

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present. Student Trustees Caitlin Ennis and Allison Cai were also in attendance.

Traditional Greeting

Opening Prayer/Reading

Trustee MacNeil referenced the recent student-led protest “March for Our Lives” in support of gun control, and non-violence. She also quoted Dr. Martin Luther King regarding violence, “instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it” and “hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

Condolences

Trustee Busuttill, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Susan Knabenschuh, Administrative Assistant to the Vice-Principal at College Heights SS on the loss of her father-in-law; Andrea Gow, Speech-Language Pathologist in the Student Support and Program Services department at the Grant Evans Education Centre on the loss of her mother; the family of Sylvia Long, former teacher, special education consultant and program consultant with the Wellington County Board of Education; Sue Guest, Principal of Rickson Ridge PS on the loss of her mother; the family of Rodger Pieare, Special Program Assistant at College Heights SS; and the family of Jimmy Angrignon, former student of College Heights SS.

Good News

Director of Education Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Hennessey Veit

(Feb, 22, 2018, Wellington Advertiser)

Hennessey Veit, daughter of Manager of Plant Operations, John Veit was recognized with an Ontario Community Newspapers Association’s Ontario Junior Citizen Award. Hennessey was nominated by a Knights of Columbus member for her fundraising efforts through the creation of her “Hennessey Bags”. Hennessey makes T-shirt bags and sells them to raise money for children involved with Villages of Hope Zimbabwe. In addition to making bags, she has also held breakfasts, barbeques, bag-making workshops and a garage sale. In total she has raised \$2,500 (\$1,000 more than her original goal) to buy about 50 uniforms for students entering school in Zimbabwe.

Hennessey plans to expand her fundraising goals. She will continue with her Hennessey Bags, with a goal to raise \$3,000.00. In addition to her bags, she plans to make pouches from the sleeves of the T-shirts. The pouches will be filled with personal items (small shampoos, toothpaste, hair brushes, tooth brushes and candies) and given to the girls at Covenant House.

J. D. Hogarth PS

(Feb. 22, 2018, Wellington Advertiser)

Grade 6 students at J.D. Hogarth PS are being recognized by the OPP for performing acts of kindness. The students participated in a “shovel and run” and brought shovels to school to help clear driveways and sidewalks. Last fall they did a similar event “rake and run”. The students were especially thrilled with an email that expressed appreciation for their work and stated that the resident was paying them back with the adoption of an animal in their name. A package delivered to the school included photos and information about two donkeys, Cocoa and Moses, at the Donkey Sanctuary in Birmingham. The OPP Kids program teaches Grade 6 students in 32 elementary schools in Wellington County about healthy relationships, personal boundaries, social media and online safety.

Erin DHS

(March 15, 2018 - Wellington Advertiser)

On March 8, 2018 Wellington County OPP and Erin DHS held their third annual charity game at Centre 2000. Money raised went to the East Wellington Community Services (EWCS). The organization supports people in both Erin and Guelph-Eramosa and runs the food bank, children and senior programs as well as community outreach.

Glenn Wagner

(Frances Norlen)

For the 4th year in a row, the Global Education and Skills Forum was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from March 15th-19th. Glenn Wagner and 4 other Canadian teachers who were past finalists for the Global Teacher Prize represented Canada. There were over 2,500 delegates from over 70 countries in attendance. The theme for this year's Forum was, "How do we prepare young people for the world of 2030 and beyond?" There were numerous speakers who sought to address this question. The key take-away for delegates was the importance of global competencies (for example, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity) in preparing students for the world that awaits them. Glenn is planning to attend next year's Forum to present some action research from his classroom and several classrooms from South Africa on the effects that virtual reality might have upon learning outcomes in the science classroom. Glenn extended thanks to everyone, and especially Dr. Rogers and Superintendent of Education Morrell, for listening to, supporting and encouraging

teachers like himself to help students attain a world-class education that the Upper Grand DSB encourages on a regular basis.

