

Upper Grand District School Board

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held virtually and in person on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:05 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Bailey. Student Trustees Kim Tran and Taran Fournier were also in attendance.

Trustee MacNeil introduced incoming Director of Education Mr. Peter Sovran. Mr. Sovran shared his appreciation and gratitude for his new role of the Director of Education, for the Upper Grand DSB. He was honoured and excited to join this Board, and is looking forward to being in schools and communities, and to connect with students, staff parents and community partners. Sincere thanks and appreciation were expressed to Director of Education Rogers, the Senior Administrative Team, and all the individuals who made him feel welcome. After a difficult year due to COVID-19 restrictions and changes, he hoped for brighter days ahead.

Traditional Greeting – Trustee Lustgarten Evoy

Opening Prayer / Reading – Trustee Lustgarten Evoy

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy shared a message to reminded people that there is no easy or quick route to success and that we ought to try not to stress or worry as building inner peace is far more effective.

Condolences

Trustee MacNeil, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Anne Scott, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees, on the loss of her mother, and to Roxanne Hostrawser, Office Coordinator at East Garafraxa PS, on the loss of her father-in-law.

Good News

Director of Education Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Guelph CVI

Guelph CVI's Music Program had a record breaking year at the 2021 MusicFest Canada National competition. Each year, this competition brings together school groups from across the province. This year, the competition was done virtually and school groups submitted pre-recorded pieces. In the 48 previous years of this

competition, Guelph CVI has won a total of three National Gold medals. Guelph CVI was awarded three more gold medals this year. Gold was not the only medal that the school brought home. The Guelph CVI Gael Force Stage band was awarded the Silver medal for the 11th consecutive year. Gold medals were awarded to the Guelph CVI Senior Symphonic Band, the Guelph CVI Chamber Choir and the Guelph CVI String Ensemble. Congratulations to all the medalists for this truly great accomplishment.

Centre Wellington DHS Teacher Broke a Guinness World Record

Belinda Cox, a teacher at Centre Wellington DHS, recently broke the Guinness World Record for the most burpees done in an hour. Cox is a 41-year-old mother of two and has worked as a teacher with the Board for 14 years. On March 14th, she set a new record for the most “chest-to-ground” burpees done in one hour by a female -- completing an impressive 775 reps. Her record was made official by Guinness World Records earlier this month. In preparation for breaking the record, Cox added extra training to her day for the four weeks leading up to the big day. During the training, she accumulated more than 8,500 burpees while testing different strategies. Congratulations Belinda on this amazing achievement.

Centennial CVI Student Received A Prestigious Scholarship

Andrew, a student at Centennial CVI, has recently been awarded the prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded by partner universities to 100 students across Canada each year. Each student is awarded funds to pursue an undergraduate degree in the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). As one of the recipients, Andrew was awarded \$80,000 to be used at the University of Waterloo where he will be pursuing Computer Science through the school's co-op program. Andrew's teachers stated that they know he will succeed once leaving high school and look forward to watching his career path as he grows in his post-secondary education. Congratulations Andrew and good luck at the University of Waterloo.

Centre Wellington DHS and Erin DHS Take Home Medals During the Skills Ontario Competition

Students from two Upper Grand DSB schools recently participated in the virtual Skills Ontario competition that took place between April 27 and May 6. This year, Centre Wellington DHS had ten students compete and Erin DHS had one student compete. Of the 11 Upper Grand DSB students that competed, six students from Centre Wellington took home medals:

- Max and Russel took home the Bronze medal in Geographic Information Systems (Team of 2)
- Matteo was awarded the Silver medal in Coding

- Rhys won the Silver medal in Electronics
- Wyatt took home the Silver medal in IT Network Systems, and
- Bridgette took home the Gold medal in Workplace Safety.

Bridgette and her coach Jenny Ritter will be advancing to the National Skills Canada Virtual Competition in June. Thank you to all of the coaches who worked with students while they competed from home. The coaches were Marc Fillion, Tim King, Katie Lloyd and Jenny Ritter. Congratulations to all of the Upper Grand DSB students who participated and those who were awarded medals. Good luck to Bridgette at the National competition.

