

**Upper Grand District School Board**  
**Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 28, 2014**  
**Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present. Student Trustees Challinor and Woodford were also in attendance.

**Opening Prayer**

In view of the recent news events, Trustee Topping recited a prayer entitled Taking a Stand.

**Condolences**

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: the children of Steven Ratz, Vice-Principal at Westside SS, and Marie-Hélèn Lessard, Teacher at Centennial Hylands PS on the loss of their father and mother; the family of Bradley Reid, Teacher at Wellington Heights SS on the loss of their son; Gwen Rutledge, Custodian at Westside SS and Andy Hann, School Safety Inspector, on the loss of Gwen's son; Neil Boyd, Custodial Floater, on the loss of his mother; Karen Craig, Custodian at Orangeville DSS, and Sandra McLellan, Custodian at Orangeville DSS on the loss of their mother; and Len Creary, Head Custodian at Centre Wellington DHS, on the loss of his mother.

**Good News**

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Naomi McCulloch, Grade 2 teacher at Minto Clifford PS

This is Naomi's 4th year as the Me2We Co-ordinator. Two years ago she was honoured as a leader of change at the Me2We Day ceremony. Last year she was on the cover for the campaign flyer for teachers and was a greeter in the educator's lounge. This year she won the We Go To School Contest. Last year the school celebrated the completion of a school and a well. This year she is focusing on the alternative income and livelihood by purchasing goats. At the end of September they raised \$350.00, enough to purchase 5 goats. This month her team is also doing the "We Scare Hunger Food Drive" along with partnering with the local Ford dealerships.

Science Teachers' Association of Ontario (STAO)

Each year the Science Teachers' Association of Ontario (STAO) has a conference. This year the theme is Inspiring Innovation (November 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> in Toronto). Four outstanding UGDSB science educators were selected by the STAO conference committee to present a total of 4 different workshops.

### Purchasing Department Staff Earn Recognition

Lidia Halyk, Manager of Purchasing and Chad Voisin, Buyer, have earned recognition from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council. Lidia has earned the Certified Public Procurement Officer designation and Chad has earned the Certified Public Procurement Buyer designation. Both of these designations require formal education and training, public procurement experience and the successful completion of a comprehensive written examination. As public procurement gains a higher profile in Ontario, we are proud to have professional staff who gained these credentials from an organization that is recognized throughout North America. Congratulations to Lidia and Chad.

### Rise Conference

The photograph taken by an Elora PS student during the Focus on Nature Workshop at RISE, this past year, will be part of the Nature Heals exhibit. The Nature Heals is a tribute to retiring Guelph hospital CEO Richard Ernst. Sixty amazing images will be on display at FLO Studio, 260 Waterloo Ave. from November 9<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014.

### **Confirmation of the Agenda**

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Schieck, that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

**The motion carried.**

### **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held September 30, 2014**

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Cooper, that the minutes of the meeting held September 30, 2014, 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 Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee Gohn, 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 of the Whole**

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

**The motion carried.**

**Program Committee**

Trustee Topping moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held October 7, 2014 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Topping moved that:

1. The verbal presentation from the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Active and Safe Routes to School Committee be received.
2. The verbal update on First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education (FNMI) be received.
3. The verbal report on Suicide Prevention, Intervention, Postvention Protocol be received.
4. The verbal report on the LSA Project be received.
5. The verbal report on the DELF 2014 report be received.
6. The verbal report on Student Support and Program Services Publications be received.

**The motion carried.**

**Business Operations Committee**

Trustee Schieck moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held October 14, 2014 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Cooper moved that item # 8, as listed on the agenda, be considered separately. The motion is as follows: "The Board direct the Policy Management Committee to adjust the walking distance chart for eligibility for transportation in Policy 304 (b) for grades JK – 6 to 1.6 km. to be implemented in September 2015 and that PMC report back to Board before the end of the current term."

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Schieck moved that:

1. The report entitled “2014 Facility Partnership Report, PLN 14-20”, dated October 14, 2014, be received.
2. Staff be directed to advise the Partnership List that there is no available Partnership Space or Co-Build opportunities.
3. The report entitled “Strategic Directions 2015-2018” dated October 14, 2014 be received.
4. The Board approve the Vision, Mission Statement, Principles and Goals as described in Appendix A of the “Strategic Directions 2015 – 2018” report dated October 14, 2014, as amended.
5. The report “Trustee Honoraria” dated October 14, 2014 be received.
6. The report entitled “Staff Retirement and Resignations” dated October 14, 2014 be received, with thanks.
7. The verbal report on Health and Safety be received, with thanks.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Cooper requested clarification regarding impact on the transportation budget, and possible considerations to use future transportation money for program support such as providing transportation for Erin students to attend the IB program. Superintendent Wright made some general comments and explained how the transportation budget process worked, how the transportation consortia optimized the use of all buses, and the factors that needed to be considered.

