

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Moziar presided, and the following Trustees were present: Borden, Cooper, Fairbairn, Gohn, and Topping, along with Student Trustees MacDougall and VanderVlugt. Present from the Administration was Director of Education Dr. M. Rogers, Executive Officer of Human Resources J. Rose, and Communications Officer M. McFadzen, along with Superintendents Benallick, Boswell, Fyfe, Kelly, Morrell, and Wright.

AGENDA

Trustee Topping moved that the Agenda be approved as printed with the addition of 1 item under "Other".

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Cooper moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

In recognition of Support Staff Appreciation Day, May 4, 2011, Trustee Borden expressed appreciation to all EA, SPA, OCT, PSSP, AE, and CUPE members.

ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (OYAP)

Superintendent of Education Kelly provided background on the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and the OYAP Dual Credits Program, both organized under the direction of OYAP Coordinator Susan McPhedran. Ms. McPhedran provided information about these Programs through a PowerPoint presentation. In partnership with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) and Conestoga College, OYAP delivers a Secondary school program that allows students to participate in an apprenticeship occupation, while working towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Program also provides opportunities for Upper Grand and Wellington Catholic students to experience trade school through college-delivered Dual Credit programs. OYAP supports Grades 8 – 9, and Grades 10-11 transitions through Career Pathways, Grade 8 Trades and Technology Days, Experiential Learning, Skilled Trades workshops and the Regional Skills Competition programs, along with the provision of classroom and teacher resources along with professional development opportunities for teachers to become better informed about the Apprenticeship Pathway as a viable career option for our students.

Mr. Trent Bewick, Technology teacher at John F. Ross CVI, and Transportation and Co-op/OYAP teacher, gave a brief overview of the benefits of the Program and provided examples of the opportunities it has given for students who otherwise would not have graduated. Mr. Bewick also hosts a very successful Grade 8 Technology Day at John F. Ross CVI, an example of an activity supported by OYAP.

OYAP DUAL CREDITS – Apprenticeship and College Pathway programs

Dual Credits is a school-college-work initiative that gives selected Secondary students the opportunity to sample college and earn credits that count towards both their secondary school and college graduation requirements. Upper Grand currently offers this Program in Dufferin and Wellington Counties through Conestoga College and Humber and Georgian Colleges, respectively. Ms. McPhedran noted three goals of the Program; to help students graduate by offering new relevant learning opportunities, build on student strengths and interests, and provide students with an effective transition to post Secondary education. Three types of Programs are offered; College diploma and certificate Programs, OYAP Level 1 Apprenticeship Programs, and OYAP Pre-apprenticeship Programs. Ms. Phedran introduced Centennial CVI student Zoe, who is currently enrolled in the Dual-Credit Program. Zoe gave an overview of her credit courses at Conestoga College, along with the benefits of being in the Program. Centennial CVI Dual-Credit teacher Joanne Harris gave insight to her role as Zoe's instructor and the assistance provided to the students. Through PowerPoint, Dual-Credit teacher at Orangeville DSS Greg Hurst demonstrated student interaction in the Georgian/Humber Program. Statistical data of the positive success rate was shown and Mr. Hurst noted the many encouraging student achievements he has seen in the Program.

RECOMMENDATION #1

Trustee Fairbairn moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentations entitled, "Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and OYAP Dual Credits", be received.

The motion carried.

CO-OP RECALL

Superintendent Kelly provided background on the Co-Op Recall Program and introduced Co-Op Recall Teachers Deb Kortleve and Sandra Vidug (Erin DHS) and Marilyn Watt (Centre Peel and Norwell District High Schools). The Co-Op Recall Program is intended to re-engage students no longer enrolled in Secondary school who have not received an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The off-campus Program consists of a flexible schedule, aligned to the student's strengths and profile, and is usually on a one-on-one basis. Ms. Watt provided a PowerPoint presentation on the background of the Program and the evolution of which Co-Op Recall has evolved. The Program began within Upper Grand in 2008 and has since registered 102 students, 56 of whom have graduated, and 22 continue to work towards completion of the Program this June.

Ms. Vidug reviewed the typical student meeting, along with other activities of the Co-Op Recall teacher that may include getting involved with the extended family and/or social worker, providing accommodations, transportation, and daycare, and liaising with Student Success teachers, Guidance counselors etc. Ms. Kortleve gave explanations about the “credit-rich” and “credit-poor” student and noted that a great deal of Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) students (these are often students who have been excused from attending class for social, emotional, or psychological reasons) have benefitted from the Program. SAL and Co-Op Recall student Amanda, provided her testimony to the benefits of the Program and thanked the Board for the opportunities it has provided to her.

RECOMMENDATION #2

Trustee Fairbairn moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled “Co-Op Recall”, be received.

The motion carried.

OPSBA REPORT

In Trustee Busuttill's absence, Trustee Borden requested that the OPSBA report be moved to the May 10, 2011 Business Operations Meeting.

REPORT FROM STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student Trustees MacDougall and VanderVlugt gave an update of Student Trustee activities through a PowerPoint presentation. At the April 19, 2011 Student Senate Meeting, Emileigh Sampson was elected as the new urban Student Trustee. Ms. McDougall was elected to remain for another term. The Meeting also included a Speak-Out “wrap-up”, a Food and Beverage Policy presentation from Superintendent Fyfe, and discussion on environmental issues. The Student Trustees are working with Trustees Bailey and Cooper, along with Curriculum Leader Mike Anderson, to encourage environmental issues within the schools. Trustees Sampson and VanderVlugt will attend the OSTA-AECO AGM this weekend, in Toronto, and Trustee VanderVlugt will bring a report to the June Program Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION #3

Trustee Borden moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the Student Trustee presentation be received.

The motion carried.

OTHER

Trustee Borden will be discussing technology in the Boardroom at an upcoming meeting with Chief Information Officer Shanks. Trustees were invited to submit their equipment requests to Trustee Borden for budget purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Borden moved that this Committee adjourn at 8:40 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.

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