

Upper Grand District School Board

Program Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in the Board Room commencing at 7:04 p.m.

The Chairperson Trustee Lustgarten Evoy presided, and the following Trustees were present: Bailey, Busuttil, Bedi, Campbell, Edwards, Foley, MacNeil, Ross and Topping, together with student Trustee Caitlin Ennis. Also in attendance were Director of Education Rogers, Student Success Lead Zen, and Superintendents Heaslip, Lindsay, McDonald, Regier, Slater, and Van Ooteghem.

Agenda

Trustee Busuttil moved that the agenda be amended to include the word Delegation to the Board Advocacy item, and be approved as amended.

The motion carried.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Ross moved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 2, 2019 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

Report from Student Trustees

Student Trustee Caitlin Ennis provided an overview of events for April. The election for Student Trustees was held and Amelia Luff from Erin DHS and Nathalie Alves from Centennial CVI were the successful candidates for the upcoming year. Student Senate received presentations on IB, Student Advisory Committee, Youth Employment Fair, and the Board's Long Term Accommodation Plan. Trustees expressed thanks for the presentation and congratulated the incoming Student Trustees.

Recommendation # 1

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

The motion carried.

Delegation - Board Advocacy for Physical Education

Jeff Brubacher, Rodney Evans, Robert Drost, from OFSSA advocated in support of physical education and sports in high schools. Their presentation highlighted the benefits of physical activities, and the positive attributes gained for students such as physical fitness, self-confidence, self-respect, leadership skills, team-building skills, and academic success.

Trustee Workshop, Operations Department

Manager of Plant Operations John Veit provided a workshop on the Operations Department.

Recommendation # 2

Trustee Busutil moved that the Trustee Workshop on the Operations Department be received, with thanks.

The motion carried.

Mental Health Update

Mental Health and Addiction Lead Jenny Marino provided an update on Kids Help, Child and Youth Mental Health Week which was combined with Education Week (May 6 – 10), evidence based wellness promotion, Counsellor in the Classroom, Kids Help Phone, and CYC and teacher surveys.

Recommendation # 3

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

The motion carried.

OPSBA

Trustee Busuttil provided the following update from OPSBA.

Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act

Current status: Received Royal Assent April 3, 2019

This Bill has implications for Early Years/Child Care programs.

The consultation on the Regulations is currently underway.

Bill 48, Safe and Supportive Classrooms Act

Current Status: moving to third reading

Consultations on Service Animals have ended. Then to Third Reading to Assent

Bill 100, Protecting What Matters Most Act [Budget Measures]

Current Status: Second Reading

Schedule 20 – Education Act

Section 231 prohibits a board from having an in-year deficit for a fiscal year unless a deficit is authorized by a regulation or approved by the Minister.

Moves this provision from the Act into a Regulation that is easier for a government to change. Historically boards have been able to carry a 1% budget deficit when submitting the June budget without the Minister of Education's approval. There is no information on the circumstances that might change under Regulation.

Task Force on School Boards

In the budget announcement the government announced the creation of a task force that "will look at all aspects of the education system, including school board operations, while respecting publicly funded education systems in Ontario. The Ministry of Education will be undertaking a thorough review of how boards can conduct their operations in the most efficient manner to best serve students and parents while ensuring their long-term sustainability."

No details have been released.

New Bill 107 Get Ontario Moving Act

Has to do with buses and safety, no details yet.

Labour Relations Update

This information will be provided during the In Camera agenda of the Business Operations meeting.

OPSBA Board Business

Approved the operating Budget, Core Issues [based on the Regional Feedback], and proposed Constitution amendments.

Upcoming OPSBA Annual General Meeting – July 4-7, 2019, Toronto

Details are available on the OPSBA website.

Recommendation # 4

Trustee Ross moved that the verbal OPSBA update be received.

The motion carried.

Other Business – nil report

Adjournment

Trustee Busuttil moved that this Committee adjourn at 8:35 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.