

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustees Lustgarten Evoy and White. Trustees Topping and Cooper attended via teleconference. Student Trustees Caitlin Ennis and Allison Cai were also in attendance.

Traditional Greeting

Opening Prayer – Trustee Fairbairn

Trustee Fairbairn read a quote from philosopher Alfred North Whitehead, emphasizing how education has changed over the years.

Condolences

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Linda Peyton, Administrative Office Assistant at Elora PS on the loss of her husband, and Tim Card, teacher at John F. Ross CVI on the loss of his father.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Erin DHS

[Frances Norlen]

Kendra Spira, a teacher from Erin DHS and the 2016 winner of the Irwin Telesnick award for excellence in teaching of Science, has been selected as a keynote speaker for the STAO (Science Teachers' Association of Ontario) 2017 conference. Kendra will be presenting Friday, November 10, 2017 on her journey as a Science educator.

Wellington Heights SS

[Glen Wagner/Frances Norlen]

Glen Wagner spent Thanksgiving in Abu Dhabi, UAE attending the Qudwa (coodwa) – 2017 Teach for Tomorrow Conference. Nine hundred teachers from 30 countries from around the world were invited to attend the conference. At this two day conference they heard from amazing teachers from around the world on how they transformed education in their classrooms and districts. Four other Canadians were present, who, like Glen, were the top 50 finalists for the Global Teacher Prize. Glen participated in the conference by speaking on 'Innovations in Teaching - Curbing the Use of Electronics'.

Teachers discussed ways to enhance their classroom practice with electronics (e.g., smartphones) while deciding how students can be more respectful when electronics are not in use in the classroom. Glen was honoured at the end of the conference by being only 1 of 50 teachers selected to be 'Qudwa Fellow' which recognized his participation at the conference beyond expectations set out by the organizers. He will be invited to attend next year's conference and participate in its planning. Glen reported that he was proud to represent Canada and proud to represent Upper Grand DSB! He will bring back what he learned not only to his classroom but also to the teachers of Upper Grand DSB who want nothing but the best for their students. Thank you Glen for all that you do for our students and teachers. The Upper Grand DSB is very proud of all of your accomplishments and to have you represent the Board internationally!

Centennial CVI

[Frances Norlen]

At the beginning of October, Centennial CVI teacher Amanda McAlpine was in Italy to compete in the Veterans' World Judo Championships. After a tremendous tournament, Amanda finished fifth overall in her category. Amanda shared her experiences of the tournament, the grueling training she went through to get there, and the lessons she learned with her students and posted an article on the board website.

Guelph CVI

[Frances Norlen]

On October 1st, the Guelph CVI Electric Vehicle Team raced in Waterloo. They competed against 14 other cars and finished the race with a 3rd and 4th place finish. This school year the students and teacher Matt Lyle will be working on improving the efficiency of both vehicles as well as taking on their biggest challenge yet, building a front wheel drive car. The next set of races will be held in the spring. In the meantime, students will be presenting the car at events like the Career Education Day.

Manufacturing Day – Oct. 6, 2017

[Frances Norlen]

Manufacturing Day is held throughout North America and allows students the opportunity to see first-hand what manufacturing is and what it is not. All Upper Grand DSB high schools participated in the event. Guelph students had the opportunity to attend the luncheon at the Hasenfratz Centre. The plant tours in Guelph included Blount International Inc., Walinga Inc., Integrated Metal Products, and Linamar Corporation (Skyjack). Students toured, Musashi Auto Parts in Arthur, The Gund Company in Fergus, Pintar Manufacturing in Erin, Superior Glove Works in Acton, Data Cable Company in Orangeville, and KTH Parts Industries Inc. in Shelburne. Many

thanks to the community partners who made manufacturing and high tech come alive for our students.

Career Pathways

[Frances Norlen]

On October 12, 2017, Grade 8 students from the Upper Grand DiSB and Wellington Catholic DSB were at the Hanlon Convention Centre in Guelph for Career Pathways Guelph-Wellington. Career Pathways is hosted by the Career Education Council. It's an interactive event that provides grade 8 students with insights into career options. More than 1,300 students attended the event. The event offers grade 8 students the chance to meet with employers from a broad range of careers, in order to make informed choices for their high school courses, Specialized High Skills Major, Co-op, volunteering and future employment. There were more than 40 displays set up for students to check out, with community representatives ranging from the Guelph Police Service and Linamar, to the Stratford Chefs School and representatives from the Board's SHSM, Co-op and OYAP programs. Staff and SHSM students from Centennial CVI and Guelph CVI wowed the grade eights with virtual reality, drones, robotics and electric car demonstrations.

