

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2015
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:22 p.m. All Trustees were present. Student Trustees Challinor and Woodford were also in attendance.

Opening Prayer

Trustee Schieck provided a reading by James Metcalfe entitled Plan for Tomorrow.

Condolences

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Jack McGill, head caretaker at King George PS on the loss of his step-father; John McGill, caretaker at Sir Isaac Brock PS on the loss of his grandfather; Janice Wright, Superintendent of Finance on the loss of her mother; the family of Bob Ronson former teacher at ODSS; the family of Brian Hayden, retired custodian, at Parkinson Centennial PS; and Steve Manger, Assistant Custodial Supervisor in Operations on the loss of his wife. Trustee Bailey also offered condolences on behalf of the Board to Trustee Cooper on the loss of her mother.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Brant Ave. PS

On Saturday, May 30th approximately 45 of Brant Avenue PS students competed at the Southern Ontario Running and Reading Completion at the University of Guelph. Our students competed against approximately 600 students from across Southern Ontario including students from Toronto, Oakville, and Hamilton. The Brant Team placed third in the 5 km running competition and first in the reading competition which lead them to being the overall winners of the event. Thanks to the Start2Finish organization, and the 20 community volunteers and several school staff for their seven month weekly commitment to helping prepare the students for this big event. And of course a big thank you to the students who actively lived out the school motto: "Brant Bears treat others the way we would like to be treated, persevere, learn from our mistakes and share our gifts" during the entire event!

Centre Wellington DHS

Glenn Wagner, Science Head at Centre Wellington DHS accepted a one year position at the Perimeter Institute in Waterloo which is the leading centre for scientific research,

training and educational outreach in foundational theoretical physics. Founded in 1999 in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, its mission is to advance understanding of the universe at the most fundamental level, stimulating the breakthroughs that could transform the future. Perimeter also trains the next generation of physicists through innovative programs, and shares the excitement and wonder of science with students, teachers and the general public. Glenn will be working with the outreach team to promote science and modern physics to students and teachers in Canada and throughout the world. He will also be involved in creating hands-on student-centered activities. Glenn is an accomplished educator. Earlier this year he was one of three Canadian teachers in the 50 finalists for the Global Teacher Prize competition and in 2011 received a Canadian Association of Physicists Award for Excellence in Teaching High School.

John F. Ross CVI

James Ball, who was recently honoured with the 2015 CAP teaching award, is one of 6 facilitators at this year's Einstein Plus at the Perimeter Institute. Einstein Plus is a one-week intensive workshop for Canadian and international high school teachers that focuses on modern physics, including quantum physics, special relativity, and cosmology. Sessions include: innovative teaching strategies suitable for all areas of physics, quantum physics: wave-particle duality and the electron double-slit experiment, GPS and relativity, dark matter as an application of uniform circular motion, and measuring Planck's constant using simple electronic circuit. Einstein Plus will take place from July 5th - 11th, 2015 at Perimeter Institute in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. In addition, James is helping the Perimeter Institute develop a student lab resource on phosphorescence glow-in-the-dark-stars and quantum physics.

It seems that hard work and success run in the family. James Ball's daughter, Emma, a John F. Ross CVI student, has made the Guelph Mercury 40 under 40. Emma was recognized for her achievements in swimming. Her accomplishments include: First Guelph swimmer to be awarded the Victor Davis Memorial Fund bursary in November 2013; youngest ever to compete for the Marlins at the Canadian World Championship Trials at Saanich Commonwealth Place in B.C., 2013 and breaking a speed record for her age group and capturing gold during the 2014 Speedo Eastern Canadian swimming championships in Windsor. Emma hopes to eventually make a Canadian senior team so she can compete at the Olympics, Pan Am or Commonwealth Games.

Centre Dufferin DHS

The 14th annual Hairoff for Headwaters, a fundraiser benefiting Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville, raised \$5000. Ms. Julie Sense's Business Leadership class organized this year's event.

Digital Historian/Battlefield Tour departed for Europe on Monday June 1st with 15 students from CDDHS, Westside and ODSS. The students were the official Youth

Ambassadors at three ceremonies that took place on June 6th and 7th at the Juno Beach Centre, the Canadian War Cemetery at Beny Sur Mer, and at Abbaye Ardenne.

Reece S. has just achieved a perfect attendance from kindergarten to grade 12. An incredible feat!

