

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 28, 2015
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:15 p.m. All Trustees were present. Student Trustees Challinor and Woodford were also in attendance.

Opening Prayer

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy read a prayer for hope, faith and appreciation of our Board.

Condolences

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Dennis Dodd, Custodian at Minto-Clifford PS on the loss of his mother-in-law; Patricia Leslie, ECE at Minto-Clifford PS on the loss of her mother; Val Giles, Teacher at Maryborough PS on the loss of her father-in-law; Nicole Patriquin, International Student Program Co-coordinator on the loss of her brother; Heather Godwin, Teacher at John F Ross CVI, on the loss of her mother-in-law; Karen Newark, Teacher at Elora PS on the loss of her husband; Barb Tomkins, Vice-Principal at JD Hogarth PS on the loss of her mother; Kathie McCracken, Teacher at Centre Wellington DHS on the loss of her mother; Sandy Beedie, Child and Youth Counsellor at Taylor Evans PS and Westwood PS on the loss of her father; The Family of Frank Pearce, former Trustee for Puslinch on the Wellington County Board; Pam Ainscough, a Behaviour Interventionist-Child and Youth Counsellor of Psychological Services in the Program Department on the loss of her mother-in-law; Linda Peyton, Office Assistant at Elora PS, on the loss of her father; and Gerda MacLeod, Educational Assistant at Taylor Evans PS on the loss of her husband.

OSSTF Support Staff Appreciation Day

Trustee Bailey advised that next Wednesday is support staff appreciation day. On behalf of the Board, thanks were expressed to all support staff for all that they do each and every day.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Centre Dufferin DHS

Teacher Ryan Stewart helps his colleagues stay fit, every morning. Ryan runs a staff fitness program to embed wellness into their daily routine.

Secondary Regional Skills Competition Results, Medal Winners

Architectural Technology and Design

Gold and Silver medals; Erin DHS
Bronze; John F. Ross CVI

Automotive Service Technology

Gold and Bronze Medals; John F. Ross CVI
Silver; Norwell DSS

Baking

Gold and Silver; Centre Wellington DHS
Bronze; Westside SS

Cabinetmaking

Gold; Centre Wellington DHS
Silver; Wellington Heights SS
Bronze; Centre Dufferin DHS

Carpentry, Individual

Gold; Wellington Heights SS
Silver; Centre Wellington DHS
Bronze; John F. Ross CVI

Carpentry, Team of 2

Gold; Wellington Heights SS
Silver; College Heights SS

Computer Aided Manufacturing

Gold and Silver; Erin DHS
Bronze; John F. Ross CVI

Graphic Design, Studio Production

Gold, Silver and Bronze; Guelph CVI

Graphic Design, Presentation

Gold and Silver; Guelph CVI
Bronze; Erin DHS

Hairstyling

Gold; Norwell
Silver and Bronze; John F. Ross CVI

IT and Network System Administration

Gold and Silver; Centre Wellington DHS
Bronze; Wellington Heights SS

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Job Interview

Gold; Centre Wellington DHS
Silver; John F. Ross CVI

Mechanical 3 D Competition

Gold and Silver; John F. Ross CVI

Photography

Gold; Wellington Heights SS
Silver and Bronze; Guelph CVI

Precision Machining

Gold; Wellington Heights SS
Silver and Bronze; John F. Ross CVI

Prepared Speech

Gold; Centre Wellington DHS

Robotics; Team 4

Gold; Erin DHS
Silver; Centre Wellington DHS

TV and Video Production, Team 2

Gold; Guelph CVI
Silver; Centre Wellington DHS
Bronze; Norwell DSS

Welding

Gold; Orangeville DSS
Silver; Centre Dufferin DHS
Bronze; College Heights SS

All gold medal winners will compete at the Provincial Skills Competition at RIM Park May 4 to 6, 2015. Good Luck was wished to everyone!

National Day of Mourning

Trustee Bailey advised that every April 28 we pay our respects to, and remember the thousands of workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents. He noted that our Board has made real progress in addressing safety for staff and students, and will continue our commitment to a safety-minded culture.

Digital Historian Project

The Dufferin County Museum and Archives 2015 Guide is out, and features two full colour pages outlining the Digital Historian Project.

On Tuesday, April 21st, there was a presentation by Neil Orford and 2 of the students in the program at the Orangeville Library which was well attended. The presentation

showed how students are engaged in a multi-disciplinary program, that was far more than just history, and how the program was drawing attention from across Canada and the US to our Board. It is scheduled to be presented at the OPSBA AGM in June.

