

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:15 p.m.

Trustee Bailey, Chair, presided and along with Student Trustee Brown and Sampson, all Trustees were present, with Trustee Busuttil participating via teleconference.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

In honour of the new Pope, and as an attribute to the Pope's namesake St. Francis of Assisi, Trustee Borden read the Prayer of Saint Francis.

CONDOLENCES

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Barb Caunter, teacher at Victoria Terrace PS., on the loss of her mother; the family of David Gordon White, former Principal in Dufferin County; Connie Eberhardt, Community Use of Schools Clerk, on the loss of her mother-in-law; Karin Kennedy, teacher at Laurelwoods ES, on the loss of her mother; Susan Dobronyi, teacher at Centre Wellington DHS, on the loss of her father; Theo Routis, intermediate teacher at Westwood PS, on the loss of his infant daughter; Shelley Grose, Principal at Minto Clifford PS, on the loss of her father; Pina Kopoulos, ECE at Grand Valley PS, on the loss of her father; Dianne Snyder, Office Coordinator at Westside SS, on the loss of her father; Pamela Brown-Wass, Teacher at Centre Wellington DHS, on the loss of her father; Jordan Bosomworth, teacher at Westside SS, on the loss of his grandfather; Kellie Moffit-Campagnaro, Educational Assistant at John F. Ross CVI, on the loss of her mother-in-law; and Danielle Brasche, teacher at Montgomery Village PS, on the loss of her father.

GOOD NEWS

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

Tytler PS, Principal Ken Keesmaat

A Good Samaritan for the week of February 25 – March 1 is a Guelph man who goes the extra mile for his students at Tytler Public School in Guelph, where he serves as the Principal. Ken Keesmaat was nominated by Crystal Hostein, a teacher at Tytler PS, who says Ken, has compassion and understanding for students who may be struggling. She stated that "we have a lot of behavior issues, we have a lot of mental health issues, we have a lot of at-risk students who are in need of a lot of things to succeed and he goes above and beyond to ensure that they get the things that they need to be successful." Crystal recalls a time, (during withdrawal of volunteer services by teachers) when Ken

stayed with students for a couple nights at a camp get-away. She says Ken is always looking out for the best interests of troubled students. There have been times when a student may have difficulty functioning in a large busy class. Ken has set up activities in his office or in a separate room, so that the student feels safe and cared for.

OFSSA Champs, Centre Dufferin DHS

The Centre Dufferin DHS Royals skated to a 6-2 victory over Walkerton's Sacred Heart HS Crusaders to win the gold medal in the OFSSA Boys A/AA Hockey Championship on Saturday, March 23. Congratulations to the players, head coaches Steven Stewart and Bill Bradford, and assistant coaches Rob Scott, Eric Zeidler and Ryan Stewart.

Norwell DSS, Senior Girls Curling Team

The Norwell Senior Girls' Curling team brought home the OFSSA Gold medal from the finals in Ottawa last weekend. The talented yet down-to-earth ladies knocked down teams from the best public and private schools in Ontario during the course of the tournament. As they progressed, the Norwell curlers became the favourites of both the organizers and the other teams for their sportsmanship and verve. Coach and Norwell teacher Tyson Smith described the final game as the best game of curling he has ever seen, including any game at the World Championship, the Canadian Briar, or the Thursday night Palmerston league. The Norwell Curling team wore their jeans and cowboy boots to the tournament dance. As one of the Norwell ladies quipped, "we taught them all to line-dance, kind of like we taught them all to curl." Team members: Paige D., Sarah D., Lyndsay B., Nicole R., and Jacinda S., Coach Tyson Smith.

Centennial CVI, Grade 11 Student {Guelph Tribune}

Grade 11 student, Sarah W. is the youngest runner to earn a spot on the Canadian team that competed at the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Cross Country Championships junior women's race on Sunday March 24th in Poland. Sarah placed 61st overall and was the fourth Canadian to cross the finish line (six on the team).