GCVI and JF Ross CVI finish tops in the province at the Kiwanis Music Festival

The Kiwanis Music Festival holds 41 regional competitions across the province beginning in February and ending in May. Hundreds of schools from across the province take part in a variety of music competitions at these regional festivals. Adjudicators at these festivals have the ability to recommend the top groups to continue on to the Provincial finals as part of the Ontario Music Festivals Association (OMFA) competition. Following the Guelph Kiwanis Festival in late April, five Guelph school groups were recommended for the OMFA Provincial Finals: GCVI Senior Symphonic Band, GCVI Chamber Choir, GCVI Gael Force Jazz Band, John F. Ross Choir, and John F. Ross Junior Symphonic Band. Due to the overwhelming size of the Provincial competition, schools do not attend the actual event, but instead submit recordings that are adjudicated by a panel of top university and college music teachers. To eliminate any bias, the adjudicators are unaware which school groups they are listening to. They are just instructed on the grade of each recording and the top two recordings in each discipline are recognized as tops in the province. Two Guelph school groups were chosen as top in the province out of the handful of finalists that made it to the Provincial level; the John F. Ross Junior Symphonic Band took 2nd place in the province in the Wind Ensemble (grade 10 and under) category. The GCVI Gael Force Jazz Band took 2nd place in the province in the High School Jazz Band division.

Eco School Winners

UGDSB achieved a record number of schools winning EcoSchool certification! Congratulations to the 33 UGDSB elementary and secondary schools that were awarded an Ontario EcoSchool certification for the 2014-2015 school year. This is a record number of winning schools, and it was rewarding to also see success for seven schools that participated for the first time. We are proud of the hard work done by staff and students at all winning schools in actively promoting environmental sustainability and stewardship. Two schools deserve a special mention for achieving the prized platinum level. Victoria Terrace PS and Centennial CVI have been EcoSchools for at least 5 years and this year achieved a high level of points in all sections, as well as a minimum of 80% in a special platinum section. Ontario EcoSchool is an environmental education and certification program for grades K-12 that helps school communities develop both ecological literacy and environmental practices to become environmentally responsible citizens and reduce the environmental footprint of schools. From six categories, school EcoTeams can choose environmental activities they would like to implement throughout the school year. All sections (teamwork and leadership, energy

conservation, waste minimization, school ground greening, curriculum, and environmental stewardship) promote student engagement, and each activity is worth certification points. Depending upon the number of points attained, schools can achieve bronze, silver, gold or platinum certification.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Schieck 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 May 26, 2015

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee White, that the minutes of the meeting held May 26, 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 Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee Fairbairn, 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 Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, 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 June 2, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. The verbal update on mental health be received.
2. The verbal report on special needs strategy be received.
3. The Achieving by Believing awards and presentation be received.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee Cooper requested clarification regarding the Business Operations Committee Minutes of June 9, 2015. Superintendent Morrell clarified that the playing fields at Erin DHS are sufficient to meet Ministry curriculum requirements and that the school utilizes Barber Field and Erin PS for extra-curricular activities.

Trustee Cooper moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held June 9, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Cooper moved that:

1. a) The Board approve Scenario 1 as described in Section 4.0 in the report attached to memo PLN: 15-19.
- b) The JK-8 FI boundary for the New East Guelph (Couling Crescent) school as outlined in Map 2 of Appendix C, attached to memo PLN: 15-19 "New East Guelph (Couling Crescent) School Boundary Review – Report # 3" effective upon the opening of the Couling Crescent school in either September 2016 or September 2017 be approved.
- c) The JK-3 FI, Grades 4-6 FI and Grades 7 and 8 FI boundaries for École King George PS as outlined in Maps 3-5 of Appendix C, attached to memo PLN: 15-19 "New East Guelph (Couling Crescent) School Boundary Review – Report # 3" effective upon the opening of the Couling Crescent school in either September 2016 or September 2017 be approved.
- d) The JK-6 FI boundary for Edward Johnson PS as outlined in Map 6 of Appendix C, attached to memo PLN: 15-19 "New East Guelph (Couling Crescent) School Boundary Review – Report # 3" effective September 2015 be approved.

2. Staff bring a report to Board in the fall of 2015 to confirm the opening date and starting grades of the Couling Crescent school, together with updated maps showing the implementation details for Couling Crescent school and École King George PS.
3. Prior to February 2019, the Planning Department provide a report to the Board with recommendations about the start of Grades 7 and 8 at the Couling Crescent school supported by updated enrolment projections and information on intermediate class sizes.

The motion carried.

Elementary Principal/Vice-Principal Transfers and Appointments

Director of Education Rogers advised of the elementary Principal and Vice-Principal transfers and appointments that were approved at the In Camera session earlier this evening.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Busuttil moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held June 10, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Busuttil moved that:

1. The Special Education Report 2014-2015 of the Upper Grand District School Board dated June 23, 2015, be received.
2. The Special Education Plan of the Upper Grand District School Board 2015-2016 dated June 23, 2015, be approved.

The motion carried.

