

**Upper Grand District School Board**  
**Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 28, 2020**  
**Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present. Student Trustee Nathalie Alaves was also in attendance.

**Traditional Greeting – Trustee Lustgarten Evoy**

**Opening Prayer**

Trustee Foley read a poem by Maya Angelou entitled Human Family which reflects fluidity and diversity in our communities.

**Condolences**

Trustee MacNeil, Chair, reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to the following: Cheryl McCallum, Vice-Principal Secretary at Centennial CVI, on the loss of her mother; Stacey Minogue, Teacher of the Deaf, on the loss of her husband Aran Minogue (teacher at Kortright Hills PS); and the family of Darlene Shaw, former elementary teacher.

**Good News**

Director of Education Rogers highlighted the Good News as follows:

John F. Ross CVI

During the holiday season, students and staff at John F. Ross CVI broke their hamper donation record during their annual FROSTY campaign. For those of you who do not know, FROSTY is a two-week event where John F. Ross CVI students and staff raise money and collect donations for Guelph charities. Last year, students and staff collected enough donations to donate 360 hampers. This year, the school was able to donate 368 hampers to the Guelph Food Bank. On top of the hamper donations, the school also raised an additional \$6,000 to be donated to Guelph charities. Great job to all the students and staff at John F. Ross CVI who participated in this campaign.

Harris Mill PS Fundraiser for Australia

Students in grade 5 and 6 at Harris Mill PS started a fundraiser earlier this month to help Australia amidst the on-going bushfire emergency. Students in Ms. Loewen's class learned about the situation in Australia during a lesson about current events. After this lesson, students sprung to action to raise funds for Wildlife Victoria and Find-a-Bed.

Students created advertisements to display around the school, wrote announcements and wrote an insert for the school newsletter. The class asked each student in the school to bring in \$2. After just two days of collection, students raised \$407. Students are hoping to continue fundraising efforts into February. Great job Harris Mill PS!

### Erin District SS Students Raised Money for Gifts of Hope Program

Students taking the grade 12 Business Leadership class at Erin DHS raised money for Plan International's Gifts of Hope Program this semester. As part of a class project, the grade 12 students looked at ways to raise money for charity and then voted on a charity. This year the class raised \$2,400 for Gifts of Hope through the school's annual talent show and a silent auction. The money bought school essentials, goats, newborn check-ups, vaccines and more for children in under-developed countries. Great job to all the students who participated in this project.

### Beyond Borders Students Host the Illuminate Charity Gala

On January 18, 2020, students in the Beyond Borders program hosted their annual charity event at the River Run Centre. This charity gala benefited Guelph General Hospital, Sinai Health Foundation, Nature Conservancy Canada, and Doctors Without Borders. The 49 students in the class organized a night of inspiring guest speakers, music and dance performances, a silent auction, games and delicious food. By the end of the evening, students raised approximately \$114,000, which will be divided among the charities. Great job Beyond Borders students. As always, dedication and hard work paid off in planning this event.

### Norwell DSS

A student from Norwell DSS is heading to Las Vegas to compete with a national hockey team. The student was selected to play for Canada's Special Needs Hockey Team this spring in Las Vegas. Team Canada will compete against teams from around the world at City National Arena from May 11 to 17. Congratulations Rourke.

### **Confirmation of the Agenda**

Trustee Foley moved, seconded by Trustee Lustgarten Evoy, 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 December 17, 2019**

Trustee Ross moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the minutes of the meeting held December 17, 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.**

### **Program Committee**

Trustee Topping moved that the minutes of the Program Committee meeting held January 7, 2020 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Topping 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 verbal update on graduation rates be received, with thanks.
4. The verbal update on the summer learning program be received, with thanks.
5. The verbal update on the Upper Grand Learning Foundation be received, with thanks.
6. The verbal OPSBA update be received.

**The motion carried.**

### **Business Operations Committee**

Trustee Bailey requested that the Business Operations Committee Minutes of January 14, 2020 be amended to include his comments and suggestions made at that meeting in regards to his request for a display which would demonstrate the Board's leadership in the area of environmental initiatives and sustainability as well as climate change.

