

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 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 Topping. Student Trustee Chloe Gear was also in attendance.

Traditional Greeting

Opening Prayer – Trustee Bailey

Trustee Bailey shared lessons learned over the past year, with a message of gratefulness and happiness.

Condolences

Trustee Busuttill, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Anna Nunes, Library Technician at Centre Dufferin DHS on the loss of her father; Steve Wynen, Vice-Principal at Orangeville DSS on the loss of his father; the family of Lisa Jotham, Teacher at Spencer Avenue PS; Dennis Ashley, Teacher at Guelph CVI on the loss of his brother; and Sue Bender, Teacher at John F. Ross CVI on the loss of her father.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Erin PS (Trustee Kathryn Cooper)

The Town of Erin started a grass roots environmental project among farmers to baseline soil quality across the region. Erin PS is participating in this project. The Soil Health Coalition Erin team will set up five learning stations and complete four tests at two sites at the Erin PS garden. Jen Edwards has been a great liaison bringing everyone together on this worthwhile project.

Willow Road PS (Board website)

On September 7th, staff and students celebrated the grand opening of the school's new playground. The entire school gathered outside in the sun and around the new play structure to celebrate.

This year, Willow Wildcats celebrated the 50th anniversary of the school. As part of the celebration, staff made t-shirts for the students and staff with their motto "BELIEVE" printed on the front and on the back.

During the first week of school, they also celebrated a fresh look to the building, including a transformed library learning commons.

Guelph CVI

On Tuesday September 18th, the Go Go Grandmothers launched their 2019 calendar. Beautiful photographs from around Guelph including works created by students at Guelph CVI were celebrated. The 4Gs formed after a conference in 2006 when the Stephen Lewis Foundation indicated the dire need for help in Africa, where grandmothers were raising grandchildren due to the AIDS pandemic. Since 2006, the 4Gs have raised more than \$370,000 for the Foundation by organizing numerous annual fundraisers. In addition, the Go Go Grandmothers often visit elementary schools and share stories of Africa with the children.

John F. Ross CVI and Westside SS (Frances Norlen and Board website)

This month, John F. Ross CVI hosted The Power of Ideas Exhibition. The Power of Ideas Exhibition brings cutting-edge science programming to communities across Ontario. In this inspiring exhibition and presentation from the Perimeter Institute, students take a fun, hands-on approach to engaging with the process of science. From delving into two of the world's largest science experiments to exploring changing ideas about our universe, this immersive experience fosters curiosity and a better understanding of how we investigate our world. The Power of Ideas Tour is supported by the Province of Ontario. It was noted that Westside SS will host the exhibition on October 15 and 16, 2018.

Director's Performance Appraisal

Trustee Fairbairn advised that, recently the Director's performance appraisal was completed and he noted that Director of Education Martha Rogers received an excellent rating. Her strong communication and customer service criteria provides a sound foundation for the management of the business of the Board. She received a standing ovation for her strong, caring leadership and her assembly, guidance, and maintenance of a supportive, caring, helpful team of senior administration who share a common goal; student and staff success and well-being. Trustees expressed congratulations for an outstanding job well done. Sincere thanks and appreciation to both the Director and each and every member of the senior administration team were also expressed. Trustees also expressed pride in being part of such a wonderful Board.

On behalf of herself and the senior administration team, Director of Education Rogers expressed thanks and gratitude and her pride in being part of a very good Board.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, 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 August 28, 2018

Trustee MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee Cooper, that the minutes of the meeting held August 28, 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 MacNeil, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole In Camera be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

Elementary Principal Vice-Principal Appointments

Director of Education Rogers advised that at the In Camera session earlier this evening, the following transfers and appointments were received. Shannon Spike, Principal (Acting) at Princess Margaret PS was appointed to Principal at Princess Margaret PS, Mark Turner, Vice-Principal at Minto-Clifford PS was appointed to Principal (Acting) at Princess Margaret PS. Kelley Jones, Teacher at Kortright Hills PS was appointed as Vice-Principal (Temporary) at Minto-Clifford PS.

Special Education Appeal Board Report (SEAB)

Director of Education Rogers advised that at the In Camera session earlier this evening Trustees were presented with the Special Education Appeal Board (SEAB) report. The matter was brought into the public session, in order to comply with regulation. The motion that was approved was that the Upper Grand District School Board supports the unanimous decision of the SEAB to take no further action in relation to the student involved.

