

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Bailey, Chair, presided and along with Student Trustee Brown, all Trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Schieck and Student Trustee Sampson.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Trustee Topping presented an inspirational opening reading.

CONDOLENCES

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Steve Viveiros, Principal, Willow Road PS, and Ainslie Thomson, a teacher at GCVI, on the loss of Steve's mother; Theresa Bradbury, head caretaker at June Avenue PS, on the loss of her husband; Robin Gow, a teacher at J.D. Hogarth, on the loss of her father; Mike Wells, Maintenance Department, on the loss of his mother; Anne Hendrie, a teacher at Credit Meadows PS, on the loss of her mother; Sandy Atanasoff, the Head of Family Studies at John F. Ross CVI, on the loss of her father; Caroline Mitchell, Curriculum Leader, and Stan Cutts, a teacher at Jean Little PS, on the loss of Caroline's father; Jane Truman, Administrative Office Assistant at Westside SS and Robert Mason, a retired teacher from Hyland Heights, the loss of Jane's father; Leah Pressey, teacher at Centre Dufferin DHS, on the loss of her father; and, Jennifer Robertson, a teacher at Princess Elizabeth PS, on the loss of her father.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Rogers highlighted the "Good News" as follows:

PALMERSTON PS – *A little loose change goes along way....*

In December the grade 4/5 class taught by Julie Black and Jovanna Belair at Palmerston P.S. collected \$140.00 in loose change. After counting and rolling all the coins, the class purchased specific items for Christmas hampers. They were able to purchase enough pancake mix and syrup for 10 families, 30 packages of cookies and eight toys. The students were excited to see what they were able to provide for local families with a little loose change.

Centennial C.V.I. Student – Receives Global Citizen Scholarship

A student at Centennial C.V.I. was named as one of 20 U.S. and Canadian high school students to receive the 2013 EF Global Citizen

Scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship, applicants submitted a video, a digital media project or essay responding to the following:

“Choose an environmental issue that you’re passionate about. What are the global implications of this issue? What ideas do you have to address this issue? Why do you want to be part of a team working on a solution?”

The student will travel to Costa Rica this April for EF’s Global Student Leaders Summit and a ten-day educational tour. *Congratulations!*

Primrose Elementary School Wins Waste Diversion Award

On January 22 the winners of the October – Waste Reduction Week Challenge were announced. For the second time Primrose Elementary School was included as one of the top 12 schools in the province recognized for their efforts in lunch waste reduction. The students reduced their lunch waste to about three grams each, diverting 88 percent from landfill. Congratulations for a job well done!

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Item 15-1 was deleted from the agenda.

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee Borden, that the agenda be confirmed as amended.

The motion carried.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS HELD DECEMBER 18, 2012

THAT the Minutes of the Board meeting held December 18, 2012, 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

Trustee Cooper moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

MOTION TO RISE AND SIT IN COMMITTEE

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

The motion carried.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A. Minutes of January 8, 2013

Trustee Cooper moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held January 8, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Cooper moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated January 8, 2013.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. the update on Student Success 2011/12 and 2012/13 be received.
2. the update on Connect Hear – Connecting Students with hearing loss in the Upper Grand District School Board, be received.
3. the verbal OPSBA Report be received.
4. the Student Trustee Report be received.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Minutes of January 15, 2013

Trustee Waterston moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held January 15, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Waterston moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated January 15, 2013.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

1. Memo PLN:13-01 entitled “New South Guelph JK-8 FI Centre Boundary Review – Report #2,” be received.

2. a) the report entitled “New Orangeville Public School, concept Design Report,” dated January 15, 2013, CP:13-01, be received.
- b) the Concept Design report for the New Orangeville Public School (Settlers’ Creek) building project, including the Preliminary Budget of \$6,196,536.79 as outlined in Appendix A of CP:13-01, be approved;
- c) the construction model for the New Orangeville Public School (Settlers’ Creek) building project be Lump Sum Tender.
3. a) the report entitled “(New) Rockwood Public School, Building Project Report,” dated January 15, 2013, CP:13-02, be received.
- b) a new school on the Rockwood site be constructed to accommodate an elementary program to be completed and opened as soon as possible.
- c) the “(New) Rockwood Public School, Building Project Report,” dated January 15, 2013, CP: 13-02, be approved.
- d) the Building Committee required by Policy 309 be replaced by a single meeting of a User Advisory Committee to provide for consultation with the school and community.
- e) the architectural firm of Allen & Sherriff be approved by the Board as the project architect subject to successful contract negotiations with Board staff.
4. the report, Resignations and Retirements (Appendix A and B) dated January 15, 2013, be received.
5. the verbal Health and Safety Report be received.

B. Appointment to Budget Liaison Committee

Trustee Moziar volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Budget Liaison Committee.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Minutes of January 9, 2013

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held January 9, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A. Minutes of January 8, 2013

Trustee Gohn moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held January 8, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Gohn moved the adoption of recommendations 1 and 2 as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated January 8, 2013

Trustee Waterston requested that recommendation 1 be considered separately and Trustee Moziar requested that recommendation 2 be considered separately.

