

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:10 p.m.

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

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Trustee Busuttill read an excerpt from Chief Seattle as the opening prayer.

CONDOLENCES

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Sheila Stevenson, on the loss of her husband Ab, a retired caretaker; Rebecca Pyke, E.A. at Elora PS, on the loss of her father; Margaret Young, on the loss of her husband Thomas Young, a retired secondary teacher; Dirk Schouten, a teacher at Orangeville DSS and MaryAnn Schouten, a Speech-Language Pathologist in the Program Services Department, on the loss of Dirk's father; Dave and Debbie Auliffe on the loss of their son Dylan a student at Centre Wellington DHS; and Christopher McDougall on the loss of his wife Kerry-Ann, a teacher at Erin DHS.

GOOD NEWS

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

Wellington Dufferin Guelph (WDG) in-motion 2013 In Motion Push-up & Sit-up Challenge Winners:

Eramosa PS placed first with an amazing average of 392 push-ups/sit-ups per student. Island Lake PS placed third with an average of 76 push-ups/sit-ups per student.

Teacher Learning and Leadership Program (TLLP) 2013-14

Congratulations to Westside SS teachers Amie Willoughby, Daniel Crabbe and Suzan Bell and John F. Ross CVI teachers Nicholas Key and David Greisman. Their proposals were selected by the Upper Grand New Teachers Induction Program (NTIP) Committee for submission to the Ministry. On March 18, Group Leaders Amy Willoughby and Nicholas Key were advised that their proposals were accepted for funding by the Ministry of Education. The Westside SS teachers will receive \$20,857 and the John F. Ross CVI teachers will receive \$11,214.

Teachers at John F. Ross CVI have been experimenting with the flipped classroom and blended learning concepts. In a flipped classroom, students are presented with the course content at home, primarily through the internet (video, etc.). The coursework and the application of the content are then primarily done within the classroom. These two teachers from the Chemistry department are offering their grade 11 university chemistry course in this format. In addition, they are experimenting with the concept of mastery, whereby students are required to master particular content before moving on. This proposal would allow these teachers to further their learning in order to develop an effective flipped classroom in the science department. Their discoveries would be shared with other teachers in the school and the rest of the Board.

Guelph Police Jr. Citizen Award

Two Centennial CVI students received Guelph Police Jr. Citizen Awards on April 8, 2013. One student saved his friend from suicide and the other observed a home invasion and reported it to police.

Upper Grand Students win awards at the April 9 Waterloo-Wellington Science and Engineering Fair

John McCrae PS

Sixteen students from John McCrae PS participated in the Waterloo-Wellington Science Engineering Fair, in Kitchener. The results were as follows. Pewter Winners: Katy - Cell Phone Radiation; Mia - To seed or not to seed that is the question; Jacob - Which, out of two food kinds, does my dog prefer. Bronze Winners: Nathanael – Chemical Trails of Ants; Andy – Reducing Light Pollution, and Thomas – Corpus Callosum Comparison. Silver Winners: Libby and Jessica – Are My Hands Still Dirty? - I Just Washed; David – Tubes! Water! Electricity!; Ethan – Cockroaches on Drugs; Seungmin – What’s on that Spout; Spencer – What’s Lurking Inside Walls: Mould on Insulation; Owen – That’s Gotta Hurt; and Lucy – Energy Bracelet: A scam or a miracle. Gold Winner Emma received an Award of Merit for her project Plants that Bug Superbugs. Her project looked into natural and man-made antibiotics and how effective they were.

Taylor Evans PS

Neil received a Bronze award for his project on paper towels.

Centennial CVI

Centennial students brought home Five Gold Medals, One Silver and one best-written report. The winners are as follows: Mac won the best-written report for his project, Can Bacteriophage Preserve Meat; Chris and Charles won silver for their project: Zeolites: Nature’s Solution to Airborne Pollutants. Gold Winners: Devanshi and Chitta – How to help stressful plants; Alex and Bailey – Computational Analysis of Halo-

Organic Compounds; Tina and Anisa – Fluorescent Protein UV Protection; Nina and Christina – Effects of Resveratrol/Rosiglitazone on metabolism.

