

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

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

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Student Trustee MacDougall presented an inspirational opening reading, *“Important things in Life,”* by Stephen Covey.

CONDOLENCES

Trustee Borden, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Rochelle Cako, currently on leave as Vice Principal at Taylor Evans, P.S., on the loss of her mother; Carolyn Farrell, a teacher at Rockwood Centennial, on the loss of her mother; Lisa McLean, a teacher at John F. Ross C.V.I., on the loss of her father; Jim Parker, from the Maintenance Department, on the loss of his wife; Mary Anne Pettitt, Administrative Office Assistant at the STWDSTS Transportation Consortium, and Jennifer Piercey, Administrative Assistant in the Capital/Renewal Projects Department, on the loss of Mary Anne’s mother and Jennifer’s grandmother; Wanita Warren, Sue Crawford, and Sharon Crawford, all Custodians with the Board, and Wendell Crawford, a Painter on the loss of their father and father-in-law; Janet Kranz, a teacher at Centre Dufferin DHS, on the loss of her father; Joanne Hunse, a teacher at Victory PS, on the loss of her mother; Lija Tovell, a teacher at James McQueen PS, on the loss of her father; and, Eric Lunn, a teacher at Centennial CVI, on the loss of his mother.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Rogers highlighted the AGood News® as follows:

Ken Danby Public School

Ken Danby Public School is one of six schools in the Board to earn the Gold EcoSchool’s designation. “Ontario EcoSchools is an environmental education and certification program for grades K-12 that helps school communities develop both ecological literacy and environmental practices to become environmentally responsible citizens and reduce the ecological footprint of schools.” (from ontarioecoschools.org). To earn this award Ken Danby Public School demonstrated a commitment to the environment by undertaking a variety

of activities. In addition to these activities, Ken Danby P.S. also hosted three events during the year; a school-wide garage sale, environmental Footprint Pledges, and a Litterless Lunch Tree. Congratulations to the staff and students at Ken Danby P.S.!

Making IT Happen Award

Ms. Brenda Sherry received an International Society for Technology in Education “Making It Happen” Award at the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO) conference last week in Toronto. Brenda is an Itinerant Technology Coach with the UGDSB and is highly regarded for her work with students and teachers locally, as well as provincially and beyond. Making IT Happen is an internationally recognized awards program for educators and leaders in the field of educational technology integration in K-12 schools. The program identifies and rewards educational technology leaders around the world for their commitment and innovation. Award winners are chosen by the awarding organization, in this case ECOO, and the selection is based on eight criteria in place to assist regional, national and international educational organizations in selecting awardees. Congratulations to Brenda!

Career Pathways Dufferin

Trustee Borden reported that earlier today he extended greetings on behalf of the Board to 1,522 grade 8 students taking part in Career Pathways Dufferin. The event was very successful and thanks were extended to Principal Mike Quinn and the organizing Committee.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Gohn moved that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

Trustee Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee Waterston, that the Minutes of the Board meeting held September 27, 2011 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 Cooper moved, seconded by Trustee Topping 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

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole, with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

DELEGATIONS**Tytler Public School Closure (2012) - Tytler Public School Council**

Ms. Jennifer Britton, Treasurer of the Tytler Public School Council spoke on behalf of the Council and the Tytler Community. She explained the uniqueness of the mosaic of integration that exists in the Tytler School community and their vision of involvement and community partnership in order to find solutions to meet the needs of the families and the children.

The group formally requested that the students remain at Tytler School until the Board has a definite plan for where the children will attend up to their grade 8 year as they feel that moving the students first to King George PS for the 2012-13 school year and then to the new Laurine Ave. School in September 2013 is not in the best interest of the children. The group also asked that the children not be separated as a result of any boundary reorganization in order to allow for a slower transition from the loss of Tytler as a vibrant community hub. In addition, the group is asking that if possible, the school community would like to assist in identifying options and ideas of how Tytler could continue as a community facility.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSE TO DELEGATION

Trustee Moziar thanked the delegation for caring for their school and indicated that the issue will be addressed later on the agenda.

