

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 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 Chloe Gear were also in attendance.

Traditional Greeting

Trustee Busuttil added a personal touch to the Traditional Greeting by commencing with the following: “As Canadians, we have to understand that Indigenous people are healing and that each person’s healing path is as different as their life experiences. Stop talking. Listen. You’ll hear a perspective that you’ve never heard before that relates first-hand to centuries of oppression, but also a story of strength and resurgence.

Opening Reading – Trustee Ross

Trustee Ross provided an interactive few moments tying quotes from Terry Pratchett to education.

Condolences

Trustee Busuttil, Chair, on behalf of the Board, offered condolences to Director of Education Martha Rogers, on the loss of her husband. Condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: the family of Marisa Mattucci, Educational Assistant at William C. Winegard PS; the family of Ab Henshaw, retired elementary Principal; Bill Hasson, Head Caretaker at June Ave. PS on the loss of his mother; Jeff Hannah, SERT at Gateway Drive PS, on the loss of his father; and the family of Peter Brimblecombe, former Trustee with the Wellington County Board of Education.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

James Ball

James Ball has been the focus of many good news items over the last few years. He will soon be retiring from the Upper Grand DSB and he stated that his retirement remarks would be as follows: “I consider myself very fortunate to have been a high school teacher for the past thirty years. I truly love what I do and I will look back at my time with the Upper Grand DSB as the highlight of my career. I always tell my students that physics is awesome but what they will remember about their time at John F. Ross CVI is the amazing community events like Spread the Net, Ten for Ten and the

Insideride. As I embark on my next “career” teaching undergrad physics courses at the University of Guelph, I will only look back with fondness. To everyone who has shaped my teaching career and to the students I have taught and coached, I say thank you.”

Orangeville District SS (Frances Norlen)

The Orangeville District SS Nordic Ski team will have 15 members competing at OFSAA this Wednesday through Friday at Highlands Nordic. Over 600 skiers from across the province will be competing in multiple races. Coach Stuart Dennie and the team are looking forward to 3 days of nice winter weather as well as hearing the keynote speaker Jeff Ellis on Thursday night in Collingwood. Jeff is an Orangeville District SS graduate who was a six-time OFSAA champion, and went on to work for Federation International de Ski, the world governing body for winter sports. Jeff is married to American Olympic 2018 ski champion Kikkan Randall and will be sharing what life and a career on the World Cup Circuit and at the Olympics entails. (Jeff’s parents Diane and Don Ellis were also teachers for the Board.) Secondary Teacher Frances Norlen is a race official, Chief of Finish and Athlete Aftercare at OFSAA.

Centre Wellington DHS (The Wellington Advertiser – Feb. 14, 2019)

Former Centre Wellington DHS student Cole Newton has signed a basketball scholarship with the University of Ottawa Gee Gees for September, 2019. He played at Centre Wellington DHS for four years under the guidance of Jeff Brubacher. While at Centre Wellington DHS, Cole captured two league MVP awards and three District 10 Championships. In 2018, he led the Falcons to their first OFSSA berth in school history. Upon graduating, he was named Male Athlete of the Year. While playing basketball at Ottawa, he will continue his studies in the field of health sciences.

Brant Avenue PS

Students at Brant Avenue PS were given a unique opportunity to learn about giving back. On February 5, students in grades 4 to 6 learned about generosity through a partnership with Givesome, a Guelph-based non-profit program that allows people to donate to charities through an app and see the impact of their donations. The school was visited by Givesome’s Jay Whitelaw and Adam Pender and Darrin Drake from AMJ Campbell. AMJ Campbell generously sponsored the project at the school. Each student was given \$2 and got to pick a charity to support through the Givesome app. Following the exercise, students reflected on how they think their acts of giving made others feel. In a few weeks, Givesome will send a video to the school, so students can see how their donations helped fund community projects.

Guelph CVI, Letter of Appreciation from a Parent

A letter of appreciation was received as follows: “I wanted to commend both the staff at Guelph CVI and at the school Board office for the wonderful support they have extended to my family over the last few years as my children have transitioned from home schooling to secondary school. Always, staff have been supportive, informative, flexible, creative at problem solving and courteous as we have navigated the school system. I have encountered nothing but great encouragement to both myself and my children. The senior Guelph CVI staff have watched over and taken great care to help my family in transition with exceptional courtesy. I want to thank the school and the school Board for the commendable work and want you to know that I am grateful for all that has been offered.”