Curl for A Cause Bonspiel

This past weekend, the Annual Curl for A Cause Bonspiel was held in Fergus. Retired Upper Grand Principal, Bruce Hawkins, organizes this bonspiel. Curlers raised \$38,000 this year for one of six Centre Wellington Charities. This bonspiel has raised a total of \$218,000 over eight years. The team of Bonnie and Don Talbot, two Upper Grand employees, along with two of their friends from the Fergus Curling Club raised \$1,370 dollars for the first Accessible Playground in Centre Wellington, which is being planned for construction in Fergus.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, 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 FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Cooper that the Minutes of the Board meeting held February 26, 2013, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting (In Camera) held February 12, 2013, be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

DELEGATION – IB PROGRAM

Bruce Dadey and Jason Offer delivered a presentation to the Board in support of the proposed International Baccalaureate Program (IB Program), school accreditation for an International Baccalaureate Diploma program. Bruce stated that the program not only benefits the student but the school, community, and the world. Students enrolled in this program have a requirement of 150 hours of community service as opposed to the 40 hours standard requirement for high school students. He addressed some perceptions or reservations received from the public about the program. The proposed program will be held in Guelph, at Guelph GVI, and although open to all students, the perception may be that students in the north may not be able to enroll due to the logistics of getting to Guelph. He offered his assistance and welcomed parents to contact him to help coordinate transportation for students who wish to attend, who are outside of the geographic area. He noted that the Board is putting in place strategies for students so that all students may participate, regardless of their financial situations, or geographical

location. He advised that some social implications may arise with the implementation of the program. And finally, he relayed a concern about financial challenges for both the Board in the administration and implementation of the program, as well as for students who may feel the financial barriers are a barrier to admission. After addressing these perceptions and possible reservations, he promoted the program and shared very positive feedback and expectations that the program will grow, not only at Guelph CVI, but to many other schools in the system.

Jason Offer advised that there was support in the community for a bursary program, and he is planning to pursue the opportunities for sponsorship, to assist with financial implications. He reiterated Bruce Dadey's comments in that he expects that the IB Program will grow, and will have multiple locations in the future, and that the approval of Guelph CVI will be the first of many schools to offer the program. Thanks were given to the Board for support, as well as to Trustees Moziar and Busutil, Superintendent Kelly, Judith Nyman, parents and students, for reaching consensus on location, and moving forward with the implementation of the IB Program, for the betterment of all involved.

RESPONSE TO THE DELEGATION

Trustee Borden noted that he supports the IB Program, but wanted to raise his concern about equity across the Board, in particular access to the IB program for students outside the Guelph area.

Trustee Cooper noted that she was disappointed that there was no transportation available for this program, and shared Trustee Borden's concern about equity across the Board.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 5, 2013

Trustee Cooper moved that the Minutes of the Program Committee held March 5, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar requested that motion # 5 of recommendations as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee held March 5, 2013 be considered separately. The motion is as follows: the Board provide financial support for Trustee Moziar to participate in a workshop on single gender classes being held on March 26, 2013 in Hamilton.

Trustee Cooper moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee held March 5, 2013.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. the verbal Common European Framework of Reference Report be received.
2. memo PLN:13-06 entitled “Relocation of Gifted Instruction in Orangeville” be received.
3. verbal Safe Schools Updates be received.
4. the Student Trustee Report be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar requested that item # 5 as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee held March 5, 2013, be amended to read: “the Board provide financial support for Trustee Moziar to participate in a workshop entitled Boys Adrift: What School Professionals Need to Know About Boys in 2013, being held on March 26, 2013 in Hamilton.”

The motion carried.

Trustee Cooper moved the adoption of recommendations # 5 as amended.

