

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Lustgarten Evoy. Student Trustees Challinor and Woodford were also in attendance.

Opening Prayer

Trustee MacNeil showed a video by “Kid President”, a character played by an 11 year old boy, with a message to bring more awesome into the world, a pep talk for teachers and students.

Condolences

Trustee Bailey, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: John Potocska, Educational Assistant at Centennial CVI on the loss of his father; Karen Stoddart, Elementary Occasional Teacher, on the loss of her father-in-law; Davina Campbell, Office Coordinator at Wellington Heights SS, on the loss of her mother; Susan Hersey, Teacher at Sir Isaac Brock PS, on the loss of her father; Susan Stewart, Head Caretaker at Paisley Road PS on the loss of her mother; the family of Kenneth Trumpour, former Superintendent of Education with the Dufferin County Board of Education; Mary Robison, Literacy Instructor at Continuing Education Office in Guelph on the loss of her father; the family of Grant Townsend, retired Technician with the Board; Barb Whyton, Administrative Assistant-Psychological Services – Program Services on the loss of her father; the family of Fred Dack, retired Principal; Lynn Woodford, Manager of Mental Health/Addictions Program and Services, Program Services, on the loss of her father; Guthrie Woodford, Student Trustee on the loss of his grandfather; John Cassano, retired Principal, on the loss of his father; Jennifer Watson, Teacher at Erin DHS on the loss of her mother; and Anndalyn Ketellapper, ESL Educational Assistant, Curriculum Department, Program Services on the loss of her mother.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Terry Fox

In a recent letter received from The Terry Fox Foundation, it summarized the Upper Grand's fundraising efforts. In 2014, schools in the Upper Grand DSB raised a total of

\$104,875.40. Erin DHS raised a total of \$7,135.73 and Kortright Hills PS raised \$6,234.40. To date, Upper Grand schools have donated a total of \$1,533,797.68!

John F. Ross CVI

John F. Ross CVI did it again! The staff and students of John F. Ross CVI raised an amazing \$41,000.00 for Plan Canada's Spread the Net campaign. They raised more money than any other school across Canada. The money raised this year, combined with the \$59,000.00 raised in 2009 equals \$100,000.00 or 10,000 nets or 20,000 lives saved! Rick Mercer attended the school on March 24th to film a segment for the Rick Mercer Report. The show was aired on CBC. Congratulations to the staff and students of John F. Ross CVI. We are very proud of you and what you have accomplished.

Centre Dufferin DHS

Hannah Little, placed 5th at the OFSAA Wrestling in the 51 KG category.

Orangeville DSS

Alexander Maycock, competed at Ski Nationals (Nordic skiing) and made the podium in two of his four races. Competing against over 80 of the best juvenile boys in Canada, Alexander was fourth in the sprints and 5th in the 5 km race. He also had a 21st and 23rd place finish in classic style races.

Erin DHS

Erin DHS's drama program and teacher Stephen Sherry were featured in the March issue of *"In the Hills Magazine"*. The article highlighted this year's production, of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. It was clear to see from the article how well liked and respected teacher Stephen Sherry is by his students. One of the performers was quoted as saying, "There's always one teacher in your life whom you're going to remember because of something that they did for you. That's Mr. Sherry." This year's cast consists of 52 students with about 20 behind-the-scenes crew. This is not a casual commitment on the part of the students. Jessica, a grade 12 student who plays the part of Lucy, reported "We are here by choice to achieve something. We are here to evolve and become something more than we were". The performance runs from May 6-9 at Centre 2000 in Erin. The complete article can be viewed at <http://www.inthehills.ca/2015/03/current/showtime>.

Elora PS

Laurel Farell's grade 8 Core French class was given the task to create a personal timeline. The students were to include 15-20 defining life moments written in complete sentence format including correct use of passé composé with être and avoir. The results of this project were nothing short of astounding. The project was a huge success. Every project that earned over 80% adorns the walls of the classroom. As

the projects trickled in one after another, there was a silent competition emerging. Over 20 students received 100% on their projects!

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 February 24, 2015

Trustee Cooper moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, that the minutes of the meeting held February 24, 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 White, 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 Schieck, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee Cooper moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held March 10, 2015 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee White requested that item # 2 be considered separately.

Trustee Cooper moved that:

1. Report PLN: 15-09 "Implications of Retaining Sir Isaac Brock PS Grade 7 and 8 Students at Rickson Ridge PS" be received for information.

3. a) Memo PLN: 15-08 “New East Guelph (Couling Crescent) School Boundary Review – Report #1” be received.
 - b) The Board approves the initiation of a boundary review process to establish the full JK-8 FI boundary for the new East Guelph (Couling Crescent) school.
 - c) Trustees adopt the schedule shown in Appendix B of report PLN: 15-08, as the proposed timeline for the boundary review process to establish the JK- 8 FI boundary for the new East Guelph (Couling Crescent) school.
4. The report “Resignations and Retirements” dated March 10, 2015, be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Cooper moved that:

2. The following motions regarding extremely cold days be deferred to the September 2015 Business Operations Meeting:
 - a) Schools remain open to students on extremely cold days even if busses are not running.
 - b) The Board post an extreme weather alert on the website so parents can decide to send their children to school or not”.

