

Upper Grand District School Board

Program Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Achieving by Believing

Prior to the meeting Secondary Curriculum Leader Melissa McDowell, welcomed everyone to the Achieving by Believing award presentations. Director of Education Rogers praised the students and staff and offered congratulations. Each year, the Board acknowledges students and staff who have surpassed challenges, adversity and/or socio-economic issues that may have resulted in them not graduating. Through strong support from teachers and access to alternative programs, these students overcame their individual obstacles and struggles, and achieved academic success. Students were recognized and commended for their bravery, willingness to learn, and believing in themselves to create a positive foundation to a successful future.

Elementary Recipients

School

Arthur PS
Elora PS
John Black PS
Ken Danby PS
Mitchell Woods PS
Sir Isaac Brock PS
Waverley Drive PS
Waverley Drive PS
Westwood PS

Name

Shelby Henderson
Ian Alexander
Justin D'Archi
Jessica Snowball
Debora Dietrich
Angel Kadloo
Christopher Massey
Wesley Millar
Morgan Scheffold-Higdon

Secondary Recipients

School

Centennial CVI
Centennial CVI
Centre Dufferin DHS
Centre Dufferin DHS
Centre Wellington DHS
Centre Wellington DHS
College Heights SS
College Heights SS

Name

Allison Tulloch
Hunter Rushlow
Tanner Lucas
Jane Godbold
Cameron Tonkin
Benton Lott
Caitlyn Dean
Tyler White

Erin DHS	Alexandra Kutuzyan
Guelph CVI	Stephanie Simon
Guelph CVI	Josee Leclair
John F. Ross CVI	Bailey Branch Evans
John F. Ross CVI	Erin McKeeman
Norwell District SS	Kyle Gristey
Norwell DSS	Abe Braun
Orangeville DSS	Shaelyn Tanner
Orangeville DSS	La Tai'ja Samuels
Wellington Heights SS	Morgan Crome
Wellington Heights SS	Sydney Stewart
Westside SS	Kevin Luck
Westside SS	Kye Campbell

Staff recipients

<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>
Centennial CVI	Kristie Brady
Centre Dufferin DHS	Jane Godbold
Centre Wellington DHS	Andrea Kretz
Erin DHS	Steve Sherry
Guelph CVI	Gerard Guthro
John F. Ross CVI	Amanda Spencer
Ken Danby PS	Deb Marchment
Centennial Hylands ES	Amber Tulloch
Willow Road PS	Janine Costello

Student Success Lead Zen offered thanks and congratulations to all recipients.

The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, in the cafetorium at Centre Wellington DHS commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairperson Trustee Moziar presided, and the following Trustees were present: Busutil, Cooper, Fairbairn, Lustgarten Evoy, MacNeil, Schieck, and White, together with student Trustees Caitlin Ennis and Allison Cai. Also in attendance were Director of Education Rogers, Student Success Lead Zen, and Superintendents Heaslip, Lindsay, McDonald, Morrell, Regier, Slater, and Van Ooteghem.

Agenda

Trustee Schieck moved that the agenda be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the meeting held on May 1, 2018 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Report from Student Trustees

Student Trustees Caitlin Ennis, together with Student Trustee Allison Cai, provided their last report for the school year. They highlighted their success over the past year, reported on the OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting, provided an update from Student Senate, shared their goals for Student Senate for 2018-2019, and advised of the tentative dates for future student senate meetings. A farewell potluck party was planned for the meeting scheduled on June 12, 2018, where incoming student Senators will be introduced. September 18, 2018 was set for the first Student Senate meeting. Thanks were expressed to Frances Norlen, Superintendent of Education Morrell, Trustee Fairbairn, and all Trustees and Board staff. Trustees also expressed thanks to both student Trustees for a great year and for their continued work in raising awareness of Student Senate roles and responsibilities. Trustee Cooper suggested that the students bring to the Board issues students have raised through Student Senate. Trustee White suggested Trustees be informed of who the Student Senators are for each school.

Recommendation # 1

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the verbal update from Student Trustees be received, with thanks.

The motion carried.

Mental Health Update

Mental Health and Addition Lead Jenny Marino provided an update on accomplishments over the past year in the areas of Mental Health. She noted that

awareness, promotion, intervention and training are paramount to good program sustainability. Community collaboration is also a key component to a great program, where those in need can obtain the appropriate service/assistance in a timely manner through a central reservoir. For the 2018-2019 school year, there will be a focus on youth engagement and equity. Mrs. Marino advised that Mental Health Clinicians will provide a new line of support, and will bridge the gap between CST and special teams. She expressed thanks to the Director of Education and senior administration for support in the areas of mental health, and collaborations with community agencies to provide a high level of mental health support for staff and students in the Upper Grand DSB. Trustees expressed thanks for the continued support in the various areas of mental health. Trustee Cooper requested, in the future, to have more detailed data which may include layover geographical data, types of support provided/accessed in all areas, and identify specific needs supported.

Recommendation # 2

Trustee MacNeil moved that the verbal update on Mental Health be received, with thanks.

The motion carried.

Math at the UGDSB

Principal of Program Walker introduced Elementary Curriculum Leaders Blayne Primeau and Rylan Pranger, who provided an update on Math teaching strategies, designed to meet the needs of all learners. From teachers, school leaders, system leaders, Vice-Principals and Principals, their roles and responsibilities were shared. Changing beliefs and attitudes, assessment, content knowledge for all partners, and teaching/pedagogy were also discussed. In years 1 and 2 schools, the collaborative inquiries are encouraged and lead to inquiry questions that are focused on math teaching, assessment, and content knowledge. In years 3, 4, and 5 schools, the collaborative inquiries had a number talks focus. It was noted that all schools have added focused math goals into their SIPSAs. Within two years, it is the goal that every classroom K-12, will be using Number Talks. Leaders will guide instruction and professional development opportunities around the needs as identified by the teachers and principals in conjunction with system data. A lot of time and effort has been put into teacher training, resources, and changing mind sets to help staff and students understand the concepts and foundations of math. Trustee Lustgarten Evoy commented that some children lose the foundation and concept of math after the basic addition and subtraction stage, and questioned how this issue is being addressed. In response, Mr. Primeau noted that early assessments will assist with early identification of problems, and therefore appropriate assistance will be available to the students, through Prime continuous development assessments and development continuum. Trustees expressed thanks for the work done in delivering math to the students in the

Upper Grand DSB.

Recommendation # 3

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the verbal update on Math at the UGDSB be received, with thanks.

The motion carried.

OPSBA

Trustee Fairbairn provided a verbal OPSBA update, and advised that OPSBA will be involved in another round of bargaining in the near future.

Recommendation # 4

Trustee White moved that the verbal OPSBA update be received.

The motion carried.

Other Business

Trustee Moziar offered best wishes to everyone for a great summer and thanks for a great year. She expressed thanks to all staff in our system and their contributions to successful students. She also expressed thanks and pride in our schools and school system.

Adjournment

Trustee White moved that this Committee adjourn at 8:55 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.