The motion carried.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 19, 2013

Trustee Schieck moved that the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee held March 19, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Schieck moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated March 19, 2013.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

Recommendation # 1:

1. The report entitled: Final Report of the Learning Choices Committee 2013 19 03 be received.
2. Upper Grand District School Board approve the following recommendations:

- a. the establishment of a Diploma International Baccalaureate Program in the Upper Grand District School Board;
- b. the submission of an *IB School Information Form* by Guelph CVI (GCVI) to initiate the process of school accreditation for an International Baccalaureate Diploma program to commence in September 2016;
- c. the establishment and on-going maintenance of a student bursary fund of \$25,000 commencing in September 2016 to ensure that any student, who is accepted through the application process to the Diploma IB program and for whom the financial requirements are a barrier to admission, is not prevented from benefitting from this program;
- d. notwithstanding recommendation c, that parent/guardians will be required to pay a set fee for the two year IB Diploma Program not to exceed \$1300.00 in each year to cover the costs of the program;
- e. the establishment of a \$100,000 budget line for September 2013, managed by the Secondary Superintendent of Education, to support the three year start up costs until the IB Diploma Program is self sustaining commencing in September 2016;
- f. that 3 sections of time release, commencing in the 2013-14 school year, be provided to Guelph CVI to support the IB Coordinator's role and responsibilities;
- g. that transportation, other than to students who would normally qualify for busing in the Guelph CVI catchment area, will not be provided;
- h. any student who is accepted into GCVI's IB track and does not continue in the program, for any reason, will be returned to their home school.

Recommendation # 2:

1. The report attached to memo PLN: 13-04 "*New South Guelph JK-8 FI Centre Boundary Review - Report #3*", dated March 19, 2013 be received.
2.
 - a. The Board approves **Scenario 2** as described in Section 4.1 in the report attached to memo PLN: 13-04, and
 - b. the FI boundaries for the New South Guelph FI Centre, John McCrae PS, F.A. Hamilton PS and Paisley Road PS outlined in Appendix I, Maps 1 to 6 attached to memo PLN:13-04 "*New South Guelph JK-8 FI Centre Boundary Review - Report #3*", effective September 2014 be approved, and
3. Effective September 2014, the implementation timelines applicable to **Scenario 2** be approved as follows:

- a. F.A. Hamilton PS JK-6 FI students who reside within the New South Guelph FI Centre boundary will attend the New South Guelph FI Centre.
- b. F.A. Hamilton PS JK-6 FI students who reside within new John McCrae PS JK-6 FI boundary will attend John McCrae PS.
- c. Grade 7 students feeding from F.A. Hamilton PS who reside within the New South Guelph FI Centre 7/8 FI boundary will attend the New South Guelph FI Centre.
- d. Grade 7 students feeding from F.A. Hamilton PS who reside within the new John McCrae PS 7/8 FI boundary will attend John McCrae PS.
- e. John McCrae PS JK-7 students who reside within the New South Guelph FI Centre JK-6 and 7/8 FI boundary will attend the New South Guelph FI Centre.
- f. All Paisley Road PS Grade 4-6 FI students will attend John McCrae PS.
- g. Grade 7 FI students feeding from Paisley Road PS will attend John McCrae PS.
- h. Transition Area students who did not attend Paisley Road PS in the 2013/14 school year will attend John McCrae PS.
- i. Transition Area students who attended Paisley Road PS for JK to Grade 2 in the 2013/14 school year may remain at Paisley Road PS until the end of Grade 3 or have the option of attending John McCrae PS.
- j. All Grade 8 FI students will be grandparented at John McCrae PS.

Recommendation # 3:

1. The report entitled “Naming of New Elementary School in Shelburne”, dated March 19, 2013 be received.
2. The new Shelburne school be named “Glenbrook Elementary School.”

Recommendation # 4:

The verbal report on the School Naming Committee for Laurine Avenue PS be received.

The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Ms. J. L. Rose, Executive Officer Human Resources, introduced the report Resignations and Retirements (Appendix A and B) dated March 26, 2013 as distributed at the meeting. Trustee Schieck thanked the long serving employees of the Upper Grand District School Board.