Trustee Busuttill clarified that Tytler school has not been declared surplus to the Board's needs in the community.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Trustee Moziar moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held October 4, 2011 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated October 4, 2011.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. the presentation entitled, "Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Youth Survey" be received.
2. the presentation entitled, "Building our Walled Garden: Supporting Student Learning with Technology", be received.
3. the verbal OPSBA report be received.
4. the Student Trustee presentation be received.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held October 11, 2011 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Fairbairn moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated October 11, 2011.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1.
 - a) the report entitled "Laurine Avenue School (New) Project Report," dated September 28, 2011, CP:11-14, be received.
 - b) a new school on the site of Laurine Avenue PS be constructed to accommodate a JK-8 program with a target opening date of September 2013.
 - c) the "Laurine Avenue Public School (New), Building Project Report" attached as Appendix "A", dated September 28, 2011, CP11-14 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.
2.
 - a) the report entitled “FDK Capital Projects, Ken Danby PS, Ottawa Cr. PS, FA Hamilton PS, Centennial Hylands PS, Hyland Heights ES,” CP:11-13, dated October 11, 2011, be received.
 - b) the “Project Description” for Ken Danby PS, Ottawa Cr. PS, FA Hamilton PS, Centennial Hylands PS and Hyland Heights ES, as outlined in report CP:11-13, dated October 11, 2011, be approved.
 - c) staff be directed to proceed to construct the projects attached as Appendices 1 to 5 in report CP:11-13, dated October 11, 2011.
 3.
 - a) The report entitled “UGDSB-Full Day Kindergarten (FDK), Boundary Reviews-Draft Schedule,” PLN: 11-21, dated October 11, 2011 be received.
 - b) Trustees approve the “Schedule of Boundary Reviews-Draft,” as shown in Appendix 1 of PLN: 11-21.
 - c) Board staff be directed to begin work on the boundary reviews scheduled for 2011/12, as outlined in PLN: 11-21.
 4.
 - a) the report entitled, “Facility Partnerships – Co-Build Opportunities,” PLN: 11-22, dated October 11, 2011 be received and considered.
 - b) staff be directed to approach the Town of Shelburne to determine their interest in a co-build project involving an expanded gymnasium for the new Shelburne elementary school.
 - c) due to timing and site constraints, that no co-build partnerships be pursued for the New Laurine PS.
 - d) staff be directed to advise the Partnership List to solicit interest in co-build opportunities for the new Stockford elementary school.
 5. the report entitled, “Operational Review Follow-up Report,” dated 2011 10 04 be received
 6.
 - a) the report entitled “2011-12 Trustee Professional Development Report,” dated October 11, 2011, be received.
 - b) Trustees choose to attend one OPSBA conference for the coming budget year, with the exception of those Trustees who are on the OPSBA Board of Directors or who hold an executive position on the OPSBA Board.
 7. the verbal report on Health and Safety as presented by Ms. Jennifer Rose, Executive Officer Human Resources, be received

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held October 12, 2011 be received.

The motion carried.

CHAIRS' COMMITTEE

Trustee Busutill moved that the Minutes of the Chair's Committee held October 11, 2011 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Busutill moved that the Monthly Financial Statement as of September 30, 2011 and the 2010-2011 year end Financial Statement be received.

The motion carried.

RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION (of October 26, 2010)

On September 27, 2011, Trustee Moziar served notice of motion to reconsider the following motions approved at the Board meeting held October 26, 2010.

2.
 - b) effective June 30, 2011, the Grade 7 & 8 FI program at King George be closed and that King George opens as a JK-8 Regular Track school starting in September 2012.
 - c) effective June 30, 2012, Laurine Ave. PS be closed and consolidated at King George PS effective September 2012.
 - d) effective June 30, 2012, Tytler PS be closed and consolidated at King George PS effective September 2012.

Trustee Moziar clarified that she had served her notice of motion to reconsider in order that the Board would understand the context of the motions. She noted that the motions with each motion containing two decisions. Trustee Moziar further explained that so as not to reconsider the closing of the schools, she is asking the Board to reconsider only the second part of each motion that addresses what student population will be assigned to the new King George school when it opens in September 2012. She clarified that this change is the result of having to accommodate FDK and the increasing enrolment in East Guelph both in FI and regular track at Ken Danby.

