

Upper Grand District School Board
Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Minutes

Kate Creery introduced two Upper Grand students Maki and Noah from “MakiNoah Cello Duo” who provided a cello performance for all to enjoy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:05 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustees Busuttil and Ross. Student Trustee Nathalie Alaves was also in attendance.

Traditional Greeting

Opening Prayer

Trustee Edwards shared a speech that her 13 year old son wrote about education.

Condolences

Trustee MacNeil, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the family of Rick Nussey, former teacher at Orangeville DSS.

Good News

Dr. Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

College Heights SS

Kevin and Sawyer, students from College Heights SS became the first high school students in Ontario to get their computer numerical control (CNC) operator certification. They recently travelled to a facility in Toronto where they demonstrated their CNC operation knowledge and practical skills. Both students persevered through the pressure of the exam to become the first high school students to complete this certification in the province. Congratulations Kevin and Sawyer.

Guelph CVI

Guelph CVI Students in the Guelph CVI Environmental and Equity clubs teamed up to host the second annual clothing and book swap. Donations for the swap were collected the first week of December and displayed on tables in the hallways. Students at the school could come by during the swap and take any item they needed. This type of swap encourages a culture of sustainability through recycling and upcycling. After the swap was over, the remaining items were donated to HOPE House. Great job Guelph CVI.

Taylor Evans PS

Students from Taylor Evans PS brought holiday cheer to Norfolk Manor earlier this month, through connecting with seniors in the community. This project was spearheaded by Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Roth after junior students said they wanted to do something for others. They decided to make fleece-tie blankets to give to seniors. Staff connected with Norfolk Manor in Guelph and students made 45 blankets, one for each resident. Students and residents from Norfolk Manor came together at the school where they chatted over hot chocolate and cookies and received their blankets. Great job Taylor Evans PS.

Kenilworth PS

The Kenilworth community helps a student in need. Students, staff and community members in Kenilworth PS came together last week to help a student who lost his hearing device. A young student at the school lost his cochlear implant in the school yard and was unable to find it. Students and staff spent time looking in the yard but did not have any luck. Using social media, the school asked for the community's help searching the yard. On Friday, more than 50 volunteers from the community arrived at the school to help with the search. Volunteers found the implant after their first pass through the yard. Despite being buried in snow for a couple of days, once the battery warmed up, the implant worked. Great job Kenilworth community, you made a family very happy this holiday season.

Aberfoyle PS

Aberfoyle PS spent a week collecting items for local organizations. This month, students at Aberfoyle PS embraced the spirit of giving during a week-long event. The Week of Giving was organized by the school's Me-2-We club. Each day of the week had a different theme and corresponding item that students were encouraged to bring in. The school collected non-perishable food items, small gifts for teenagers, winter hats, mittens and scarves and personal hygiene items for HOPE House. The school also collected toonies for the Forgotten People Connection, which will be used to build and maintain schools in Africa. Great job Aberfoyle PS!

Centre Wellington DHS

Centre Wellington DHS hosted the Angel Campaign to support those in need. This month, Centre Wellington DHS was busy spreading kindness in the community through their Angel Campaign. The school's Community Leadership Class and Student Council ran a very successful campaign. More than 30 homerooms raised money and bought gifts for families in need in the community. Homerooms provided gifts for more than 40 children and teens and filled three carloads with donations. This event was a true reflection of the generosity in the Centre Wellington community. Great job!

Three Upper Grand Schools Qualified as Finalists in the 2019 CBC Music Class Challenge

Every year, CBC hosts a Music Class Challenge where classrooms across Canada are invited to share a video of them performing a Canadian song. This year, seven Upper Grand schools submitted a total of 10 videos to the challenge. Judges selected the top 10 videos from hundreds of submissions and selected three Upper Grand submissions as finalists. Paisley Road PS's primary choir was a finalist for their rendition of Eva Avila's "Shine," John F. Ross CVI's Life Skills Class was a finalist for their version of "Shine," and Rickson Ridge PS's school-wide version of Desiree Dawson's "Just Fine," was also a finalist. Winners of the challenge were announced today. Rickson Ridge PS won second prize in the MusiCounts Passion category and John F. Ross CVI received the MusiCounts honourable mention. Great job to all the schools that participated in this challenge!

Orangeville DSS Students Helped Sort a Mountain of Toys for Families in Need

On Monday, students and staff from Orangeville DSS's One-Voice-One-Team visited New Hope Community Church to help members of the Salvation Army sort through a mountain of toys for the annual Christmas Assistance Program. This program helps 225 to 250 families in the community every year. This year, hundreds of unwrapped toys were collected. Orangeville DSS students started their day on Monday by hauling bags and boxes of toys and sorting them into age groups. Today, the community church became a holiday store where parents were able to go through the toys and select some for their children. Great job Orangeville DSS!

Confirmation of the Agenda

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy 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 Final and Inaugural Board Meetings Held December 3, 2019

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved, seconded by Trustee Bedi, that the minutes of the Final and Inaugural Board meetings held December 3, 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 Bedi, 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 Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Campbell, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

Business Operations Committee

Trustee Campbell moved that the minutes of the Business Operations Committee held December 10, 2019, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Campbell moved that:

1. Memo PLN: 19-21 “Orangeville/Dufferin and Erin French Immersion (FI) Assessment – Final Report” dated December 10, 2019 be received for information.
2. The report “Resignations and Retirements” dated December 10, 2019 be received.

The motion carried.

Special Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Edwards moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held December 11, 2019 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC)

Trustee Topping moved that the minutes of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) meeting December 2, 2019 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Policy Management Committee

Trustee Bailey moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee held November 26, 2019 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey moved that:

1. Policy 213 Code of Conduct be approved.
2. P.15 Overdose Protocol be received.

The motion carried.

Staff Retirements and Resignations

Executive Officer of Human Resources Rose presented the Staff Retirements and Resignations report dated December 17, 2019.

Trustee Bailey moved that the Staff Retirements and Resignations report Appendix A and Appendix B dated December 17, 2019 be received, with thanks.

The motion carried.

Director of Education Rogers advised that she had received a letter of resignation from Kate Creery, Principal. Kate accepted the position of Supervisory Officer with the Avon Maitland DSB, and will commence her position January 5, 2020.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the letter of resignation from Kate Creery be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey moved that the Chair be directed to write a letter of congratulations to Kate Creery on her new position with the Avon Maitland DSB.

The motion carried.

Trustee Questions and Reports – nil report

Dates of Future Meetings

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the January 2020 schedule for Board and Standing Committee Meetings be approved as follows:

Program Committee January 7, 2020

Board Meeting, December 17, 2019

Business Operations January 14, 2020

Board Meeting January 28, 2020

The motion carried.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated December 17, 2019 be received, with the above noted additions.

The motion carried.

Motion to Rise and Report to the Board

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

The motion carried.

Ratification of Business

Trustee Campbell moved, seconded by Trustee Foley that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

Trustees were reminded to sign up for the upcoming OPSBA symposium.

Adjournment

Trustee Bedi moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:32 p.m.

The motion carried.

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