

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

February 13, 2018

The Business Operations Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, Ontario commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairperson, Trustee MacNeil presided, and the following Trustees were present: Bailey, Busuttill, Lustgarten Evoy, Moziar, Schieck, Topping, and White along with Student Trustees Caitlin Ennis and Allison Cai.

Present from the Administration were, Director of Education Rogers, together with Superintendents Heaslip, Lindsay, McDonald, Regier, Slater, and Van Ooteghem, Communications Officer Loney, Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose, Student Success Lead Zen, Manager of Planning Passy, and Operations Officer Scinocca.

**Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Schieck moved that the agenda be amended to include Green Communities Canada Grant, and approved as amended.

**The motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2018 be approved as printed.

**The motion carried.**

**Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**Request to Designate Additional School Under Rural and Northern Education Fund**

Manager of Planning Passy advised that on June 28, 2017 the Ministry of Education issued a memo entitled Plan to Strengthen Rural and Northern Education. She noted that Boards are required to advise the Ministry of Education by February 16, 2018 if the list of Eligible Rural Schools should be modified. She reported that staff had

determined that rural students make up a large portion of the student population at John Black PS and recommended that it be added to the list to receive Rural and Northern Education Funding.

### **Recommendation # 1**

Trustee Schieck moved that:

1. Memo PLN:18-03 "Request to Designate Additional School Under Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF)", be received.
2. The Board approve the determination that rural students make up a large portion of the student population at John Black PS and the school should be added to the list to receive support through the Rural and Northern Education Fund, and that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Education no later than February 16, 2018.

**The motion carried.**

### **Student Transportation Consultation**

Superintendent of Finance Regier advised that in December, 2017, the Ministry of Education published a Discussion Paper on a New Vision for Student Transportation in Ontario. Subsequently, a public engagement process was launched to gather input from a variety of stakeholders. The Discussion Paper stated that the engagement will deliver short-term and long-term recommendations. Short-term recommendations may be achievable within existing funding, operational and legislative frameworks and long-term recommendations may require significant changes to existing funding, operational and legislative frameworks. Mr. Regier advised that Boards have until March 29, 2018 to submit input on the New Vision for Student Transportation. The report presented at Business Operations was designed to provide background information for the Trustee workshop that was planned for either March 7, or March 8, 2018. Mr. Regier advised that pupil accommodation guidelines would also be discussed at the Trustee workshop due to tight timelines. He noted that a summary of the workshop discussion would be brought to the Business Operations meeting in March, prior to the submission to the Ministry of Education. Trustee Busuttill advised that OPSBA was also doing a survey for transportation and hoped it would be incorporated into the workshop.

### **Recommendation # 2**

Trustee Schieck moved that the report: "Student Transportation Consultation" dated February 13, 2018 be received.

**The motion carried.**

## **Other Business**

### **Everyday Hero Awards Selection Committee**

Trustees Lustgarten Evoy, White, Schieck, Moziar, and MacNeil volunteered to sit on the Every Day Hero Awards Selection Committee.

### **Green Communities Canada Grant**

Manager of Planning Passy advised that, earlier in January, Green Communities Canada received funding to support active school travel. She noted that there was a call out for a grant request. A joint application for funding in partnership with the City of Guelph, the County of Wellington, the Wellington Catholic DSB, Public Health Unit, the STWDSTS Transportation Consortium, and the Upper Grand DSB is required. It was requested that the Board support this joint application.

#### **Recommendation # 3**

Trustee Topping moved that the Board direct the Chair to provide a letter of support for a joint application to Green Communities Canada for an Ontario Active School Travel Grant.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Bailey moved that this Committee move In Camera and that all items be considered In Camera.

**The motion carried.**

### **In Camera**

### **Adjournment**

Trustee White moved that this Committee adjourn at 7:55 p.m. to report to the Board.

**The motion carried.**

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