Therefore, in accordance with notice given September 27, 2011, Trustee Moziar moved that the Board reconsider the following resolution adopted October 26, 2010, THAT:

2.
 - b) ... King George opens as a JK-8 Regular Track school starting in September 2012.
 - c) ...Laurine Ave. PS be...consolidated at King George PS effective September 2012.

- d) ...Tytler PS be...consolidated at King George PS effective September 2012.

The motion carried (unanimously).

Trustee Moziar moved

THAT:

- b) ... King George opens as a JK-8 Regular Track school starting in September 2012.

The motion was defeated.

- c) ...Laurine Avenue PS be...consolidated at King George PS effective September 2012.

The motion was defeated.

- d) ... Tytler PS be...consolidated at King George PS effective September 2012.

The motion was defeated.

Trustee Moziar moved that the Board designate the new King George PS and Tytler PS as "Holding Schools" while the FDK plan and boundary realignments are implemented in East Guelph.

The motion carried.

It was clarified for members of the gallery that the motion applies to JK-6 students and the grade 7 and 8 students from Tytler would continue to move on to King George PS.

Trustee Moziar moved

THAT:

1. Staff develop a transition plan for Laurine and Tytler students.
2. Staff also develop interim proposals for students in overcrowded (East Guelph) schools.
3. These plans in (1) and 2) be presented at the Business Operations Committee meeting no later than January 2012.

The motion carried (Unanimously)

ONTARIO STUDENT/PARENT SURVEY

Student Trustee Sampson reported on the release of the results of the Ontario Student/Parent Survey at the fall general meeting of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) on October 21, 2011. Forty boards of education (Catholic, French and Public) participated in the survey of ten questions relating

to different educational issues that was developed by students, for students. The results for individual boards have not been released.

Student Trustees Cooper and Sampson then reviewed the survey questions and responses by students and parents, in detail. The results are available on line at www.osta-aeco.org.

Trustee Busuttill moved that the verbal report on the Ontario Student/Parent Survey be received.

The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Rose, Executive Officer of Human Resources, introduced and reviewed the report, “Resignations and Retirements,” dated October 25, 2011, as distributed at the meeting.

Trustee Bailey extended thanks to the long service employees and moved that the report, “Resignations and Retirements,” dated October 25, 2011 (Appendix A and B) be received.

The motion carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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

Trustee Waterston moved that the Board Correspondence report dated October 25, 2011, be received.

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS - Nil

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Trustee Topping moved that the November 2011 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

- i. Program Committee – November 1, 2011
- ii. Business Operations – November 8, 2011
- iii. Board Meeting – November 22, 2011

The motion carried.

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

- Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) for Guelph will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011, 9:30 a.m., Room 8.
- It was noted that the meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., in Room 9, is a Budget Liaison Committee meeting (not a Workshop).
- The Learning Foundation will meet on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., Room 8.
- Student Senate will meet, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 5:00 p.m., Board Room.
- Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) for Orangeville is on **Monday**, November 7, 2011.

The remainder of the meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, November 1, 2011	-	Policy Management Committee Board Room, 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1, 2011	-	Equity Training, Room 9 4:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Monday, November 7, 2011	-	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Orangeville, 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 8, 2011	-	Budget Liaison Committee, Room 9, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 8, 2011	-	Chairs' Committee Trustees' Lounge, 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 9, 2011	-	Special Education Advisory Committee, Board Rm, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	-	Audit Committee, Room 9, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	-	Governance Policy Meeting, Board Room, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 17, 2011	-	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL), Wellington Heights, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 22, 2011	-	Accessibility Committee Room 9, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, November 28, 2011	-	Parent Involvement Committee Room 9, 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Topping moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated October 25, 2011 be received.

The motion carried.

MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT TO THE BOARD

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

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Topping, Seconded by Trustee Waterston, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:50 p.m.

The motion carried.