

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, April 5, 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: Bailey, Borden, Busuttill, Cooper, Fairbairn, Gohn, Schieck, Topping, and Waterston, along with Student Trustees MacDougall and VanderVlugt. Present from the Administration was Director of Education Dr. M. Rogers, Principal of Program B. Talbot, Executive Officer of Human Resources J. Rose, and Chief Information Officer J. Shanks, along with Superintendents Benallick, Boswell, Fyfe, Kelly, Morrell, and Wright.

AGENDA

Trustee Busuttill moved that the Agenda be approved as printed with the addition of 2 items under "Other".

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Waterston moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

THE FOOD SCHOOL - A CULINARY PROGRAM AT CENTRE WELLINGTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

A PowerPoint presentation regarding the Centre Wellington DHS Culinary Program "The Food School" was shown by the school's Chef Instructor Chris Jess. Formally known as the "Hospitality and Tourism" program, the course was designed to develop awareness, within the students, of healthy food choices through education and community involvement. Starting with the purchase of bulk produce and meat from local farmers, students learn about seasonal foods, how to preserve them, and how they are grown. The presentation included pictures of student involvement in the classroom, catering, fall foraging, and several class trips. Services provided by the Program include preserves and soups, sold through their storefront "The Pantry", Centre Wellington DHS's alternative eatery "Café la Ruche, and Cater Wellington, a student run catering business supervised by Mr. Jess. Students from the program are also involved in local fundraisers as well as the Regional Skills Competition. A booklet entitled, "Bake It Up!" was distributed. The program's website can be found at www.foodschool.ca.

RECOMMENDATION #1

Trustee Bailey moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled, “ The Food School - A Culinary Program at Centre Wellington District High School”, be received.

The motion carried.

**SCHOOL FOOD & BEVERAGE POLICY (POLICY/PROGRAM MEMORANDUM #150)
HEALTHY SCHOOLS**

Superintendent of Education Rosemary Fyfe updated the Committee on The Ministry's School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM 150). The policy was put in place, last spring, to establish nutrition standards for food and beverages sold in publicly funded elementary and secondary schools in Ontario. Recent presentations and in-services have been presented to Board staff and Committees, and information about the Policy has been included in school newsletters. The Policy, to be implemented by fall 2011, is already being encouraged in schools. A Nutrition Committee had been struck, prior to the Policy, and includes Superintendent Fyfe, Communications Officer Maggie McFadzen, Eramosa PS Principal Ann Charles, and two Secondary Vice-Principals, along with representatives from the Wellington-Dufferin Guelph Health Unit, and one parent.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, the Policy was reviewed by Ms. Charles and Ms. Rogers. Ms. Charles advised that the Policy applies to all Upper Grand schools and pertains to any food and beverages sold through events on those premises. It does not apply to food and beverages supplied at no cost or sold after school hours by outside groups (i.e. community use). Schools are allowed 10 designated days per year where these rules do not apply, which must be selected by the principal and school council. Ms. Rogers noted that the Health Unit is committed to supporting the Board to implement this Policy. Ms. Rogers provided statistical data of diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity among children within Canada, attributed to poor eating habits. Booklets entitled, “Ministry of Education School Food and Beverage Policy – Quick Reference Guide 2010”, “Bake It Up” along with an Ontario Public Health Association pamphlet entitled, “At a Glance Guide to Ontario's School Food and Beverage Policy”, were distributed. This information detailed the nutrition standards, based on Canada's Food Guide, and the criteria schools must follow. The nutrition standards divide food and beverages into three categories; Sell Most, Sell Less, and Not Permitted for Sale. Ms. Charles added that Ministry training sessions and information sessions to principals, vice-principals, East Wellington/Dufferin School Council Chairs, elementary teachers, and Student Senate have been provided. More training will be scheduled. Secondary cafeteria staff and chefs have been proactive about trying different recipes and some equipment will be replaced. Information on online resources can be found on the back of the document, attached to the agenda, entitled, “Healthy Schools Presentation – School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM 150), UGDSB Program Committee – April 5, 2011.”

RECOMMENDATION #2

Trustee Busuttil moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled, "School Food & Beverage Policy (Policy/Program Memorandum #150) Healthy Schools", be received.

The motion carried.

"HOW SWEET IT IS" SUGAR DISPLAY

Student Trustee VanderVlugt gave detail to the comparison chart entitled "How Sweet It Is". The chart displayed the sugar content of popular foods that we, as North Americans, consume. The display has been presented to Student Senate and it is hoped it will be introduced to schools to complement the new PPM 150 Policy.

RECOMMENDATION #3

Trustee Topping moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled "How Sweet It Is", be received.

The motion carried.

PROGRAM SERVICES – STAFF WEB PORTAL – SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

As part of the Trustee Orientation, the Program Services Staff Web Portal was introduced to the Committee by Superintendent of Program Heather Boswell. Ms. Boswell referred to the distributed Program Services Department Organizational Chart and highlighted the tasks of Coordinator of Special Education and Collaborative Projects Lead of the Upper Grand District School Board Sandra Szpular. Ms. Szpular provided a brief overview of the role of the Special Education Department by referring to the Program Services section of the Staff Web Portal. Several Special Education resources, reports, policies, and in-service resources are available to staff through the Portal. The page also includes highlights of each department, a staff directory, and upcoming events. Special Education Ministry documents have recently been in-serviced throughout the Board and are available to staff. Ms. Szpular drew attention to the distributed Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) brochure which provides an overview of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION #4

Trustee Borden moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled "Program Services – Staff Web Portal – Special Education Department", be received.

The motion carried.

OPSBA REPORT

Nil report.

REPORT FROM STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student Trustees MacDougall and VanderVlugt advised of the upcoming "Speak-Out" anti-bullying campaign to be held Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Although the students have been promoting the event regionally, it has become wide-spread. Upper Grand is being recognized as the originator of the pink t-shirt initiative and staff was encouraged to wear a pink shirt, in support of the program, next Tuesday. Mr. VanderVlugt displayed a video of a "flash-mob" presentation at Centre Wellington DHS, designed to promote the "Speak-Out" campaign. Through a PowerPoint display, Ms. McDougall presented the results from the recent Ontario Student Survey. Questions and results were reviewed, along with Upper Grand results and Board comparisons. Those interested in a copy of the summary results should contact Ms. MacDougall.

RECOMMENDATION #5

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

The motion carried.

OTHER

Trustee Borden advised that he has received an invitation from the Ontario College of Teachers, to attend an upcoming session regarding electronics and the social media. The events will take place on May 12 and 18, 2011 in Toronto and London, respectively. Anyone interested in attending should inform Trustee Borden. Trustees were asked to indicate their availability for an informal Saturday meeting to discuss long-term goals for the Board that would include information technology strategic plans through a Doodle calendar that Trustee Bailey would create.

Trustee Busuttill requested the Committee move In-Camera to allow Director of Education Dr. Martha Rogers to present an overview of the recent OPSBA Labour Relations Conference.

IN-CAMERA

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Fairbairn moved that this Committee adjourn at 9:45 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.

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