

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:55 p.m. All Trustees were present. Student Trustees Challinor and Woodford were also in attendance.

Opening Prayer

Trustee Busuttill read an excerpt from a reading by Joan Oaplet.

Condolences

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Bonnie Evans, Superintendent on Assignment in Human Resources on the loss of her mother; Rebecca Kingshott, teacher at John F. Ross CVI on the loss of her mother; Sue Scott, teacher at John F. Ross CVI on the loss of her father-in-law; Brie Worgan, teacher at College Heights SS and the Guelph Young Parent Education Program on the loss of her husband; Trudy Matusinec, EA at Salem PS and Jamie Cox, teacher at Palmerston PS on the loss of Trudy's brother and Jamie's brother-in-law; Gary Dixon, caretaker at Princess Margaret PS on the loss of his brother.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Provincial Skills Results, Upper Grand DSB, Elementary Schools

Congratulations to all the teams and schools that represented Upper Grand at RIM Park. We had an amazing day with amazing results. The results are as follows:

Gold: Aberfoyle PS for junior lego mechanics and Elora PS for junior design and build

Silver: Waverly Drive PS for intermediate design and build, junior lego robotics and intermediate character animations

Bronze: Glenbrook ES for intermediate Health and Safety

We were the most successful region at the Provincials.

Centennial CVI Student Chosen for Minister's Advisory Council

Wendy Wei has been selected to work with Education Minister Liz Sandals to make Ontario's schools even better. Sixty students in grades 7 to 12 from across the province have been appointed to the Minister's Student Advisory Council. The council is part of the Student Voice initiative, and students are chosen to provide a wide range of unique social, academic and economic perspectives.

John F. Ross CVI

Students from John F. Ross CVI music department travelled to New York City to perform a choral concert at St. John the Divine Cathedral. While in New York, they planned to visit such places as Radio City Music Hall, 5th Avenue, the 9/11 Memorial, as well as many cultural events.

Westside SS Concert Band

The Westside SS concert band, under the direction of Christa Padgett, competed at the nationals in Toronto on Wednesday May 13, 2015 winning a gold award for their performance.

Guelph YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction – May 7, 2015

Jennifer Waterston, former Trustee and Chair of the Board was honoured in the category of public sector.

Two Upper Grand students were recognized for their accomplishments. Katie from Centennial CVI and Sarah from College Heights SS were nominated. Katie was the winner of the award.

John F. Ross CVI Teacher Received the Award for Excellence from the Canadian Association of Physicists

The Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) announced that the 2015 CAP award for excellence in teaching high school/CEGEP physics (Ontario) is awarded to James Ball for his mastery at recognizing how individual students learn best. It is worth noting that another John F. Ross CVI teacher, Glenn Wagner also won this award in 2011.

Erin PS

Cathy Dykstra a grade 6 teacher at Erin PS has been chosen as the recipient of the 5th annual Edward Burtynsky award for teaching excellence in environmental education. Cathy will receive \$500 towards environmental education for related professional development opportunities, and a numbered print by internationally renowned artist and photographer Edward Burtynsky.

Erin PS will also receive \$1,000 award to fund environment education learning opportunities.

Centennial CVI Students Excel at ECOO Programming Competition

The ECOO programming contest is run every spring by the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario. Hundreds of students from across Ontario participate in this esteemed event, including 12 of the top computer science students at Centennial CVI.

All three of Centennial's teams made it through the first round of competition, beating out worthy opponents from UGDSB schools for the right to represent our Board at the Ontario semi-finals. Centennial's all female programming team qualified for the ECOO Provincial finals, finishing second overall.

The girls were up against the best programmers in the province at the ECOO finals on May 9th at York University. Some of these programmers represent Canada at the national level. We're very proud of them for finishing in the top 20 teams in Ontario.

OPC

Principal, Brian Serafini will be the OPC President for the 2015-2016 school year. Doug Morrell was the president in 2009-2010.

Upper Grand DSB Employees Receive Recognition

The Centre Wellington Chamber of Commerce presented Jackie Speers, Special Education Consultant and teacher Andy Speers with the Community Social Responsibility Award for their fundraising for accessible parks in Centre Wellington. The Power of Play group raised more than \$300,000 for two parks.