Norwell DSS

[Board website]

On October 12, Norwell DSS students embarked on a race through the Palmerston community for the second annual Amazing Race challenge. In total, 29 student teams participated in 11 challenges throughout Palmerston. Challenges ranged from dressing a doll at Teenie Tiny Tots, building a sub at Subway using safe food handling techniques, pulling a fire hose through an obstacle course, decorating cookies at the Palmerston Foodland and many more challenges throughout the community. The participants raised \$600 for the Canadian Red Cross to help aid in hurricane cleanup efforts.

J. D. Hogarth PS

[Board website]

On October 6, 2017 students at J. D. Hogarth PS celebrated Mrs. Elsie Dandy's 100th birthday. Mrs. Dandy has volunteered at the school for more than 15 years. She comes to the school three times a week to read to the children. The school has established the Elsie Dandy Primary Reading Award. Each year at the end of the school year, a student who embodies the qualities of Mrs. Dandy, her love for reading and her kindness, will receive the award. The school also presented Mrs. Dandy with a glass poppy pin.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, 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 September 26, 2017

Trustee Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, that the minutes of the meeting held September 26, 2017, 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 Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Cooper, 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 Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

Program Committee

Trustee Moziar moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held October 3, 2017 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. The verbal report from Student Trustees be received.

2. The verbal update on mental health be received.
3. The verbal update on graduation rates be received, with thanks.
4. The verbal report on the LEAF program at Norwell DSS be received.
5. The verbal OPSBA update be received.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee Schieck moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held October 10, 2017 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Schieck moved that:

1. The report entitled "Renewal Projects (2017/2018)", CP:17-05, dated October 10, 2017, be received.
2. The verbal Annual Environmental Report be received.
3. The report entitled "Trustee Honoraria" dated October 10, 2017, be received.
4. The report entitled "Trustee Expenses" dated October 10, 2017, be received.

The motion carried.

Facility Partnership Report

The Facility Partnership Report that was received at the Business Operations Committee Meeting of September 12, 2017, contained three recommendations. Recommendation # 3 from the report was omitted on the Business Operations agenda in error, and therefore not approved at Board.

Trustee Schieck moved that (recommendation # 3 from the Facility Partnership Report) staff be directed to consult the Partnership List regarding interest in co-build opportunities at possible future schools in Fergus and South Guelph.

The motion carried.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held October 11, 2017 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC)

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) meeting of October 2, 2017 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Policy Management Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held October 3, 2017 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. Policy 310 Display of Flags be received and released for public consultation.
2. The report "Policy Public Consultation Plan for 310 Display of Flags dated October 3, 2017 be received.
3. The report "Policy Public Consultation Plan for 310 Display of Flags dated October 3, 2017 be approved.
4. P.01 Crisis Communication Protocol be received.
5. A review of Policy 103 Trustee Code of Conduct be conducted via a Trustee workshop.

The motion carried.

Staff Retirements and Resignations

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated October 24, 2017.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Staff Retirements and Resignations report Appendix A and Appendix B dated October 24, 2017 be received with thanks for the many years of service.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Bailey advised that correspondence was received from The Waterloo Region DSB, addressed to the Minister of Education regarding reporting of school-based EQAO results, as well as a request for a protocol and strategy to address the Opioid and Fentanyl drug crisis.

Trustee Moziar moved that the Board Correspondence dated October 24, 2017, be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee Busuttill advised of the OPSBA Central West Regional Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017. Refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m., with the meeting following thereafter, and is scheduled to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Schieck moved that the verbal Trustee questions and reports be received.

The motion carried.

Dates of Future Meetings

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the November 2017 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	November 7, 2017
Business Operations	November 14, 2017
Board Meeting	November 28, 2017

The motion carried.

Director Rogers added the following to the Dates of Future Meetings:

Tuesday, October 31, 2017	Secondary Vice-Principal Interviews, Room 6, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, November 1, 2017	Elementary Vice-Principal Interviews, Room 6, 8:30 a.m.
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Wednesday, November 1, 2017 Elementary Principal Interviews, Room 8, 11:00 a.m.

November 6, - 10, 2017 Treaty Recognition Week

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated October 24, 2017 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 Fairbairn 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 Cooper moved, seconded by Trustee Topping that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:28 p.m.

The motion carried.

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