Trustee White moved an amendment as follows:

The following motions regarding extremely cold days be deferred to the **May 2015** Business Operations Meeting:

The amendment taking precedence was considered first and defeated.

The motion to defer was defeated.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Busutil moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held March 11, 2015 be received and considered.

Trustees MacNeil and Moziar advised of minor changes required in the minutes. Trustee Busuttil agreed to forward the minor changes to SEAC for friendly amendments.

The motion carried.

Trustee Busuttil noted that the November 25, 2014 Thames Valley District School Board letter raised concerns with the lack of awareness, service supports and assessment mechanisms for students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and that Ontario is the only province without a formal strategy.

Trustee Busuttil moved that the members of SEAC formally request that a letter of strong support be considered by the UGDSB Directors and that this be sent to the Ministry of Education and OPSBA.

Trustee Fairbairn moved a friendly amendment, for clarification, to include “from the Board” as follows:

The members of SEAC formally request that a letter of strong support **from the Board** be considered by the UGDSB Directors and that this be sent to the Ministry of Education and OPSBA.

The motion carried.

French Review Terms of Reference

Superintendent Lindsay advised that, at the January 2015 Board meeting, the Board endorsed the formation of a committee to develop the terms of reference for a French Immersion review. Judith Nyman, Nyman Consulting and Design Limited, Presented the report in great detail. She outlined the rationale for the review, goals, scope, suggested membership for the French Review Committee, meeting frequency, resources, and methodology, with a goal to have a completed report ready for December 31, 2015. The report will contain proposed strategic options and/or recommendations for the Board to consider, for presentation at a Business Operations meeting, and be approved by the Board. The report will address the management of the demand for French Immersion within the fiscal and accommodation realities of the Board, for current and future years. Ms. Nymen noted that time is of the essence and that Trustees needed to be appointed to the UGDSB French Review Committee. Minor changes to the report were suggested and agreed which included the following: page 1, recommendation # 4 insert “the Director” after that and before staff, page 3, item 2., remove “cost effective”, and to include Wellington County Board of Education documents in resources. It was noted that the public is welcome to attend these meetings. Ms. Nyman was thanked for her contribution and excellent presentation.

Trustee Busuttil moved that:

1. Memo PLN: 15-12 “French Review Terms of Reference” be received.
2. The UGDSB French Review Terms of Reference be approved.

3. The Board appoints six Trustees and one Student Trustee to the French Review Committee and that the Trustee representation is structured as follows: (3) Guelph, (1) Orangeville, (1) Centre/North Wellington, (1) East Wellington.
4. The Director be directed to assign suitable Principals and Teachers to the UGDSB French Review Committee.
5. Seven parent representatives who demonstrate diverse French Immersion experiences in FI Centres, dual-track schools and secondary, be appointed to the committee based on the following geographic distribution: (4) Guelph, (1) Orangeville, (1) Centre/North Wellington, (1) East Wellington.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey asked for nominations to sit on the UGDSB French Review Committee. The following Trustees Volunteered:

Guelph: Trustees Fairbairn, Moziar and MacNeil

Orangeville: Trustee White

East Wellington: Trustee Cooper

Centre North Wellington: Trustee Lustgarten Evoy will sit on the committee, Trustee Schieck will sit as her alternate as required.

Student Trustee: Dylan Challinor

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the following Trustees be named on the UGDSB French Review Committee: Fairbairn, Moziar, MacNeil, White, Cooper, Lustgarten Evoy, Challinor, and Schieck as alternate for Lustgarten Evoy.

The motion carried.

Motion of Reconsideration

1. Memo PLN:13-17 entitled "Sir Isaac Brock PS Grade 7 and 8 Feasibility Study – Report #2," dated June 11, 2013, be received.
2. The program at Sir Isaac Brock PS be expanded from JK-6 to JK-8 effective September 2015.

3. The JK-8 attendance area boundary for Sir Isaac Brock PS, as outlined on Map 1 of Appendix B of PLN 13-17, be approved with an implementation date of September 2015.
4. The JK-8 attendance area boundary for Rickson Ridge PS, as outlined on Map 2 of Appendix B of PLN 13017, be approved with an implementation date of September 2015.
5. For the 2015/16 school year, Grade 8 students who reside within the Sir Isaac Brock JK-8 boundary, be grandparented at Rickson Ridge PS.

Trustee Schieck advised that he would not be placing the motion of reconsideration.

