when formulating school priorities for the Board based on population projections and enrolment forecasts as a result of proposed residential development. Details were shared about specific municipalities. Trustees expressed thanks for the report.

Recommendation # 2

Trustee Busutil moved that the report entitled "PLN:21-01 Development Application Review Annual Report" dated February 9, 2021, be received.

The motion carried.

Federal Safe Return to Class Funding Update

Superintendent of Finance Regier reported that the Ministry of Education released memo 2021:B01 "Federal Safe Return to Class Fund and Expanded Targeted Testing in Schools" on Monday, February 1, 2021. The memo contained information on the second phase of investments provided under the Federal Safe Return to Class Fund.

Superintendent of Finance Regier provided a summary of the information the report including the Upper Grand DSB allocations covering four areas as listed in the following table:

Additional Funding Allocations	Upper Grand DSB
Allocation for Improving Air Quality and Ventilation	\$845,000
Allocation for Technological Devices	\$1,337,835
Allocation for Health and Safety	\$1,097,678
Allocation for Student Transportation	\$96,880

Superintendent Regier noted that additional details will follow on additional funding for Summer Learning Opportunities and Equity Initiatives. The Ministry memo also announced supports for student nutrition programs, online learning, mental health

supports, expanded targeted testing, and the setting aside of funds to address future pandemic education needs. The Ministry memo also provided school boards additional access to the school board's proceeds of disposition. Trustees asked questions of clarification, and expressed thanks for the report.

Recommendation # 3

Trustee Busuttil moved that the report entitled "FIN0221-1 Federal Safe Return to Class Funding Update" dated February 9, 2021 be received.

The motion carried.

Retirements and Resignations Report

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the retirements and resignation report dated February 9, 2021.

Recommendation # 4

Trustee MacNeil moved that the report entitled Retirement and Resignations dated February 9, 2021 be received.

The motion carried.

Other Business – nil report

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that this committee move In Camera.

The motion carried.

In Camera

Adjournment

Trustee Busuttil moved that this Committee adjourn at 7:52 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.

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