

Upper Grand District School Board

Program Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, in the Board Room commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairperson Trustee Moziar presided, and the following Trustees were present: Busuttil, 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 June 4, 2018 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Report from Student Trustees

Student Trustees Caitlin Ennis and Chloe Gear provided an overview of events for September 2018 which included September Student Senate meetings, experience at We Day, involvement in the student walkout at various schools on Friday in support of curriculum concerns, and professional development conferences. Two of the highlights at the Student Senate meetings were the Indigenous Kairos Blanket Exercise and the presentation by Mental Health/Addiction Lead Jenny Marino.

Recommendation # 1

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

The motion carried.

Mental Health Update

Mental Health/Addiction Lead Jenny Marino provided an update on Mental Health undertakings for September and upcoming plans for October. Updates included stress lessons implementation project, community connection events, a special meeting with Student Senators which was held on September 25, 2018, suicide awareness/prevention, and cannabis legislation.

Recommendation # 2

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

The motion carried.

Secondary Program Review

Superintendent Zen, together with Judith Nyman, Nyman Consulting, were in attendance on behalf of the working group for the Secondary Program Review. Mr. Zen advised that further to the survey completed by Trustees, along with other staff, the working group wanted to get further input from Trustees with respect to the survey and the Learning Characteristics that formed the basis of the survey. Trustees were asked to participate in a focus group discussion while all others were excused. It was noted that their responses would be compiled, along with those of other focus groups, and that a summary report would be sent to the working group. Mr. Zen advised that in December, a report would be presented to Trustees with the results of the work done through the working group.

EQAO Report

Student Success Lead Zen together with Principal of Program Walker and the team of elementary and secondary curriculum leaders presented the EQAO as well as the OSSLT results in great detail. These results included the Board and Provincial scores for Grades 3 and 6 in reading, writing and math, Grade 9 scores in math and the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) results. The detailed report also

included results by gender and students with identifications. Many questions of clarification were asked and Trustees expressed thanks for the great report.

Recommendation # 3

Trustee Busuttil moved that the report entitled "EQAO and OSSLT Results" dated October 2, 2018 be received.

The motion carried.

OPSBA

Trustee Fairbairn advised that he would, in the near future, forward a list of updates to Trustees in the near future.

Other Business – nil

Adjournment

Trustee White moved that this Committee adjourn at 9:25 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.

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