

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 28, 2018
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:10 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustee Schieck. Trustee Lustgarten Evoy attended via teleconference. Student Trustee Chloe Gear was also in attendance.

Traditional Greeting

Opening Prayer – Trustee White

Trustee White read “Attitude of Gratitude” from Chicken Soup for the Soul, Teacher Tales.

Condolences

Trustee Busutil, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Alex Cowan, Administrative Assistant Receptionist, Grant Evans Education Centre on the loss of her father; The family of Susan Milson, former Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Education, Paul Scinocca, Operations Officer on the loss of his father; John Veit, Manager of Plant Operations, on the loss of his father; Sue Bates, Head Custodian at College Heights SS on the loss of her father-in-law; and Loan de Bock, Teacher at JD Hogarth PS on the loss of her husband.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Centre Wellington DHS, IT Students

National Cyber Security Competition

Centre Wellington DHS placed second in the Canadian Eastern Division of the first national cyber security competition run by the ICTC (Information and Communication Technology Council of Canada). The Canadian championship, called Cyber Titan, runs concurrently with the US Air Force’s Cyberpatriot Competition. The team consisted of four senior computer tech students who self-organized, tackled the material, and figured out the completion over three grueling 6 hour marathon rounds in October, December and January. In June the team went to Fredericton and competed in the first ever Canadian finals.

Skills Canada

Calum, one of the Falcon Tech Cybersecurity Team members also participated in Skills Canada, winning the Ontario championship in IT and Networking. Calum is Centre Wellington's second provincial championship in three years. He performed well at Skills Canada Nationals in Edmonton, getting a score less than 2 points away from a medal, finishing 5th overall in Canada. This year Centre Wellington DHS will be running the Cybeavers, the second round of our senior computer engineering student's team and the Terabytches; an all-girls team consisting of grade tens. A junior team is also in the works.

Welding Camp

Twenty students, who are entering grades 7, 8 and 9, took part in a welding camp at Orangeville DSS this July. About a third of the students attending were female. The camp was sponsored by CWB Welding Foundation as part of their mandate "building the future of welding in Canada." The students learned from teachers Richard Alexander (Orangeville DSS manufacturing) and Aaron Myers (College Heights SS manufacturing) the basics of welding and the importance of skilled trades while having fun making a variety of small projects to take home.

Erin PS

On July 29, Erin PS held a garden party which was attended by over 80 people. The open house encouraged students to come mid-summer to check on the progress of the vegetables and flowers they had planted in the teaching gardens with their classes in the spring. It was also an opportunity for the Erin community to see what the students were growing. In the fall, students will harvest the food and cook it at the school.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Cooper moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, that the agenda be confirmed as amended to add two additional items: Good News and Director's Objectives for 2018-2019.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings Held June 26, 2018, June 27, 2018 and Special Board Meeting held July 23, 2018

Trustee MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee White, that the minutes of the Board meetings held June 26, 2018, June 27, 2018, and the Special Board Meeting held July 23, 2018, and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meetings held immediately prior to the Board meetings, be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business Transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera

The ratification of the Business transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera was postponed to the end of the meeting, due to the incompleteness of the In Camera session.

Motion to Rise and Sit in Committee of the Whole

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

Director's Objectives for 2018 – 2019

Director of Education Rogers advised that the Director's Performance Objectives are tied to the Annual Operating Plan, and are linked to the Strategic Plan, as recommended in the April 2010 Operational Review Report. The Objectives included the implementation and review of the Annual Operating Plan since the 2010-2011 school year. The objectives included Student Achievement and Well-Being as a primary goal. Director of Education Rogers reported that one challenge in the 2018-2019 school year will be to include values and commitment to inclusion, diversity, safety and well-being in students' programs, while still following the approved Ontario Curriculum for Health and Physical Education. A second challenge will be to ensure the emphasis on foundational math skills while still equipping students with the higher order thinking skills that are consistent with 21st Century Global Competencies. She highlighted areas of the Operational Plan including achieving excellence, promoting well-being, ensuring equity of access and opportunity, and enhancing public confidence. In the Leadership Management Section, her objectives were to continue to provide strong and positive leadership to the educational community, to maintain a highly visible presence in the Board, to provide leadership at the Board level, to provide leadership in the development of the Board's 2019-2020 Operational Plan as well as the implementation of the 2018-2019 Plan, to supervise the work and monitor the workload of the senior

administration, to provide direction and support to staff and resource support to the Board as requested, and to provide leadership provincially.

Trustees expressed thanks for the report and for a job well done.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that:

1. The report entitled Director's Objectives for 2018-2019 dated August 23, 2018 be received.
2. The objectives outlined in Appendix A of the report entitled Director's Objectives for 2018-2019 be approved.

The motion carried.

Appointment of Election Compliance Audit Committee

Superintendent Regier reported that the Municipal Elections Act requires the appointment of an Election Compliance Audit Committee who would review any challenges associated with the upcoming election.

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. The report "Appointment of Election Compliance Audit Committee", dated August 23, 2018 be received.
2. The Board appoint Bruce Robinson, Pradeep Mehta and Debbie Speight to its Election Compliance Audit Committee.

The motion Carried.

Annual Capital/Renewal Projects Update

Operations Officer, Facility Services, Scinocca provided a verbal update on the capital/renewal projects for this year, noting that the focus was more renewal than capital. He expressed thanks to his team; Blair Capling, Jennifer Piercey, John Charbonneau, Peter Zilio, and Bruce McLeod. This year's work included three child care buildings, two elementary school additions, five elementary school general renovations, and two secondary school general renovations. Accessibility upgrades were done at Guelph CVI, Aberfoyle PS, Edward Johnson PS, and Gateway Drive PS. Trustees expressed thanks for keeping our buildings in good repair and for the efficient use of resources.

Trustee Cooper moved that the Annual Capital/Renewal Projects verbal update be received.

The motion carried.

Staff Retirements and Resignations

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated August 28, 2018.

Trustee Moziar moved that the Staff Retirements and Resignations report Appendix A and Appendix B dated August 28, 2018 be received.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Busuttill advised that correspondence was received from OPSBA regarding its Annual Report, from Rainy River DSB regarding sick leave costs, from Avon Maitland DSB regarding the Health and Physical Education 2015 curriculum, and from the Town of Grand Valley regarding repairs to Grand Valley PS. Correspondence was also received from OPSBA regarding annual membership fees for the 2018-2019 school year.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. The Board Correspondence dated August 28, 2018 be received.
2. The Board renew the OPSBA membership for 2018-2019 in the amount of \$70,575.00.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee White expressed kudos to staff for the wonderful job done with the planning and implementation of the Learning Fair.

Trustee Busuttill shared a plaque highlighting 25 years of service for Trustees Moziar and Schieck. She requested that the plaque be hung in the Board Room.

Dates of Future Meetings

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

Program Committee	No Meeting
Business Operations	September 11, 2018
Board Meeting	September 25, 2018

The motion carried.

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

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 Policy Management Committee was cancelled.

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 Student Senate, Room 9, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated August 28, 2018 be received, with the above noted revisions.

The motion carried.

In Camera Resuming

As directed at the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier in the evening, the In Camera session was resumed at approximately 8:44 p.m. in order to complete the confidential items on the agenda.

Public Session Resuming

The public session resumed at 9:20 p.m. to complete the remainder of the items on the agenda.

Ratification of Business Transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera

Trustee Topping 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.

Adjournment

Trustee White moved, seconded by Trustee Topping that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 9:22 p.m.

The motion carried.

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