Erin DHS

Kylee, a grade 12 student at Erin DHS received the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers on Monday April 6, 2015, with well over 1,000 hours of community service accumulated. She was presented her medal by The Honorable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Regional Science Fair

Students from several schools in the Upper Grand District School Board were medal winners at the 2015 Waterloo-Wellington Science and Engineering Fair held at Bingemans in Kitchener on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Awards of Merit, given to the top projects in the Fair regardless of category or division, were awarded to Devanshi S., a grade 11 student at Centennial CVI for "Evaluating Anti-Microbial Plant-Derived Compounds" and to Ashna J., a student at John Galt PS for "The Third Wheel".

Devanshi also took home the gold medal in Senior Biotechnology. She was the winner of the REAL Summer Scholarship (a summer research experience at Laurier University valued at \$2800), along with Best in Division and a Best Written Report Award.

Ashna was awarded a gold medal in Junior Engineering, plus the Engineering Science Quest Award with a \$300 scholarship to a summer science camp.

As Award of Merit winners, Devanshi and Ashna have earned places at the Canada-Wide Science Fair May 14 to 16, 2015 in Fredericton with all expenses paid.

Centre Wellington DHS

The Good Food for All Conference was the result of a successful grant proposal written by CWDHS' Chef Chris Jess. Over 500 hundred people from 15 different schools, came together to learn about how the food we consume impacts our planet, our emotions, and our performance whether at home, in school or on the ice. The day kicked off with the award-winning author, Sarah Elton, who shared her most recent research on engaging youth in their food choices. She explained how youth are marketed to, and shared many examples of the importance of integrating student learning with food literacy, nurturing growth and connecting them to the earth, just like the CWDHS Food School Farm Program provides. Students were then treated to a gourmet bagged lunch and invited to sample treats from over 30 tables in the Marketplace, including fresh local honey, sheep's cheese and freshly juiced veggies and fruit. A quick walk over to the Farm School rewarded them with over 120 lbs. of deliciously BBQ'd beef from Bryan Gilvesy's Yu Ranch, a long horn cattle rancher who considers himself, primarily, a grass farmer, seeing the interweaving of social justice and protecting the habitats of animals and the fertility/quality of the soil. In addition to the Marketplace, there were 10 workshops to choose from; including a University of Guelph microbiologist explaining the inner

workings of bacteria in our intestinal systems, an all-female panel of successful young farmers and a University of Guelph Landscape architect who specializes in designing school gardens. This was also the grand unveiling of five infographic banners featuring the research done by Diane Ballantyne's 4U Challenge and Change class from the fall of 2014. This was the largest nutrition survey ever done by the school. More than 700 responses, over five different topic strands, were collated and analyzed. These banners will be displayed in the CWDHS school cafeteria to encourage further student learning about their nutritional needs. Teachers and students alike left with a free water bottle, a cookbook of their choice and LOADS of inspired ideas to encourage Good Food for All in our schools.

Thanks goes out to the Conference Coordinating Team who made this day happen, including Gillian Stevens, Randi Jameison, Dana Machin, Bob Scott, Diane Ballantyne and Chris Jess.

Resignations and Retirements

Director of Education Dr. M. C. Rogers read Communications Officer Maggie McFadzen's letter of resignation to retirement. It was noted that Maggie's last day will be June 30, 2015, and her official retirement date will be August 31, 2015. Trustees expressed thanks, appreciation, and best wishes for Maggie.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the verbal resignation report of April 28, 2015 be received.

The motion carried.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Cooper moved, seconded by Trustee Fairbairn, 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 March 31, 2015

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Schieck, that the minutes of the meeting held March 31, 2015, 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 White moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, 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 Topping, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

Program Committee

Trustee Moziar moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held April 7, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. The verbal report from Student Trustees be received.
2. The verbal update on Mental Health be received.
3. The verbal report on the “LaunchPrep” transition to University or College programs for students with mental health issues be received.
4. The Trustee Workshop on Emergency Procedures be received.
5. The verbal update on E-Learning be received.
6. The verbal OPSBA update be received.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee Cooper moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held April 14, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Cooper moved that:

1. a) The report “Preliminary Elementary Teacher Staffing for 2015-2016 School Year” dated 2015 04 14 be received.
b) Based on the projected Elementary FTE of 22,248 and system needs, a preliminary allocation of Elementary teaching staff for the 2015-2016 school year be set at 1306.1 FTE teachers.
2. a) The report “Preliminary Secondary School Teacher Staffing for the 2015-2016 School Year” dated 2015 04 14 be received.
b) Based on system needs and the projected Secondary ADE of

10,618.74 (includes international students) a preliminary allocation of Secondary teaching staff for the 2015-2016 school year be set at 728.37 FTE teachers.

