

**Upper Grand District School Board**  
**Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 23, 2018**  
**Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, October 23, 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 Cooper. Student Trustees Caitlin Ennis and Chloe Gear were also in attendance.

**Traditional Greeting**

**Opening Prayer – Trustee Fairbairn**

Trustee Fairbairn shared a reading with a message to be as kind to yourself as you are to those who love you.

**Condolences**

Trustee Busuttil, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: the family of Grant McRae, retired Principal from the Wellington County Board of Education; the family of John Beggs, retired Principal from the Upper Grand DSB; Jennifer Matthews, Department Head of Special Education at Centre Dufferin DHS on the loss of her father; Brad Fedyk, Manager of Custodial Services in the Operations department on the loss of his mother; and Kate Creery, School Effectiveness Framework and NTIP Lead on the loss of her father.

**Good News**

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

Former Wellington County Board of Education Student (The Guardian online)

Former Wellington County Board of Education Student Wins Nobel Prize. Canadian Donna Strickland, a former UGDSB student shares the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics with Arthur Ashkin and Gerard Mourou for creating groundbreaking tools from beams of light. Donna becomes only the third woman in history to win the physics prize, and the only living female physics laureate. Donna attended Victory PS, Willow Road PS and Guelph CVI.

John F. Ross CVI (Board website)

Tammy Watson, John F. Ross CVI Teacher and former John F. Ross CVI student was inducted into the York University Sports Hall of Fame. According to York University,

Tammy experienced success at every level of field hockey through her career and became one of the most decorated players in York University history.

Centennial CVI (Board website)

Cathy, Matthew and Albert, grade 11 students at Centennial CVI took the top three spots in a Provincial accounting contest. In May, they competed in the Ontario Business Educators' Association (OBEA) senior accounting contest. Students from across the province must complete 100 multiple-choice questions online, which are based on course curriculum. In a remarkable result for the school, Cathy placed first, Matthew placed second, and Albert placed third. They received their awards at a luncheon in Toronto on September 29. OBEA also holds an accounting contest for students in grade 12. The contests are sponsored by CPA Ontario. Congratulations to Cathy, Matthew and Albert!

Guelph CVI (Heather Loney)

Eric Fishback, a student at Guelph CVI, has been named one of the best and brightest high school philosophers in Canada. Eric was the winner of the University of Toronto's Aristotle Contest. The annual philosophy essay contest honours the finest philosophical work by high school students in Canada. The contest also gives students the opportunity to have their work evaluated by the largest post-secondary Department of Philosophy in North America. Eric's essay was selected as the finest philosophical work by a high school student in Canada this year. Contest participants were required to write an essay that tackles one of three questions posed by the contest organizers. Students were to develop and defend a position in response to the chosen question. Essays were judged according to several criteria including quality, depth, originality of thought, organization of ideas, and clarity of expression. Eric said the contest helped him hone his philosophical writing skills and that he planned to study philosophy in university next year.

Guelph CVI Wins National Award (Board website)

Guelph CVI has been recognized for its students' work in sustainability, as part of a national award and contest. The LSF-RBC Our Canada Project Award is given annually to the top three projects submitted to [www.OurCanadaProject.ca](http://www.OurCanadaProject.ca). The awards recognize student leadership and contributions to Canada's sustainable future.

Guelph CVI won third place for the school's raised garden beds project. On Friday October 5, RBC was at the school to present the award. The raised garden beds are equipped with a solar-powered and self-watering irrigation system. The innovative system was built by the school's Green Industries students. A rain barrel at one corner

of the pavilion collected rainwater and solar panels on the roof powered the pumps, getting water to the plants in the raised bed. As part of the award, Guelph CVI received \$1,000 which will go toward the schools' community garden project.

### Buddy Bench

CUPE 256 purchased a Buddy Bench for Guelph Lake PS and is asking other unions/federations to consider doing the same for other UGDSB schools. Thank you CUPE!