Policy Management Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held June 2, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil moved that Policy 316 Records and Information Management be approved.

The motion carried.

Chairs' Committee

Trustee Bailey reported that the Chairs' Committee is an inclusive committee for all Trustees, maintains public transparency, and is a vehicle for Trustees to discuss process on issues or events in a less formal format.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the Chairs' Committee meeting of June 16, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Budget Committee Report

Trustee Fairbairn moved that:

1. The Budget for the period September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 be approved in the amount of \$349,624,216 as provided for under Section 231 of the Education Act.
2. The proposed Capital Budget in the amount of \$45,289,654 be approved. This includes Debt Repayment, Amortization Expense, New Schools, School Renewal Projects, School Condition Improvement and Temporary Instructional space.
3. The Board designate \$0 from Non-Classroom Operating Budget for the purpose of acquiring those school sites eligible to be funded through the Education Development Charges By-Law, as there are insufficient funds in Non-Classroom.

The motion carried.

Summer Meeting Schedule

Director of Education Rogers advised of a Special Board Meeting scheduled for July 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss capital priorities. Other items may be added to the agenda as long as Trustees are notified 48 hours in advance.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. At the conclusion of the Board Meeting on June 23, 2015, the Board adjourn its regular meetings until Tuesday, August 25, 2015.
2. The Standing Committees adjourn for the summer period and resume as scheduled in September 2015.

3. For the period of July and August 2015, the Negotiations Steering Committee be empowered to deal with matters concerning negotiations and grievances, on the understanding that, if it is warranted, in the opinion of the Chair or Vice-Chair, a Special Board Meeting is called.
4. For the period of July and August 2015, the Chairs' Committee be empowered to deal with matters, as required, if a quorum (either in person or by using "audio only" teleconferencing) is not available to participate in a Special Board Meeting.
5. The Director of Education, in consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board, be authorized to deal with Municipal By-laws, zone-changes and subdivision plans that may be submitted to the Board during the months of July and August 2015.

The motion carried.

Resignations and Retirements

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Resignations and Retirements report dated June 23, 2015.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the report Resignations and Retirements, Appendix A and Appendix B dated June 23, 2015 be received with thanks for the years of service.

The motion carried.

Director's Annual Report – 2014

Director of Education Rogers presented the 2014 Annual Report, and highlighted many components of the report. The report contained messages from the Director of Education and the Chair of the Board, Trustee areas of representation, enrolment data, budget figures, the Board Improvement Plan and a strategic plan for student achievement. Program initiatives include full day kindergarten, Beyond Borders, a Business related program outside the traditional classroom, international students, Co-op and eLearning. EQAO primary, junior, and secondary test results were also included in the report. Initiatives to support staff, to promote public confidence such as everyday hero awards, and environmental initiatives were also highlighted. Director Rogers expressed her thanks and appreciation to all the staff who contributed to the creation and distribution of the 2014 Annual Report. Trustees expressed their thanks for a great report and for all the work done in various areas to promote success for students and staff, as well as an appreciation to be part of such a terrific team.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Director's 2014 Annual Report be received.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Bailey advised that correspondence was forwarded to OPSBA regarding Toronto District School Board Governance and Community Hubs, as well as a letter to Lori Arsenault Career Education Council of Guelph Wellington Dufferin, thanking Lori for her years of service.

Trustee Topping moved that the Board Correspondence dated June 23, 2015 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee Busuttil advised of an annual conference, which is not OPSBA affiliated which she and two other Trustees would like to attend. The CPF Symposium on FSL Education in Ontario is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015, and will be held in Toronto. The conference fee is 95.00. Trustee Busuttil requested approval to attend, together with Trustees Moziar and Schieck.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Board grant approval for Trustees Moziar Busuttil and Schieck to attend the CPF Symposium on FSL Education in Ontario, in October 2015.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey thanked Student Trustee Guthrie Woodford for the terrific job he did as student trustee, representing the students, and the delivery of a student voice to the Board table, in a very professional manner.

Dates of Future Meetings

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

Board Meeting	August 25, 2015
Program Committee	September 8, 2015 – In Orangeville
Business Operations	September 15, 2015
Board Meeting	September 29, 2015

The motion carried.

Board Meeting, June 23, 2015

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

Thursday and Friday, August 20, 21, 2015	Learning Fair, White Oaks, Niagara on the Lake, 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 2, 2015	New staff orientation, 8:30 a.m., Lakeside Church
Thursday, September 17, 2015	State of the System, Lakeside Church

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated June 23, 2015 be received, with the above noted additions.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar that the Committee of the Whole rise and report to the Board.

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business

Trustee Fairbairn 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 MacNeil that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 8:15 p.m.

The motion carried.