Motion to Rise and Sit in Committee of the Whole

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

The motion carried.

Delegation-Active and Safe Routes to School Committee (ASRTS)

Superintendent of Finance Regier introduced Alexandra Fournier, Health Promotion Specialist, WDG Public Health and Benita van Miltenburg, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, City of Guelph. The UGDSB is part of the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Active and Safe Routes to School Committee (ASRTS), which includes representatives from the City of Guelph, the Wellington Catholic DSB, the WDG Public Health and the Wellington Dufferin Student Transportation Services Consortium. ASRTS applied to the Ontario Active School Travel Fund for a grant which is part of Ontario Active School Travel (OAST), a Provincial framework for increasing active transportation for school journeys. OAST is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education and managed by Green Communities Canada. ASRTS was one of 12 successful applications across the province and received a total grant of \$209,788 which will cover the cost to hire a Student Travel Coordinator for 26 months. This person will develop policies and programs related to Active School Travel and will be responsible for rolling out Walking School Bus pilots in Guelph, one in the spring of 2019 and one in the fall of 2019. Trustees expressed thanks for the initiatives and work done in getting kids to walk to school again, and raised a question regarding the implementation of a similar program for rural schools.

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the update from the Active and Safe Routes to School Committee be received.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held September 11, 2018 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. Memo PLN: 18-18 “2018 Community Planning and Facility Partnership Report” dated September 11, 2018, be received.
2. The Board advise those on the Partnership List that there are no partnership opportunities or suitable surplus spaces available at this time in existing facilities.
3. Staff be directed to consult the Partnership List regarding interest in co-build opportunities at possible future schools in the jurisdiction.

The motion carried.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held September 12, 2018 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Architect Selection Process

Operations Officer, Facility Services Scinocca advised that the architect selection pool was established in November 2014 and that the term is for a four year period. As a result, three Trustees needed to be selected for the upcoming four years. Trustees Fairbairn, Lustgarten Evoy and Schieck volunteered to sit on the Architect Selection Committee.

Trustee Fairbairn, moved that:

1. The report entitled, “Architect Selection Process” dated September 25th, 2018 (CP:18-05) be received.
2. The following three Trustees be appointed to the Architect Selection Committee for 2018: Trustees Fairbairn, Lustgarten Evoy, and Schieck.

The motion carried.

Audit Committee Minutes of September 17, 2018

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Minutes of the Audit Committee Open Session dated September 17, 2018 be received.

The motion carried.

Staff Retirements and Resignations

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated September 25, 2018.

Trustee Moziar moved that the Staff Retirements and Resignations report Appendix A and Appendix B dated September 25, 2018 be received with thanks for the years of service.

The motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Board Correspondence dated September 25, 2018 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Trustee MacNeil reported that the Parent Involvement Committee had a very successful first meeting of the school year, with attendance at an all-time high. She reported that the Career Education Council met last week, and had created pamphlets highlighting upcoming events which she distributed.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy advised of an upcoming event; the Safe Communities Day to address the prevention of intentional self-harm which was scheduled for the 4th of October. This event is for grade six students and will be held at the Marden Centre. At the present time, 600 students plan to attend this event.

Trustee Moziar reported that she attended the Go Go Grandmothers event as well as the Perimeter Institute Display. She was impressed with the changes in this area and encouraged everyone to open the doors to continuous learning.

Trustee Busuttil acknowledged that Superintendent of Education Van Ooteghem also attended the Go Go Grandmothers event, and thanked her for being there. Ms. Van Ooteghem expressed her thanks for being able to attend.

The motion carried.

Dates of Future Meetings

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

Program Committee	October 2, 2018
Business Operations	October 9, 2018
Board Meeting	October 23, 2018

The motion carried.

The following Dates of Future Meetings were added:

Wednesday, October 3, 2018	Walk to School Day Guelph event: Ferndale Park, 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. then walk to St. Patrick's school.
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Trustee Fairbairn moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated September 25, 2018, be received, with the above noted additions.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

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

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business

Trustee Moziar 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 White moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:52 p.m.

The motion carried.