Trustee Ross moved that the minutes as amended of the Business Operations Committee held January 14, 2020 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Ross moved that:

1. The Naloxone Recommendation Report dated January 14, 2020 be received.
2. Schools implement the use of naloxone as part of their first aid protocols, during the 2020-2021 school year.
3. The Guelph Board Office and Grant Evans Education Centre implement the use of naloxone as part of their first aid protocols.
4. The report entitled "New Guelph Secondary School Concept Design Report" dated January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, CP:20-01, be received.
5. The Concept Design report for the New Guelph Secondary School building project, including the Preliminary Budget of \$25,505,658 as outlined in Appendix A of CP: 20-01, be approved.
6. The construction model for the New Guelph Secondary School building project be Lump Sum Tender.
7. The report "Resignations and Retirements" dated January 14, 2020 be received with thanks.

**The motion carried.**

### **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Trustee Edwards moved that the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee held January 8, 2020 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

## **Policy Management Committee**

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the minutes of the Policy Management Committee Meetings held January 7 and 21, 2020 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

Trustee Busuttil requested that item # 1, Policy 101 be considered separately.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that:

1. Policy 300 Emergency Procedures be approved.
2. Policy 517 Service Animals for Students be approved.
3. Policy 505 Concussion be approved.

**The motion carried.**

When reviewing this policy again, Trustee Busuttil suggested that consistency be used with the wording Committee of the Whole and Committee of the Whole Board. In reference to the Procedures Manual 101-A, in section 5, Decision Making, Trustee Busuttil suggested that 5.1 be divided into two sections, as follows:

- 5.1 When multiple trustees are participating in a meeting, the chair will conduct voting by asking trustees to indicate those in favour by stating their name, followed by those opposed by stating their name.
- 5.2 When voting is conducted by ballot (e.g., conducted for the purpose of electing trustees to positions of chair, vice-chair), trustees participating electronically may choose from one of two options below. Trustees participating electronically must inform the Director of Education of their voting method preference prior to the vote taking place:
  - 5.2.1 After the motion has been read, the trustee may choose to email their ballot to the Director of Education's or designate's email account. The director or designate will print a copy of the email and add it to the collected ballots.
  - 5.2.2 The trustee may choose to provide the Director of Education with sealed, numbered envelopes in advance. Each envelope shall contain a piece of paper indicating the name of a candidate. After the motion has been read, the trustee will

indicate via conference call which envelope the director or designate is to open. The director or designate will open the corresponding envelope and add the slip of paper to the collected ballots.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that policy 101 Electronic Meetings be approved as amended.

**The motion carried.**

### **Audit Committee Report**

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Audit Committee minutes of December 17, 2019 be received and considered.

**The motion carried.**

### **Trustee Questions and Reports**

#### **OPSBA Update**

Trustee Busuttill reported that, at the PES conference this past weekend, discussions included updates on the Provincial transportation review where there is a focus on a more equitable transportation service. She noted that the internal audit review was completed and was not released to the public yet. It was suggested that purchasing be centralized. The Central West meeting was scheduled for Saturday March 28, at 8:30 a.m. and will be hosted by the Hamilton DSB. The Labour Relations conference is scheduled for April 30 and May 1, 2020.

Trustee Bedi reported that she attended the PIC meeting yesterday. This was her first meeting where she attended as a Trustee. There was a presentation about UpLearning and a question and answer opportunity to get clarification on the current sanctions with the various collective bargaining units and the government.

#### **Dates of Future Meetings**

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

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| Program Committee   | February 4, 2020  |
| Business Operations | February 11, 2020 |
| Board Meeting       | February 25, 2020 |

**The motion carried.**

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

Delete the Accessibility Committee Meeting scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of January at 2:00 p.m.

Add: Monday, February 10, 2020, Dufferin School Council meeting, at Parkinson Centennial PS at 6:30 p.m.

Change the Wellington North SAL meeting, listed as Tuesday, March 3, to Wednesday March 4, at 9:00 a.m. at Wellington North and in Orangeville at 1:00 on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The New Staff Orientation which is normally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in February was not listed due to sanctions.

Director of Education Rogers apologized for the confusion with meeting dates and cancellations due to the current sanctions.

Trustee Lustgarten Evoy moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated January 28, 2020 be received, with the above noted additions.

**The motion carried.**

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

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

**The motion carried.**

### **Ratification of Business**

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

**The motion carried.**

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Bedi moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:25 p.m.

**The motion carried.**

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