College Heights SS

(Board website)

Thanks to a group of dedicated students and staff at College Heights SS, a seven year-old boy is the proud recipient of a new prosthetic hand. On March 1, seven year old Jordan came to College Heights SS with his mother and younger brother for a special event. The “Helping Hands” students presented Jordan with his new prosthetic hand, made in striking gold and red for his love of the character Iron Man. Jordan was born with only a thumb on his left hand. The new prosthetic hand will allow him to do things that some may take for granted, like catching a ball or riding a bike. The “Helping Hands” club is one of the many ways that College Heights SS shows its commitment to building community relationships and giving students real-life experiences.

Specialist High Skills Major

(Board website)

On March 1, Specialist High Skills Major students had the opportunity to receive certain wellness certifications at Riverside Glen Retirement Village in Guelph. Approximately 40 students from Centennial CVI and Guelph CVI were in attendance. Certifications for the day were for three fields of wellness; Specialized Care: dementia training and nutrition/meal assistance, advanced training in a technique: ambulation, lifts and PAL fitness, and advanced training in a technique: infection control.

Guelph CVI, Chamber Choir

(Board website)

Guelph CVI Chamber Choir performed with Foreigner at the Centre in the Square on March 4. Guelph CVI Chamber Choir performed Foreigner’s hit song, “I Want to Know What Love Is”. The Guelph CVI Chamber Choir entered and won a contest on the radio KFUN 99.5 FM “Sing with Foreigner”. To enter, they had to create a video showing the choir performing one of Foreigner’s songs and submit it to the radio station. Their submission is available on the Board’s website.

Alfred Lafferety

On February 27, Guelph CVI held an assembly to wrap up Black History Month, a celebration of black culture. The assembly also marked the renaming of the school’s auditorium in honour of former Principal Alfred Lafferty, believed to be the first black Principal of an Ontario high school. Staff presented the school with a plaque renaming the auditorium the “The Alfred M. Lafferty Auditorium”.

Live Free

(Board website)

On March 2, 2018 John F. Ross CVI held a Live Free breakfast celebration, with volunteers from the community, cooking up a healthy breakfast for John F. Ross CVI students. On their way into the cafeteria, students made donations and pledges to give up something for the day, while learning more about the Food and Friends Program. Arthur PS celebrated Live Free Day with smoothies made by parents involved in the school's snack program. The school helped raise more than \$300.

John F. Ross CVI

(Board website)

A grade 9 student from John F. Ross CVI was named a finalist in the 2018 Speakers Idol Competition. After successfully making it through the semi-final round, Kellie's speech and her vision for creating change in the world earned her a spot in the finals at the widely recognized student competition. Her speech was selected from more than 200 incredible entries. For this year's challenge, students were asked to submit a three-minute speech that reflected on Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal's quote, "Freedom of speech is not freedom to propagate hatred." The Speakers Idol Finalist round took place today in Toronto.

Niska Bridge

While many others were off relaxing during the March Break, Charles Benyair was busy running the military exercise that removed the old Bailey Bridge on Niska Road in Guelph. Site preparation began on March 12, with the building removal exercise taking place 24 hours a day up to March 19.

Sir Isaac Brock PS

(Board website)

A grade 8 student at Sir Isaac Brock PS was chosen to be a Page at the Ontario Legislative Assembly at Queen's Park. Humza sent in his application and was chosen to be a Page working between March 19-29. His application to the program came in the form of an essay that outlined his achievements, involvements and suitability for the program. The essay submitted showcased his commitment to helping out at his school and in his community. As part of the program, Humza was required to study and learn the faces, names and locations of Ontario's 107 Members of Provincial Parliament prior to arriving on his first day.