Nobel Prize Winner Donna Strickland Visits Guelph CVI

On Friday February 15, Nobel Prize winner Donna Strickland visited Guelph CVI to speak to students. Professor Strickland is a Guelph native and attended Victory PS, Willow Road PS and Guelph CVI. Currently, she is an associate professor at the University of Waterloo.

John F. Ross CVI (Frances Norlen)

Camille (pronounced Cam-e) Chesky, a John F. Ross CVI graduate and avid OFSAA competitor while in high school, is now the assistant coach of the National Team Development Centre in Thunder Bay. The centre trains 18 to 23 year old cross country ski athletes as they prepare to move to the World Cup and Olympic level of competition.

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, 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 5, 2019 (Postponed from January 29th)

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved, seconded by Trustee Ross, that the minutes of the meeting held February 5, 2019, 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 Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Campbell, 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 Lustgarten Evoy moved, seconded by Trustee Ross, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

Policy Management Committee

Minutes of February 5, 2019

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee meeting February 5, 2019 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. a) Policy 602 Animals in the Classroom be received and released for public consultation.
b) The report "Policy Public Consultation Plan for 602 – Animals in the Classroom" dated February 5, 2019 be received.
c) The report "Policy Public Consultation Plan for 602 – Animals in the Classroom" dated February 5, 2019 be approved.
2. Policy 413 Safety (Behaviour Prevention and Intervention) be approved.
3. The following procedures manuals be received for information:
 - a) Procedures Manual 204-A Research Projects in Schools
 - b) Procedures Manual 404-A Selection of Principals and Vice-Principals

- c) Procedures Manual 501-A Out of Area and Out of District Attendance

The motion carried.

Staff Retirements and Resignations

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated February 26, 2019.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Staff Retirements and Resignations report Appendix A and Appendix B dated February 26, 2019 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Workshop Board Leadership Development Strategy (BLDS and Program)

Superintendent McDonald provided an overview of the goals and highlights of the BLDS Committee. The goals included: increasing the diversity of our leaders to better represent the students and families across our system; address and support the identified well-being needs of leaders to allow them to realize the full potential of their impact on student achievement and well-being; and build collaboration between our system leaders, supervisors, managers and our school leaders. Mr. McDonald also shared succession plans, mentoring programs and supports available to teachers, Vice-Principals, and Principals and also shared hiring practices. Trustees expressed thanks for the presentation.

Trustee Workshop Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Superintendent McDonald provided an overview of the PIC Committee, noting that the main goals are to provide advice for communication to school communities, parent engagement strategies, and home support for learning.

Board Correspondence

Trustee Busuttil advised that correspondence was received from the Association for Bright Children of Ontario (ABC) to nominate Jason Offer for the position of SEAC Representative for the Association for Bright Children of Ontario on the SEAC of the Board for the 2018 2022 term. Correspondence was also received from the City of Guelph regarding extreme weather conditions.

Trustee Topping moved that the Board Correspondence dated February 26, 2019 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Edwards moved that Jason Offer be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee as a representative of the Association for Bright Children of Ontario (ABC) for the 2018 2022 term.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports

Student Trustees' Report

Both Chloe and Caitlin thanked the Board for the great opportunity and great experience gained by attending the OSTA-AECO's conference that was held in Ottawa. The agenda for the conference was packed with breakout sessions for the Public Board Council and Catholic Board Council as well as seminars such as Public Affairs Training. They reported that February 4, 2019 was the deadline for Student Senators to order a Student Senate pullover hoodie or crew neck "UGDSB Student Senate 2018/19" with the Board logo embossed on it. Centennial CVI used their print design machines to design the sweaters. Thanks were expressed to Ms. Mulcahey for her assistance.

Trustee MacNeil moved that the Student Trustees' Report be received.

The motion carried.

Dates of Future Meetings

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the March 2019 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	March 5, 2019
Business Operations	March 19, 2019
Board Meeting	March 26, 2019

The motion carried.

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

Monday March 4 th , 2019	Learning Choices meeting was cancelled.
Friday March 22, 2019	Principal and Vice-Principal Interview Selection Committee Principal Interviews, Room 6, 8:30 a.m. Vice-Principal Interviews, Room 3, 8:30 a.m.
Friday March 29, 2019	Career Education Council, Boardroom 9:00 am

Trustee Topping moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated February 26, 2019 be received, with the above noted additions.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

Trustee Ross 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 Topping that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Trustee MacNeil moved, seconded by Trustee Ross that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 8:27 p.m.

The motion carried.

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