Trustee Schieck moved the adoption of recommendation # 5 as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated March 19, 2013, as well as adoption of the report dated March 26, 2013 presented at the meeting.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. The report Resignations and Retirements (Appendix A and B) dated March 19, 2013 be received.
2. The report, Resignations and Retirements (Appendix A and B) dated March 26, 2013, be received.

LAURINE AVE PS NAMING COMMITTEE

Trustee Bailey advised that one Trustee is required to sit on the Laurine Ave PS Naming Committee. It was suggested and agreed that Trustee Busutil sit on this committee.

Trustee Scheick moved that Trustee Busutil be named to sit on the Laurine Ave PS Naming Committee.

The motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 6, 2013

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held March 6, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 5, 2013

Trustee Gohn moved that the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee held March 5, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Gohn moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated March 5, 2013.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. Policy 500 First Nations, Métis and Inuit Self Identification be approved.
2. Policy 213 Code of Conduct be approved, as amended.
3. Policy 606 Assessment and Evaluation be approved, as amended.
4. Policy 214 Accessibility Standards be approved.
5. Policy 211 Accessibility Standards for Customer Service be rescinded.

CHAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Minutes of the Chairs' Committee held March 19, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Borden moved the adoption of recommendation # 1 as contained in the Minutes of the Chairs Committee, dated March 19, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

The motion is as follows:

THAT:

The Trustee Expenses Report as at February 28, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Bailey presented a written report of correspondence received during the past month. Included in the correspondence was a letter from parents regarding the new south Guelph JK-8 FI Centre Boundary Review – Report # 2. After discussing the letter, it was agreed that Trustee Bailey would respond to the parents, thanking them for their input received on the boundary review.

Trustee Moziar moved that Trustee Bailey, Chair of the Board respond to parents regarding the letter received regarding the south Guelph JK-8 FI Centre Boundary

Review – Report #2.

The motion carried.

Trustee Borden moved that the Board Correspondence dated March 26, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS -nil

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Program Committee	-	April 2, 2013
Business Operations Committee Meeting	-	April 9, 2013
Regular Board Meeting	-	April 23, 2013

The motion carried.

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2013	-	Policy Management Committee, Boardroom, 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2, 2013	-	Elementary Principal interviews in room 4, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3, 2013	-	Secondary Vice-Principal interviews at 10:00 (room to be determined)
Wednesday, April 3, 2013	-	Elementary Vice-Principal interviews, 8:30 a.m., in room 4
Wednesday, April 3, 2013	-	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL), Guelph, room 8, 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3, 2013	-	Elementary Vice-Principal Interviews, room 4, 8:30 am.
Friday, April 5, 2013	-	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Wellington Heights, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, April 8, 2013	-	Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Orangeville, 1:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 10, 2013 - Special Education Advisory Committee, Boardroom, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11, 2013 - Public meeting re Settlers Creek boundary, 7:00 p.m. at Montgomery Village PS
- Friday, April 12, 2013 - Career Education Council (CEC) Breakfast 7:00 a.m. at the Delta hotel in Guelph
- Tuesday, April 16, 2013 - Student Senate, room 9, 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 17, 2013 - Supervised Alternative Learning meeting (SAL), Wellington Heights 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 22, 2013 - Environmental Education & Management Committee, Boardroom, 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 22, 2013 - Learning Foundation meeting, 5:30 p.m., room 7 (Trustee Lounge)
- Tuesday, April 23, 2013 - Accessibility Committee, room 9, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 25, 2013 - Parent Involvement Committee Workshop CHSS cafetorium, 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 29, 2013 - Safe, Equitable and Inclusive Schools' Steering Committee, Boardroom, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 30, 2013 - Trustee Workshop, 7:00 pm in Boardroom

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated March 26, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

MOTION TO RISE AND REPORT TO THE BOARD

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

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Waterson moved, Seconded by Trustee Cooper, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 8:15 p.m.

The motion carried.