Centennial CVI – Vimy Ridge Award for Youth Volunteers
(Board website)

Hundreds of applicants apply every year and only 20 students across the country are selected for the Vimy Ridge Award for Youth Volunteers. One of the students this year was Centennial CVI student, Sarah. According to The Vimy Foundation website, the Vimy Pilgrimage Award “recognizes the actions of young people who demonstrate their commitment to volunteer work through outstanding service, positive contribution, notable deeds and bravery.” As a winner of the award, students travel on a fully funded week-long educational program to Belgium and France. During the trip, students gain educational experiences about Canada’s remarkable history as it relates to the First World War. Congratulations Sarah. This is the second year in a row that a Centennial CVI student was chosen for this prestigious award.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, 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 27, 2018

Trustee Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee White, that the minutes of the meeting held February 27, 2018, 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 Fairbairn 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 Topping 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 March 6, 2018 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. The verbal update from Student Trustees be received, with thanks.
2. The verbal update on Mental Health be received, with thanks.
3. The verbal report on the Board Action Plan for FNMI (BAP) be received.
4. The verbal OPSBA update be received.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held March 20, 2018 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. The report entitled Trustee Determination and Distribution for the Upper Grand District School Board for 2018 dated March 8, 2018 be received.
2. The Upper Grand District School Board approve the determination of 10 Trustee positions for the Board, the same number who were elected to the Board at the 2006, 2010 and 2014 regular elections.
3. The Status Quo (Option A) Trustee distribution, as outlined in Appendix "C" of the report entitled Trustee Determination and Distribution for the Upper Grand District School Board for 2018 dated March 8, 2018, be approved and submitted, no later than April 3, 2018 to the Ministry of Education, the election clerk for all municipalities within the Board's

jurisdiction; and the secretary of every other board that is wholly or partially within the Board's area of jurisdiction.

4. The Board approve that no areas in the jurisdiction of the Upper Grand District School Board be designated as low population areas.
5. The report entitled "Addition to Parkinson Centennial PS, Project Approval Report Construction Tender and Final Project Budget" dated March 20th, 2018, CP:18-01, be received.
6. A Final Project Budget of \$1,065,457 outlined in Appendix A in the report CP:18- 01, be approved.
7. The contract for the addition to Parkinson Centennial PS building project be awarded to the low tenderer Shertine Construction Limited.
8. The report entitled "School Year Calendar 2018-2019" dated March 20, 2018 be received.
9. The proposed school calendars for the 2018-2019 school year for the Upper Grand District School Board's elementary and secondary schools, as outlined in Appendix B and C respectively, be approved by the Board for submission to the Ministry of Education for final approval in accordance with Regulation 304.
10. The memo PLN: 18-05 "Centre and North Wellington Secondary Boundary Review – Initial Boundary Review Report" be received.
11. Memo PLN: 18-04 "Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) - Summary of Input from Phase 1 Public Engagement" dated March 20, 2018 be received.
12. The Report: "Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines and New Vision for Student Transportation in Ontario - Summary" dated March 20, 2018 be received.
13. The Board directs the Chair of the Board to submit feedback on the PARG as contained in Appendix A to the Ministry of Education no later than March 23, 2018.
14. The Board approves the completion of the OPSBA survey as per the information in Appendix B no later than March 23, 2018.
15. The Report "2018-2019 Trustee Budget Draft Request", be received.

16. The recommendation of \$38,900 for the 2018-2019 Trustee Budget be approved.

The motion carried.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held March 21, 2018 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Policy Management Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held March 6, 2018 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. Policy 210 Environmental Education and Management be approved.
2. Policy 315 Privacy Protection and Information Access be approved.
3. Policy 111 Use of Corporate Resources for Elections be approved.
4. Policy 518 Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder) be received and released for public consultation.
5. The report "Policy Public Consultation Plan for Policy 518 Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder)" dated March 6, 2018 be received.
6. The report "Policy Public Consultation Plan for Policy 518 Students with Life-Threatening Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder)" dated March 6, 2018 be approved.
7. Policy 214 Accessibility Standards be received and released for public consultation.
8. The report "Policy Public Consultation Plan for Policy 214 Accessibility Standards" dated March 6, 2018 be received.