Centennial Hylands ES Student Participated in the Ontario Library Association (OLA) Kids Committee

Earlier this spring, the Ontario Library Association hosted its annual Kids Committee where students were selected to participate in a day-long conference. During this conference, students recommend and debate books that will be put on the OLA Summer Reading List for students in Ontario. Brooke, a Grade 6 student at Centennial Hylands ES, submitted her application to the program and was selected as one of the Ontario students who would attend the conference. As part of being a committee member, Brooke attended the conference with a list of books she had recently read that were by Canadian authors and presented her choices to the rest of the committee. All three books that Brooke presented to the Kids Committee were chosen to be part of the summer reading list. Great job, Brooke!

Students from Orangeville DSS, John F. Ross CVI and Guelph CVI Won OSSTF Student Achievement Awards

Three Upper Grand DSB students were named winners of the OSSTF Student Achievement Award. This award is open to all public secondary school students and is a writing and creative arts competition. Judging for this award is held at the school, district, regional and provincial levels. The nine provincial winners were each awarded \$1,000 in prizes. Upper Grand DSB students submitted six entries to the competition, three of which were sent to OSSTF for judging at the regional and provincial levels. All three entries won in their category in our region, which includes eight school districts. Meghan from Orangeville DSS, sponsored by teacher Scott Jordan, won in the Division A: Poetry and Prose Category. Eli from John F. Ross CVI, sponsored by teacher Blake Martin, won in the Division B: Visual and Media Category. Maeve from Guelph CVI, sponsored by teacher Kelly McCulloguh, won in the Division B: Visual and Media Category. At the provincial competition, Maeve was announced as a provincial winner. Congratulations, Meghan, Eli and Maeve!

Students from Central PA Raised Funds for the Guelph General Hospital

Central PS students Oliver and Finn recently challenged themselves to do a stair-climbing fundraiser to raise money for the Guelph General Hospital. These grade 2 siblings decided they wanted to do something similar to the annual CN Tower Climb to raise money for the cancer and pediatric wards at the hospital. The inspiration behind this fundraiser was very personal as their family has been impacted by cancer. Oliver and Finn selected three towers around the world and decided to climb an equal number of steps over a four-month period. They created a Go Fund Me page to raise money for the Guelph General Hospital. The towers they selected were the CN Tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Empire State Building. After a challenging four-month period of climbing every staircase they could find, they reached their goal of climbing 3,652 stairs and were able to donate more than \$1,200 to the Guelph General Hospital Foundation.

Great job, Oliver and Finn for this extraordinary accomplishment.

Guelph CVI Recent Graduate and Centennial CVI Students Won Prestigious Music Scholarships

Bridget, a recent Guelph CVI graduate was named the recipient of the 2021 MusicFest Canada National Art Centre Orchestra Outstanding String Player scholarship. Bridget will be attending York University next year to study Biology.

Jakob, a grade 12 student at Centennial CVI, and is in the Honour Jazz Band, was recently awarded the Lou Williamson Outstanding Jazz Woodwind Player scholarship. Jakob will be attending the University of Toronto next year where he will study Jazz Music Performance. Both of these scholarships are for \$1,000 and are awarded to one Canadian student each year. Congratulations Bridget and Jakob!

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Foley moved, seconded by Trustee Campbell, 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 April 27, 2021

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Busutil, that the minutes of the meeting held April 27, 2021, 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 Foley moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

Elementary Vice-Principal/Principal Transfers and Appointments

Director of Education Rogers advised that, at the In Camera portion of the Business Operations meeting held May 11, 2021, the following elementary Vice-Principal/Principal transfers and appointments were received.

Principal Transfers

Name	From	To
Marina Harrison	Principal, Erin PS	Principal, École Arbour Vista PS
Paul Huddleston	Principal, Princess Elizabeth PS	Principal, Erin PS
Tammy Reiner	Principal, Drayton Heights PS	Principal, Victoria Cross PS
Shannon Spike	Principal, Alma PS	Principal, Drayton Heights PS
Kirk Runciman	Principal, École Arbour Vista PS	Principal, Paisley Road PS
Lindsey Tremblay	Principal, Ross R. MacKay PS	Principal, Willow Road PS
Steve Viveiros	Principal, Willow Road PS	Principal, Sir Isaac Brock PS
Tara Regota	Principal, Peel DSB	Principal, Princess Elizabeth PS

Principal Appointments

Name	From	To
Jason Boyce	Vice-Principal, Minto-Clifford PS	Principal, Alma PS
Shawn Henderson	Vice-Principal, Primrose ES	Principal, Ross R. MacKay PS
Patricia Josephson	Vice-Principal, Parkinson Centennial PS	Principal, Parkinson Centennial PS
Sarah Schoettler	Vice-Principal, Jean Little PS	Principal, John Black PS