Kelly and Max won an Award of Merit and the Google Young Researcher Award for their project – The Effects of Hypoxia Embryonic Development. Kelly and Max were experimenting with fly embryos, attempting to use oxygen levels in combination with temperature to place the fly embryos into a state of “suspended animation” – stopping growth at a stage without any deterioration.

Emma from John McCrae PS along with Kelly and Max, Centennial CVI were among seven entries to receive the Award of Merit and were recognized as the top projects in the fair, regardless of category or division, and received an all expense paid trip to the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Centre Dufferin Student Receives a Scholarship

Mitchell L. was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship based on the merits of his application to the Diabetes Hope Foundation in recognition of the significant contributions he has made to enrich the lives of others through community and extra-curricular activities while maintaining a healthy lifestyle in the face of the many challenges associated with diabetes management.

Member of IT is recognized for 45 Years of Dedication to Scouts Canada

Grant Townsend recently received the Silver Acorn Award at the Fergus Scout house. A fellow Scouter describes Grant as “caring, giving, humble and modest. He has been a mainstay in Fergus for generations. He is what we strive for in scouting. Someone who gives and someone who thinks of others first, and he has emphasized that for 45 years.” Congratulations Grant.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee Schieck, 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 MARCH 26, 2013

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Cooper that the Minutes of the Board meeting held March 26, 2013, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole

meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting be approved with one change on page 60, the time for Parent Involvement Committee Workshop is 4:30, (not 4:00).

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 2, 2013

Trustee Cooper moved that the Minutes of the Program Committee held April 2, 2013, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

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

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. the Continuing Education presentation be received.
2. the report entitled "Relocation of Gifted in Orangeville – Final Report", dated April 2, 2013 be received.
3. the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education presentation be received.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 9, 2013

Trustee Waterston moved that the Minutes of the Business Operations

Committee held April 9, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Waterston moved the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated April 9, 2013.

The motion carried.

The motions are as follows:

THAT:

1. a) the report entitled "School Year Calendar 2013-2014" dated April 9, 2013 be received.

b) the proposed school calendars for the 2013-2014 school year for the Upper Grand District School Board's elementary and secondary schools, as outlined in Appendix A and B respectively, be approved by the Board for submission to the Ministry of Education for final approval in accordance with Regulation 304.
2. the report entitled "FDK Capital Project, East Garafraxa PS Renovation" dated April 9th, 2013, CP:13-07, be received.
3. memo PLN:13-15 entitled "New Settlers Creek JK-8 RT Boundary Review – Report # 2" be received.
4. a) memo PLN:13-05 entitled "Sir Isaac Brock PS Grade 7 and 8 Feasibility Study", dated April 9, 2013 be received.

b) staff be directed to meet with Sir Isaac Brock PS and the Rickson Ridge PS communities to discuss the feasibility of expanding the program at Sir Isaac Brock PS to include Grades 7 and 8.

c) staff be directed to bring a final report to the Business Operations Committee meeting on June 11, 2013 to share with Trustees the input received from affected families and to provide staffs' recommendation(s) regarding implementation of any changes.
5. a) memo PLN: 13-12, entitled "2013/2014 Development Area School Assignments", dated April 9, 2013 be received.

- b) the changes to the Development Area School Assignments as outlined in Appendices A and B in memo PLN: 13-12 "2013-2014 Development Area School Assignments" be approved for the 2013/2014 school year.
- 6. a) the report entitled "Preliminary Elementary Teacher Staffing for 2013-2014 School Year" dated 2013 04 09 be received.
 - b) based on the projected Elementary FTE of 21,073.5 and system needs, a preliminary allocation of Elementary teaching staff for the 2013-2014 school year be set at 1245.4 FTE teachers.
- 7. a) the report entitled "Preliminary Secondary School Teacher Staffing for 2013 – 2014 School Year" dated 2013 04 09 be received.
 - b) based on the projected secondary ADE of 11,138.21 and system needs, a preliminary allocation of secondary teaching staff for the 2013-2014 school year be set at 738.77 FTE teachers.