Motion of Reconsideration

Trustee Busuttil moved that the following motion be reconsidered as printed.

“The Board appoints five Trustees; two from Guelph, two from Wellington County and one from Dufferin County, to a committee that will develop Terms of Reference for a French Immersion Review, which will be completed no later than the end of March 2015.”

The motion of reconsideration carried.

Trustee Busuttil moved that:

“The Board appoints five Trustees; two from Guelph, two from Wellington County and one from Dufferin County, to a committee that will develop Terms of Reference for a French Immersion Review, which will be completed no later than the end of March 2015.”

The motion was defeated.

Trustee Busuttil moved that:

“The Board appoints seven Trustees; four from Guelph, two from Wellington County and one from Dufferin County, to a committee that will develop Terms of Reference for a French Immersion Review, which will be completed no later than the end of March 2015.”

The French Immersion Terms of Reference Committee is comprised of Guelph Trustees Busuttil, Fairbairn, MacNeil, and Moziar; Centre Wellington Trustees Cooper and Lustgarten Evoy (with Schieck as alternate for Lustgarten Evoy); and Dufferin Trustee White.

The motion carried.

Trustee Busuttil expressed thanks to Trustee Moziar for attending the meetings, and her input in the development of the Terms of Reference.

Resignations and Retirements

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Resignations and Retirements report dated March 31, 2015.

Trustee Schieck moved that the report Resignations and Retirements, Appendix A and Appendix B dated March 31, 2015 be received with thanks for the many years of service.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Director Dr. M. C. Rogers, advised that a letter was received from Clayton Eaton from Integration Action for Inclusion in Education and Community (Ontario), a non-profit organization, that nominated Carole Craig as the alternate representative on the Upper Grand District School Board SEAC committee.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Board approve Carole Craig as the alternate representative on the Upper Grand District School Board SEAC committee.

The motion carried.

Trustee Schieck moved that the Board Correspondence dated March 31, 2015, be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee MacNeil reported that she attended a Poverty Challenge in Kingston, and that there was hope that the Upper Grand DSB would be holding such an event in the future. This event was a simulation experience of people who lived in poverty, and the problems and experiences they encountered.

Trustee Cooper requested approval to attend the Learning Sustainable Futures Green Economy Symposium scheduled for May 15, 2015.

Trustee Moziar moved that Trustee Cooper be approved to attend the Learning Sustainable Futures Green Economy Symposium scheduled for May 2015.

The motion carried.

Trustee Cooper requested that staff workshops and other pertinent documents be posted electronically for ease of access, as well as reduction of paper. She also requested that a process be developed to identify current paper usage for Trustee reports, as a base line to work toward the reduction of paper. It was suggested that a process be developed including how such documents are organized, and where they may reside. Trustees Fairbairn, MacNeil, Moziar, Schieck, Topping and Woodford noted that their preference was to receive hard copies, not electronic, and that the remaining Trustees may receive electronic copies.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the issue of electronic versus hard copies of reports for Trustees be referred to the Chairs Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Board.

The motion carried.

Director of Education Dr. M. C. Rogers expressed thanks to Chair Bailey who submitted a proposal to OPSBA for Mr. Neil Orford to do a digital historical presentation at the OPSBA AGM meeting in June.

Dates of Future Meetings

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the March 31, 2015 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	April 7, 2015
Business Operations	April 14, 2015
Board Meeting	April 28, 2015

The motion carried.

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

Tuesday, April 7, 2015	PMC cancelled
Thursday, April 9, 2015	Collaborative and Proactive Solutions, Evening for Parents 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., John F. Ross CVI, EL Fox Theatre
Friday, April 10, 2015	Collaborative and Proactive Solutions, 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Hanlon Convention Centre, Woodlawn Road W, Guelph
Thursday, April 16, 2015	“A Gazillion is not a Number” PIC Math Workshop for parents, begins at 5:30 p.m., not 4:30 p.m. and is at King George PS, not Centre Wellington DHS

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| Monday, April 20, 2015 | Open House at Spencer Ave. PS, 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., precedes the Official Opening |
| Monday, April 20 – 23, 2015 | Days of Dufferin Youth Festival of Arts
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, April 29, 2015 | Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts, Awards Ceremony, 4:00 p.m., Princess Margaret ES |
| Thursday, April 30, 2015 | Aboriginal Heritage Festival,
opens at 7:00 p.m. at the Wellington County Museum,
and runs for the whole month of May |
| Thursday, April 30, 2015 | PIC Spring Event, Challenges in Equity
4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Centre Wellington DHS, |
| Tuesday, May 12, 2015 | Cultural Competency Training Session,
9:00 a.m. – full day, Lakeside Church
Trustees MacNeil and Busuttil will be attending |

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated March 31, 2015 be received, with the above noted additions.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

Trustee Moziar 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 Topping moved, seconded by Trustee White, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 8:45 p.m.

The motion carried.