### UGDSB Students Raise funds for Zimbabwe and Covenant House (Wellington Advertiser)

Hennessey Veit organized and ran a successful fundraiser on September 29 at Centre Wellington DHS. Hennessey was assisted by her sister Rowan (both are daughters of John Veit) and her cousin Sydney. The funds benefitted Villages of Hope in Zimbabwe and Covenant House in Toronto. Visitors could swap or buy items such as ladies' purses and accessories, plus books and other items of interest to kids and teens. Hennessey expected to raise \$500 from this event. To date her various fundraisers have generated over \$2,500.

### Brisbane PS (Wellington Advertiser)

On September 27, Brisbane PS officially opened its new playground. The playground consists of a log structure, an outdoor kitchen, an outdoor classroom, a large climbing structure and an enclosure for Gaga Ball (a variation of dodge ball). Fundraising started 2 years ago. The value, including donated labour is over \$100,000. Maggie, a primary student raised about \$1,000. For her birthday for the last two years, she decided to ask for donations to the playground instead of gifts. Financial assistance was provided by the Wright family, RBC and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Logs were donated by Snow Brothers Contracting, the kitchen was donated by Ed Wallace Custom Carpentry and the Gaga Ball station by Al Therriault of Alt Metals.

### **Confirmation of the Agenda**

Trustee Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee MacNeil, 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 September 25, 2018**

Trustee Fairbairn moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, that the minutes of the meeting held September 25, 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 Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Moziar, 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 Schieck moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

**The motion carried.**

### **Program Committee**

Trustee Moziar moved that the minutes of the Program Committee held October 2, 2018 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Moziar moved that:

1. The verbal update from Student Trustees be received, with thanks.
2. The verbal update on Mental Health be received, with thanks.
3. The report entitled "EQAO and OSSLT Results" dated October 2, 2018 be received.

**The motion carried.**

### **Business Operations Committee**

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held October 9, 2018 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. The report entitled "Renewal Projects (2018/2019)", CP: 18-04, dated October 9, 2018, be received.
2. The verbal report on the review of Education Development Charges be received.
3. The verbal report on the Ministry Cash Management Strategy be received.
4. The notice of intent to retire on December 31, 2020 from Director of Education Rogers be received, with great difficulty.

**The motion carried.**

### **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held October 10, 2018 be received and considered.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that Monica Chamberlain be appointed as representative for the Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County (LDAWC) on the SEAC Committee for the 2018 2019 term.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that Stacey Stevens be appointed as representative for the Voice For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children on the SEAC Committee for the 2018 2019 term.

**The motion carried.**

### **French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC)**

Trustee Fairbairn moved that the minutes of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) held October 1, 2018 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

## **Policy Management Committee**

Trustee MacNeil moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held October 2, 2018 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee MacNeil advised that policies 213 Code of Conduct, 208 Smoke and Vape-Free Environment, and 513 Alcohol and Drugs have all been revised and updated to address cannabis use.

Trustee MacNeil moved that:

1. Policy 417 Violence in the Workplace be approved.
2. Policy 707 Reimbursement of Trustee Expenses be approved.
3. Policy 111 Use of Corporate Resources for Elections be received for information.
4. Policy 205 Volunteers be received for information.
5. Policy 408 Harassment in the Workplace be received for information.

**The motion carried.**

## **Staff Retirements and Resignations**

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated October 23, 2018.

Trustee Schieck moved that the Staff Retirements and Resignations report Appendix A and Appendix B dated October 23, 2018 be received.

**The motion carried.**

## **Board Correspondence**

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Board Correspondence dated October 23, 2018 be received.

**The motion carried.**

## **Trustee Questions and Reports**

Trustee White advised that she had spent time at Parkinson PS this morning, a school that went through a transition from straight English track to a dual track, and praised staff for the tremendous transition and the growth of a wonderful FI community.

**The motion carried.**

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the November 2018 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee	November 6, 2018
Business Operations	November 13, 2018
Board Meeting	November 27, 2018

**The motion carried.**

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

Wednesday, November 14, 2018,	Your Future Your Choice, Centennial CVI, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, November 28, 2018	Secondary Program Review, Board Room, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
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Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated October 23, 2018 be received, with the above noted additions.

**The motion carried.**

### **Motion to Rise and Report to the Board**

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

**The motion carried.**

### **Ratification of Business**

Trustee Fairbairn 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 White moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:23 p.m.

**The motion carried.**

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