

**Upper Grand District School Board
Business Operations Committee
Minutes**

February 10, 2015

The Business Operations Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, Ontario commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairperson, Trustee Cooper presided, and the following Trustees were present: Bailey, Busuttil, Fairbairn, Lustgarten Evoy, MacNeil, Moziar, Schieck, Topping, and White, along with Student Trustees Challinor and Woodford.

Present from the Administration were Dr. M. C. Rogers, Director of Education, together with Superintendents Benallick, Lindsay, McDonald, Slater, Talbot, and Wright, Communications Officer McFadzen, Administrative Officer Communications Weidmark, Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose, Student Success Lead Zen, Planning Manager Passy, Senior Planner Imm, Operations Officer Scinocca, and Manager of Operations Veit.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the agenda be approved, with the removal of one delegation regarding bussing to GCVI, and replace Lisa Hern with Ruby Lennox.

The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2015 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

Delegations – Wellington North Elementary Accommodation Review

1. Ruby Lennox, Vice President of the Wellington Federation of Agriculture presented her delegation in support of Kenilworth PS remaining open. Ms. Lennox advised that the Federation opposed the closing of Kenilworth PS. Support and sustainability of the farming community and support of rural schools were her main concerns.
2. Julie Charbonneau, together with her husband James Silva, delegated in support of Kenilworth PS remaining open.
3. Mollie Loughran presented on behalf of concerned parents in support of Kenilworth PS remaining open. Budget concerns, renewal money, capital money, and the result of a fragmented community in the event of the closure of Kenilworth PS were her main issues raised.
4. Dave Moran advocated for rural small schools in support of Kenilworth PS remaining open. Mr. Moran requested that Trustees consider the cost per square mile, and not just the cost per square foot, in determining the future of Kenilworth PS. He suggested that money is not the only consideration, and that the best interest of the rural students and the rural community are the most important factors to consider in determining whether or not to close Kenilworth PS.

Trustees asked questions of clarification.

Wellington North Elementary Accommodation Review - Decision

In consideration of the difficult decision to be made regarding the future of Kenilworth PS, and to ensure that the decision made would be the right one, Trustees debated at length. Topics debated included the benefit to the Board, the benefit to students, small school atmosphere, bullying, school as a community hub, equity of access and opportunity, sustainable agricultural community, energy efficiency, acknowledgement that rural schools are different from city schools, financial implications, safety of the school, parental input and community concerns, unique perspective, potential future use of the building, growth of Wellington north, enrolment projections, overcrowding in surrounding schools, community use, short term versus long term accommodation issues, value lost versus value gained, support of rural education, recreational facilities, minimized impact on students, and improved public confidence. After a long debate, and considering all issues raised, Trustees indicated their support to keep Kenilworth PS open.

Recommendation # 1

Trustee Schieck moved that:

1. Option 1 Status Quo be approved which keeps Kenilworth PS open.
2. The renewal capital for Kenilworth PS identified in memo B08: 14-04 "Renewal Projects (2014/15)" be completed.
3. The Full Day Kindergarten renovation at Kenilworth PS be completed.
4. Renewal needs at Kenilworth PS be reviewed by the Capital/Renewal group of the Operations Department in the fall of each year.
5. The Board confirms its decision with respect to the Wellington North Elementary Accommodation Review on February 24, 2015.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeah: Trustees Bailey, Busuttill, Cooper, Lustgarten Evoy, MacNeil, Moziar, Schieck, Topping, and White

Nay: Trustee Fairbairn

The motion carried.

2015/2016 Development Area School Assignments

Manager of Planning Passy advised that each year the Planning Department reviews the current and projected enrolments of holding schools to determine if any Development Area (DA) school assignments need to be changed for the upcoming school year. The 2015/2016 Development Area School Assignments report outlined the DA assignments for the 2015/2016 year.

Recommendation # 2

Trustee Fairbairn moved that:

1. Memo PLN: 15-05, "2015/2016 Development Area School Assignments", dated February 10, 2015 be received.
2. The Development Area School Assignments as outlined in Appendix A in memo PLN: 15-05 "2015/16 Development Area School Assignments" be approved for the 2015/2016 school year.

3. Staff be directed to revise the 2015/16 Development Area School Assignments Chart contained in Appendix A and Maps 4 and 5 in Appendix B to reflect the decision of the Special Board meeting of February 10, 2015 with respect to the interim accommodation of Edward Johnson PS students residing in the Morning Crest and North Eastview Development Areas.

The motion carried.

Resignations and Retirements

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the report Resignations and Retirements dated February 10, 2015.

Recommendation # 3

Trustee Moziar moved that the report "Resignations and Retirements" dated February 10, 2015 be received, with thanks for the years of service.

The motion carried.

Other Business-nil report

Adjournment

Trustee White moved that this Committee adjourn at 9:25 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.