Trustee Schieck moved that the Board direct the Policy Management Committee to adjust the walking distance chart for eligibility for transportation in Policy 304 (b) for grades JK – 6 to 1.6 km. to be implemented in September 2015 and that PMC report back to Board before the end of the current term.”

**The motion carried.**

### **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Trustee Waterston moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held October 8, 2014 be received.

**The motion carried.**

## **Resignations and Retirements**

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Resignations and Retirements report dated October 28, 2014.

Trustee Schieck moved that the report Resignations and Retirements, Appendix A dated October 28, 2014 be received, with thanks.

**The motion carried.**

## **Board Correspondence**

Trustee Bailey advised that correspondence was received from MPP David Tilson, Dufferin-Caledon dated October 6, 2014 regarding small businesses in Dufferin-Caledon. Trustee Waterston suggested that a thank you letter be sent to MPP David Tilson for his correspondence, as well as a reminder that it would be of greater value to reconsider charging HST to school boards.

Trustee Bailey advised that staff raised a concern regarding storm water management in the City of Guelph, and that the City is proposing that taxes be imposed on both home owners and Boards of Education to cover the costs. Manager of Planning Passy explained that she has been involved in stakeholder meetings over the last year regarding the storm water funding study, alternative mechanisms for maintenance and replacement costing, upgrading systems throughout the City to ensure systems are capable of dealing with water, and to ensure that water is as clean as possible. She noted that storm water management has historically been under-funded by the City of Guelph, as well as many other cities in the Province, and that the City of Guelph is looking for ways to cover the costs by imposing taxes on homeowners as well as Boards of Education. Noting that Boards of Education are not a taxable body, the Kitchener-Waterloo Board forwarded a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that Boards not be taxed or billed for these expenses. It was suggested and agreed that a similar letter be sent from staff, to the Minister of Education, seeking direction, and noting that Boards of Education should not be taxed or billed for these expenses. It was also suggested that staff append a copy of the Kitchener-Waterloo Board's letter to Minister Sandals with the letter from UGDSB.

Trustee Waterston moved that the Board direct staff to write a letter to the Minister of Education to seek direction regarding the proposed fees to be charged from the City of Guelph to the Board to cover the costs incurred for storm water management, and append a copy of the Kitchener-Waterloo Board's similar letter.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Waterston moved that the Board Correspondence dated October 28, 2014, be received.

**The motion carried.**

### **Trustee Questions and Reports**

In view of the recent Trustee elections, and campaigns, Trustee Moziar raised a concern about the lack of support for school Board Trustees from the Chamber of Commerce. Considering that the Board pays for membership, she requested clarification as to what benefits are included with membership. It was suggested and agreed that the liaisons for the three Chambers of Commerce; Dufferin, Centre Wellington, and Guelph, check with the respective Chambers of Commerce and report back at a future date. Trustee Borden suggested that for future election campaigns, that the Board facilitate candidate nights, through school councils, or individual schools.

Trustee Moziar moved that the Board direct the Chamber of Commerce liaisons to inquire about the value of the chamber of commerce membership to the school Board.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Bailey announced that Wednesday, October 29, 2014 is Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Workers Appreciation Day, and expressed thanks for the support for our teachers, assistance to children, and congratulations to all.

**The motion carried.**

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the November 2014 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	November 4, 2014
Business Operations	November 11, 2014
Board Meeting	November 25, 2014

**The motion carried.**

Director Rogers added the following to the Dates of Future Meetings:

Monday, November 3, 2014	PIC, Credit Meadows ES, 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18, 2014	Informal Reception/Information Session for Trustees and Senior Staff, <b>5:00</b> , not 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18, 2014	Student Senate Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Room 9

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Wednesday, November 19, 2014      Your Future Your Choice, Centennial CVI,  
any time after 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 24, 2014      PIC meeting, 6:45 p.m., Boardroom

Tuesday, November 25, 2014      Accessibility Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m.,  
Room 9 (was previously listed as Wednesday)

Monday, December 1, 2014      Learning Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Room 3.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated October 28, 2014 be received, with the above noted additions.

**The motion carried.**

**Motion to Rise and Report to the Board**

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

**The motion carried.**

**Ratification of Business**

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

**The motion carried.**