9. The report "Policy Public Consultation Plan for Policy 214 Accessibility Standards" dated March 6, 2018 be approved.
10. Protocol P.08 Privacy Protocol for Child Youth Workers, Social Workers, Psychologists, Psychological Associates and Speech Language Pathologists be received.

The motion carried.

Suggestion from Chairs' Committee Regarding Extended Timeline on Board Strategic Plan

Trustee Moziar noted that at the January 16, 2018 Chairs' Committee meeting, a recommendation was made that a motion be brought for Board consideration to extend the current Strategic Plan to include the 2018-2019 school year. Considering that the current Strategic Plan ends in 2018, and that this is an election year, it was suggested it would be beneficial to extend the Strategic Plan for one year.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. The Board endorse the current Strategic Plan, vision and objectives as presented.
2. The current Strategic Plan inform the Director's Objectives and UGDSB operations for the 2018-2019 school year.

The motion carried.

Addition to Spencer Ave. PS Project Approval Report – Construction Tender and Final Project Budget

Operations Officer, Scinocca provided an overview of the tender and final project budget for the addition of five classrooms at Spencer Ave. PS. The design of the proposed construction allows for growth for future JK classrooms, as well as second floor accommodation. Gateman-Milloy Inc. submitted the lowest tender in the amount of \$1,342,000, which was less than the preliminary budget at concept design. Mr. Scinocca noted that the anticipated completion date for the project is December 2018, with hopes for early occupancy.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that:

1. The report entitled "Addition to Spencer Ave PS, Project Approval Report Construction Tender and Final Project Budget" dated March 27th, 2018, CP:18-02, be received.
2. A Final Project Budget of \$1,808,831 as outlined in Appendix A in the report CP:18-02, be approved.

3. The contract for the addition to Spencer Ave PS building project be awarded to the low tenderer; Gateman-Millooy Inc.

The motion carried.

Staff Retirements and Resignations

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated March 27, 2018.

Trustee Schieck moved that the Staff Retirements and Resignations report Appendix A and Appendix B dated March 27, 2018 be received with thanks for the many years of service.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Moziar moved that the Board Correspondence dated March 27, 2018 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee MacNeil reported that she attended the PIC meeting last night, and that there were several new members and counterparts from the Wellington Catholic board. Plans were in place for the PIC Spring Event which is scheduled for April 26, 2018 at Centre Wellington DHS, at 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trustee White shared her experience at Parkinson Centennial PS where grade five students role-played Trustees and administration. She also attended the Dufferin Joint Council meeting where school safety was the topic of the evening.

Trustee Fairbairn reported that the Rotary Club of Guelph is now providing support for school nutrition at three schools in Guelph through the Food4Kids program. The Food4Kids program provides packages of healthy food for kids aged 14 years and under, with limited or no access to food each weekend. Packages of healthy food are prepared by volunteers and delivered to schools each Friday to ensure children have nourishment over the weekend. Thanks were expressed on behalf of the Board.

Notice of Motion of Reconsideration

At the August 29, 2018 Board meeting, a motion was placed regarding a full boundary review to consider boundaries for Wellington Heights SS and Centre Wellington DHS. Following the presentation at the Business Operations meeting on March 20, 2018

where the initial boundary review report was presented, it was suggested that a motion of reconsideration may be placed.

Trustee Topping placed the following Notice of Motion of Reconsideration: "That staff be directed to proceed with a full boundary review to consider boundaries for Wellington Heights SS and Centre Wellington DHS to better accommodate students and families within that area."

Dates of Future Meetings

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the April 2018 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	April 3, 2018
Business Operations	April 10, 2018
Board Meeting	April 24, 2018

The motion carried.

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

Monday, April 16, 2018	Career Pathways Dufferin, Compass Community Church, 12:30 p.m.
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Trustee Busuttill noted that a Special Guelph City Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at City Hall Chambers, 6:00 p.m. to discuss 75 Dublin St.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated March 27, 2018 be received, with the above noted additions.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

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

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business

Trustee MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey 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 7:48 p.m.

The motion carried.

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