3. a) Memo PLN: 15-16 "Clair Road DA Assignment Correction" dated April 14, 2015 be received.
- b) The revised French Immersion assignments for the Clair Road DA as outlined on the attached chart "2015/16 Development Area School Assignments" and the map "Clair Road Development Area – Map 2" be approved.
4. Memo PLN: 15-10 "New East Guelph (Couling Crescent) School Boundary Review – Report #2" be received.
5. The report "School Access Points for Transportation" dated April 14, 2015 be received.
6. a) The Upper Grand District School Board support OPSBA's new model for membership fees.
- b) The Chair be directed to write a letter of support to OPSBA acknowledging the valuable programs and services that strengthen our role and work in public education.

The motion carried

**Elementary Principal Transfer and
Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Eligibility Lists**

Director of Education Dr. M. C. Rogers advised that, at the In Camera portion of the meeting earlier this evening, Trustees received information on the transfer of Principal David Marquis from Edward Johnson PS to the new Couling Crescent PS. Dr. Rogers also advised that the following staff were placed on the eligibility lists as follows:

Elementary Principal Eligibility List: Heather Davis, Darren Hale, Chris Popofski, Valerie Smith and Katherine Wainman.

Elementary Vice-Principal Eligibility List: Carla Anderson, Melissa Mortimer, Andrea Papavasiliou, Wayne Peeters, Shannon Spike and Jill Woytko.

Secondary Vice-Principal Eligibility List: Albert Boutin and James Cako.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Busuttil moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held April 8, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Resignations and Retirements

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Resignations and Retirements report dated April 28, 2015.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the report Resignations and Retirements, Appendix A and Appendix B dated April 28, 2015 be received, with thanks for the years of service.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Bailey advised that correspondence was received from the OPSBA President Michael Barrett regarding Toronto School Board Governance consultation and Community Hubs. Mr. Barrett noted that although the intent of the consultation was Toronto centric, there would no doubt be a spill-over effect on the collective perception of the role of Trustees in the Province. Trustees in the Upper Grand DSB shared the same concerns. Furthermore, Mr. Barrett advised that the Ministry released the membership of the panel to investigate Community Hubs, and noted his disappointment and outrage at the panel membership, as no school boards were represented on the panel. Again, Trustees in the Upper Grand DSB shared Mr. Barrett's concerns.

Trustee Cooper moved that the Board Chair be directed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education expressing concern and general upset that school boards were not included in that committee.

The motion carried.

It was suggested that this issue be discussed further, in a less formal format, at the next Chairs' meeting, which was scheduled for May 5, 2015, and all Trustees are invited to attend.

Trustee Moziar moved that the issue of Trustee Governance and Community Hubs be referred to the Chairs Committee meeting in May and that the Chairs Committee bring a response back to the Board.

The motion carried.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Board Correspondence dated April 28, 2015, be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee White shared her wonderful experience at the Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts, and encouraged everyone to attend if the opportunity arose.

Trustee White suggested that the Board implement a special day of appreciation for crossing guards and bus drivers, and that students be encouraged to forward thank you notes to both. Chair Bailey noted that it might be considered at a future meeting.

Trustee Busuttil and Cooper expressed thanks to staff for embedding electronic links into the agenda. Trustee Busuttil questioned when and where the terms of reference would be on the website.

Trustee Moziar related her awesome month, and expressed thanks to staff for all the Trustee Workshops planned.

Trustee Cooper advised that the transportation consortium will no longer be taking calls from parents over the summer, to arrange transportation for their students. She noted that, for the safety and protection of privacy, the consortium must get the information directly from the schools, not the parents

Dates of Future Meetings

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the May 2015 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	May 5, 2015
Business Operations	May 12, 2015
Board Meeting	May 26, 2015

The motion carried.

Superintendent Wright added the following to the Dates of Future Meetings:

Tuesday, May 5, 2015	PMC Cancelled
Tuesday, May 5 2015	Chairs Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., all Trustees are welcome
Tuesday, May 12, 2015	H2Awesome event at the University of Guelph, 9:45, Rozanski Hall (standing room only as they are over capacity), Steven Suzuki is speaking from 10:20 – 11:20, Liz Sandals from 11:20 – 11:40, and lunch is at 11:40, and Water Brothers after lunch.
Tuesday, May 12, 2015	Cultural Competency Training, 9:00 am – 3:00 p.m. at Lakeside Church
Wednesday, May 13, 2015	Everyday Hero Selection Committee, 9:00 a.m., Room 6

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Thursday, May 14, 2015

French Review Committee Meeting,
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Board Room

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Trustee Workshop, GSN/Capital and PARG,
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Board Room

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Special Olympics, 10:00 a.m., St. James High School
Sports Fields, Guelph (was listed as Monday) (rain
date Friday, May 22, 2015)

Friday, May 22, 2015

Environmental Education Management Committee,
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Board Room (previously listed
as Monday)

Trustee Topping moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated April 28, 2015
be received, with the above noted additions.

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

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee White moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar that the Board adjourn and
this meeting now close at 8:30 p.m.

The motion carried.