The motion carried.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL/VICE-PRINCIPAL TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

Director of Education Rogers shared the contents of the report entitled "Elementary Principal/Vice-Principal and Secondary Vice-Principal Eligibility Lists – 2013" dated April 9, 2013.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 10, 2013

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) held April 10, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 2, 2013

Trustee Gohn moved that the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee held April 2, 2013 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Gohn moved the adoption of recommendation # 1 as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated April 2, 2013.

The motion is as follows:

THAT: Policy 100 Policy Management be approved.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Superintendent Wright presented the report entitled Extended Day Program dated April 23, 2013. She advised that full day kindergarten (FDK) was introduced in September 2010 and that for September 2013, year 4, FDK will be in place in 42 schools in this Board. Along with the implementation of FDK, the Ministry of Education had a vision of an Extended Day Program to complement FDK that would take place before and after the regular school day. In order to advance that vision, the Ministry has worked with school boards and day care operators to develop guidelines for the provision of the Extended Day Program that was fair to school boards, and to operators who provide the service. She advised that there is still a significant amount of work to be done for the operators, especially those who are new to the system, in obtaining their proper licenses. Trustees were informed that operators are willing to accept students into the program anytime during the year, depending upon availability of space and license limitations.

Trustee Moziar moved that the report entitled "Extended Day Program" dated April 23, 2013 be received.

The motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Executive Officer Human Resources Rose, introduced the report Resignations and Retirements (Appendix A and B) dated April 23, 2013 as distributed at the meeting. Trustee Schieck thanked the long serving employees of the Upper Grand District School Board.

Trustee Schieck moved adoption of the report dated April 23, 2013 as presented at the meeting.

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 addressed to the Honorable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, raising a concern regarding the potential impact on Policy/Program Memorandum 155, which allows teachers to opt out of traditional diagnostic assessments.

Trustee Moziar moved that the Board Correspondence dated April 23, 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	-	May 7, 2013
Business Operations Committee Meeting	-	May 14, 2013
Regular Board Meeting	-	May 28, 2013

The motion carried.

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

Thursday, April 25, 2013	-	Linking Family-School Partnerships to Student Achievement, 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. College Heights S. S.
Friday, April 26, 2013	-	Equity and Safe Schools Training the Lighthouse Restaurant in Elora, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 29, 2013	-	Safe and Inclusive Schools Committee, 4:00 p.m. Boardroom
Tuesday, April 30, 2013	-	Trustee Workshop, Boardroom, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 2, 2013	-	Feasibility Meeting, Rickson Ridge PS, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday, May 3, 2013		9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Room 9 Everyday Heroes Selection Committee,

- Friday, May 3, 2013 - RISE Conference (Recognizing Internal Strength for Empowerment) University of Guelph, 9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Trustees are to reply to Krysta Petrie, 519-766-9762, or Krysta.Petrie@ugdsb.on.ca if interested in attending

- Monday, May 6, 2013 - Education Week Official Opening
7:00 p.m., Westside SS

- Monday, May 6, 2013 - Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL),
Orangeville Board Office, 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- May 6 – 10, 2013 - Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts,
Baptist Church, Orangeville

- Tuesday, May 7, 2013 - Policy Management Committee,
Board Room, 3:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, May 7, 2003 - Chairs Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Boardroom

- Wednesday, May 8, 2013 - Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL),
Guelph Board Office, 9:30 a.m., room 7

- Thursday, May 9, 2013 - Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL),
Wellington Heights 9:30 a.m.

- Thursday, May 9, 2013 - Audit Committee 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., room 9

- Wednesday, May 8, 2013 - Special Education Advisory Committee,
Board Room, 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, May 13, 2013 - Dufferin Parent Council Meeting, Hyland
Heights ES, 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, May 21, 2013 - Student Senate, 5:00 p.m., Boardroom

- Monday, May 27, 2013 - Environmental Education and Management
Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Boardroom

- Monday, May 27, 2013 - Parent Involvement Committee, 7:00 p.m.,
Board Room

- Wednesday, May 29, 2013 - Salute Everyday Heroes
E. L. Fox, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3, 2013

- First presentation of draft expenditure budget
7:00 p.m., Boardroom

Trustee Moziar moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated April 23, 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 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 Waterston moved, Seconded by Trustee Fairbairn, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:45 p.m.

The motion carried.