Technological Skills Competition May 4 - 6, 2015

Three secondary school students from the Upper Grand DSB are moving up to national competitions after winning gold medals at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition in Waterloo May 4-6, 2015.

Team Ontario 2015 will include Laura B. from Centre Wellington DHS, gold winner in the prepared speech category, together with Nik M. and Nadim M. of Guelph CVI who took top honours in TV and video production.

Skills Canada National Competition will take place May 27-30, 2015 at the Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. More than 500 young people from across Canada will participate in over 40 skilled trade and technology contests.

John F. Ross CVI Senior Girls Rugby

Congratulations to the senior girls John F. Ross CVI Royals Rugby 2015 CWOSSA Champions! Earlier today they beat the undefeated Kitchener-Waterloo CVI (KCI) by a score of 26 to 17. The girls are now off to OFSAA. Good Luck Royals!

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 conflicts of interest.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting Held April 28, 2015

Trustee Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee White, that the minutes of the meeting held April 28, 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 MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee Cooper, 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 MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee Fairbairn, 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 May 5, 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 GrandPals be received.
4. The verbal report on Youth Empowerment be received.
5. The verbal update on Digital Historian be received.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee Schieck moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held May 12, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Schieck moved that:

1. The report PLN: 15-07, "Elementary Identified Schools Report – 2015/16" dated May 12, 2015 be received.
2. The report PLN: 15-14, "Secondary Identified Schools Report – 2015/16" dated May 12, 2015 be received
3. The report "Resignations and Retirements" dated May 12, 2015 be received with thanks for the many years of service.
4. The verbal interim report on energy initiatives be received.

The motion carried.

Elementary Principal Transfers and Appointments

Director of Education Rogers advised of the elementary Principal/Vice-Principal transfers and appointments as received at the Business Operations meeting of May 12, 2015. She noted that future reports will identify Special Education and French qualifications.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Busuttil moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held May 13, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Busuttil expressed thanks to Superintendent Wright for the presentation delivered to SEAC regarding budget, and that parents appreciated the information. She also noted that parents suggested that Principals be encouraged to take Part 1 Special Education training, rather than Part 1 Special Education training for Principals, as Part 1 Special Education training is more in depth. Furthermore, it was suggested that special education training include a practicum component.

2014 2015 Interim Financial Reporting as at March 31, 2015

Superintendent Wright presented the second Interim Financial Report to Trustees for the 2014 2015 fiscal year. This report identified enrolment information and year to date spending comparisons for the 2014 2015 fiscal year.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Report 2014 2015 Interim Financial Reporting as at March 31, 2015, be received.

The motion carried.

Resignations and Retirements

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Resignations and Retirements revised report dated May 26, 2015.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the report Resignations and Retirements, Appendix A and Appendix B dated May 26, 2015 be received with thanks to staff for the many years of service.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Board Correspondence dated May 26, 2015 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee Cooper reported that Lori Arsenault, Executive Director of Career Education Council of Guelph Wellington Dufferin will be stepping down. As Lori was the head fundraiser, it was suggested and agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Lori on behalf of the Board for her many years of service.

Trustee Schieck suggested that the name of the Trustee delivering the prayer or reading be included on future agendas. He also suggested that Trustees be informed of the recipients of the Everyday Hero awards prior to the printing of the program.

Dates of Future Meetings

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

Program Committee	June 2, 2015
Business Operations	June 9, 2015
Board Meeting	June 23, 2015

The motion carried.

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2015	Trustee Workshop, Health and Phys. Ed. Curriculum, 6:15 p.m., Board Room
Monday, June 15, 2015	Upper Grand Learning Foundation meeting, 5:30 p.m., Room 3
Wednesday, June 17, 2015	Continuing Education Graduation, Lakeside Church, 7:00 p.m.

She also clarified that the Marketing Committee is a Staff Committee assisting Superintendent Morrell.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated May 26, 2015 be received, with the above noted additions.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

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

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business

Trustee Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil 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 Fairbairn that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 8:50 p.m.

The motion carried.