Trustee Gohn read recommendation 1 as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated January 8, 2013, as follows:

THAT Policy 103, Trustee Code of Conduct be approved.

Trustee Waterston proposed the following change to the Trustee code of Conduct Procedures manual 103-A:

- page 2, 3.1, last bullet – delete the words “...and follow the direction of the Chairs’ Committee.”

Trustee Gohn withdrew the original motion and moved that Policy 103, Trustee Code of Conduct be approved with the above change to the Trustee Code of Conduct Procedures manual 103-A.

The motion carried.

Trustee Gohn read recommendation 2 as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated January 8, 2013, as follows

That Policy 507, Anaphylaxis Life-Threatening Allergies be approved as amended.

In response to a question from Trustee Moziar, Superintendent Benallick clarified that as part of the strategies to help support student safety, it is suggested that a generic EpiPen be purchased at the discretion of each school for use in case of emergency. Input was sought from legal counsel and medical advisors in developing this policy.

The motion was called to a vote.

The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - Nil

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Bailey presented a written report of correspondence received during the past month.

In response to a question from Trustee Waterston regarding item1, it was clarified that following a review of the billing for the UGDSB, no ongoing storm water charges were identified. The charges are paid during development.

Trustee Busutil referred to the email from Judith Nyman, item 2 regarding PPM 155. The control of the timing of student diagnostics is moved away from school principals and the board and impacts school and board improvement plans. No input was sought from from the Boards, OPSBA or OPC.

Trustee Busutil moved that the Board direct the chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concerns regarding PPM 155.

Trustee Borden requested that a staff report outlining the impact of PPM 155 on our system be brought to Trustees. Director Rogers indicated that the Principal of Program has completed a comparison of pre- and post- PPM 155 and presented the results to PIC last evening. Director Rogers will ask that Ms. Lindsay provide the presentation at the next Program Committee meeting. Trustee Fairbairn suggested that the data from the presentation accompany the letter to the Minister.

Trustee Waterston moved that consideration of the motion be deferred until the February meeting of the UGDSB, following the appointment of the Minister of Education.

The motion carried.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Board direct the Chair to send a letter of congratulations to Premier-elect, Kathleen Wynne.

The motion carried.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Board Correspondence report dated January 29, 2013, be received.

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

OPSBA PES Conference

Trustee Waterston reported that Premier-elect, Kathleen Wynne, is expected to address the OPSBA PES Conference.

OSTA/AECO Conference

Student Trustee Brown asked the Board for financial support to enable her to attend the OSTA/AECO Conference being held in Ottawa February 21 to 25, 2013.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Board approve the allocation of funding for Student Trustee Brown to attend the OSTA/AECO Conference in Ottawa.

The motion carried.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Trustee Borden moved that the January 2013 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

- i. Program Committee – February 5, 2013
- ii. Business Operations – February 12, 2013
- iii. Regular Board Meeting – February 26, 2013

The motion carried.

The list of dates of future meetings was reviewed and the following additions and changes were noted:

- Monday, February 25, 2013 – Environmental Education & Management Committee meeting – CANCELLED (to be rescheduled in March)
- Monday, February 25, 2013 – UGDSB Learning Foundation, 5:30 p.m. Room 8
- Monday, February 25, 2013 – PIC, J.D. Hogarth PS, 7 p.m.

It was noted that the Board did not appoint a Trustee to the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) at the inaugural meeting. Trustee Fairbairn indicated that he no longer has a conflict with the PIC meeting dates and volunteered to resume his membership on the committee.

Trustee Waterston moved that Trustee Fairbairn be appointed to the UGDSB Parent Involvement Committee.

The motion carried.

The remainder of the meetings are as follows:

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| Monday, February 4, 2013 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)
Orangeville, 1:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, February 5, 2013 | - | Policy Management Committee,
Board Room, 3:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 6, 2013 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL),
Guelph, Room 8, 9:00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, February 6, 2013 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)
Wellington Heights , 9:30 a.m. |

- Tuesday, February 12, 2013 - Accessibility Committee, Rm. 9, 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 12, 2013 - Rockwood User Advisory Committee 3:30 p.m., Room 9
- Tuesday, February 12, 2013 - Budget Liaison Committee, Rm. 8, 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 13, 2013 - Special Education Advisory Committee, Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 19, 2013 - Student Senate, Board Room, 5:00 p.m.

OPSBA – Public Education Symposium (PES)

January 31-February 2, 2013
Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Board Office (Greetings 6:00 pm.)

PIC Spring Event

Thursday, April 25, 2013, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.
College Heights S.S.

Trustee Cooper moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated January 29, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT TO THE BOARD

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

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

Trustee Gohn moved, seconded by Trustee Cooper, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Waterston Seconded by Trustee topping, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:55 p.m.

The motion carried.