Vice-Principal Transfers

Name	From	To
Jen Apgar	Temporary Vice-Principal, Elementary Remote School	Vice-Principal, Jean Little PS
Nia Pommier	Temporary Vice-Principal, Elementary Remote School	Temporary Vice-Principal, Spencer Ave. PS
Rylan Pranger	Temporary Vice-Principal, Westwood PS	Vice-Principal, Westwood PS
Sara Sinkovits	Temporary Vice-Principal, Rickson Ridge PS	Vice-Principal, Rickson Ridge PS
Jaime Wouters	Temporary Vice-Principal, Centennial Hylands ES	Vice-Principal, Centennial Hylands ES

Vice-Principal Appointments

Name	From	To
Athena Flak	Private Sector, Learnstyle	Vice-Principal, Parkinson Centennial PS
Ashley Hopkins	Teacher, Peel DSB	Vice-Principal, Primrose ES
Tracy Phillips	Teacher, Durham DSB	Vice-Principal, Minto-Clifford PS

Motion to Rise and Sit in Committee of the Whole

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

The motion carried.

Program Committee

Trustee Topping moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held May 4, 2021 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Topping 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 WHY Survey presentation be received.
4. The Environmental Programs and ECO Portables presentation be received.

5. The verbal OPSBA update be received.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee Campbell moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held May 11, 2021 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Campbell moved that:

1. The minutes of the Trustee Climate Emergency Committee (TCEC) held April 13, 2021 be received and considered.
2. The report "Police Presence in Schools - Next Steps" dated May 11, 2021 be received.
3. The report "FIN 0521-01 entitled "2021/2022 Budget Update" dated May 11, 2021 be received.
4. The report entitled "Resignations and Retirements" dated May 11, 2021 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy took the Chair for consideration of the following item.

Chairs' Committee Meetings

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Chairs' Committee meetings held May 5, 2021, and May 19, 2021, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Edwards moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held May 12, 2021 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy took the Chair for consideration of the next item.

Policy Management Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held May 4, 2021 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. Policy 406 Health and Safety be approved.
2. Policy 519 Indigenous Education (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) be approved.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil returned to the Chair.

Audit Committee

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the minutes of the Audit Committee held May 11, 2021 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

UGDSB/WCDSB First Nations, Métis, Inuit Education Advisory Council

Trustee Topping moved that the minutes of the UGDSB/WCDSB First Nations, Métis, Inuit Education Advisory Council minutes dated May 3, 2021 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy took the Chair for consideration of the next item.

Safe, Equitable And Inclusive Schools Steering Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Safe, Equitable And Inclusive Schools Steering Committee minutes dated April 21, 2021 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil returned to the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Monthly COVID-19 Update

Superintendent of Education Slater provided the monthly COVID-19 Update. He noted that, during this reporting period, there was one case in a school, and that the individual

was not at school while infectious. Therefore, there was no risk to the school community, and there was no outbreak declared.

As of May 12, 2021, 59 school communities were invited for COVID-19 testing, and over 1100 tests were completed through the targeted testing program, which resulted in only 3 positive test results. As of this weekend, all school communities will have been invited for testing.

Vaccination clinics have been set up at various places throughout the district for students 12 to 17 years of age. It is hoped that as many students as possible would be fully vaccinated (two shots) before the beginning of school in September. Currently, approximately 6,000 students have already signed up for their vaccinations. Trustees expressed thanks for the report.

Trustee Edwards moved that the monthly COVID-19 Update dated May 25, 2021 be received.

The motion carried.

Staff Retirements and Resignations

Senior Manager of Human Resources Rose presented the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated May 25, 2021.

Trustee Foley moved that the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated May 25, 2021 be received.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Board Correspondence dated May 25, 2021, be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports – nil report

Dates of Future Meetings

Trustee Topping moved that the June 2021 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	June 01, 2021
Business Operations	June 08, 2021

Board Meeting, May 25, 2021

Board Meeting

June 22, 2021

The motion carried.

Trustee Topping moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated May 25, 2021 be received.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

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

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business

Trustee Edwards moved, seconded by Trustee Lustgarten Evoy that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee Edwards moved, seconded by Trustee Topping that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:53 p.m.

The motion carried.

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