

Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Boardroom and Microsoft Teams

Trustees: Ralf Mesenbrink (Chair), Katherine Hauser (Vice Chair), Jen Edwards, Irene Hanenberg, Martha MacNeil, Kenn Manzerolle, Robin Ross, Lynn Topping, Luke Weiler, Laurie Whyte, Brooke Hartley (Student Trustee), Julia Elmslie (Student Trustee)

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held virtually and in person on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Board Chair Mesenbrink presided and called the meeting to order.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Student Trustee Elmslie recognized that the Board is meeting on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of two Anishinaabek Ojibwe Nations: the Michi Saagig of the Credit and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

3. Equity and Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Commitment Statement

Trustee Hanenberg highlighted the Board's commitment to equity and anti-racism/anti-oppression.

4. Chair's Remarks (Condolences)

Trustee Mesenbrink asked that everyone take a silent moment to reflect with compassion and send strength to all those who have suffered loss in their personal lives, across all Upper Grand schools, and in the community.

5. Director's Remarks (Good News)

Director of Education Sovran provided some highlights and good news items that took place across Upper Grand DSB since the last board meeting.

College Heights SS and Brant Avenue PS Project

This winter, new mud kitchens and market stands were installed for student use at Brant Avenue PS, thanks to the hard work of students at College Heights SS construction program. The students conducted research and designed and modified the plans. They collaborated in implementing the design, determining material needed, and then cutting, assembling, sanding, and finishing the products. They also kept sustainability in mind by repurposing used sinks for their designs. Younger students at Brant Avenue are now enjoying the mud kitchens and market stands when they are engaged in outdoor learning activities.

Wellington Heights SS

Wellington Heights SS was named a Platinum EcoSchool, which is the top level that can be reached in the Ontario environmental program. The school is already working towards achieving that goal for this year as well, by committing to sustainable practices at the school. The Upper Grand has a long history with Ontario EcoSchools and you will hear more good news about other Upper Grand schools' environmental achievements in the coming weeks.

Westside SS Named Top Fundraiser

Congratulations to Westside SS who earned top fundraiser accolades with over \$15,000 raised for Breast Cancer Canada's 2022 challenge. Westside students and staff raised these funds through their annual Pink Day initiative back in December, a day where students and staff would come to school head-to-toe in pink and hold a variety of events and activities in support of breast cancer awareness and research efforts. As the top fundraiser, the Breast Cancer Canada organization will be making a \$5,000 donation to a local cancer centre in Westside's name. Westside's Pink Day Fundraiser started back in 2005 and their loyalty to support this great cause has never wavered.

6. Confirmation of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #23-01

Moved by: Trustee Ross
Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the board agenda of January 17, 2023 be confirmed as presented.

Carried

7. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

8. Confirmation of Minutes

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting Held November 29, 2022

RESOLUTION #23-02:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the minutes of the Board meeting held November 29, 2022, be approved as presented.

Carried

9. Ratification of Business Transacted by the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session)

RESOLUTION #23-03:

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by: Trustee Edwards

THAT the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be now ratified by the Board.

Carried

10. Committee Reports**a) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), December 14, 2022**

Trustee Edwards noted the last SEAC meeting was held on December 14, 2022 and it included a presentation by Mr. Primeau, Student Achievement Data Analyst, on the recent student census and how this information will support the Board. Superintendent Donaldson and Principal of Special Education Jennifer Meeker also gave a presentation on the new Early Learning reading strategies that are being used. Empathy was the Wellness Works theme of the month and how to encourage it.

RESOLUTION #23-04

Moved by: Trustee Edwards

Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the report of Special Education Advisory Committee held December 14, 2022 be received and considered.

Carried

b) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Appointment**RESOLUTION #23-05:**

Moved by: Trustee Edwards

Seconded by: Trustee Manzerolle

THAT Melissa Williamson be appointed as representative for Community Member-at-Large on the Special Education Advisory Committee from January 17, 2023 to November 14, 2023.

Carried

11. Financial Reports

There were no financial reports.

12. Reports from Officials

Trustee Mesenbrink informed that the Upper Grand DSB By-Law No.1 is a document that sets forth the rules of order for the conduct of the business of the Board. At the November 15, 2022 Inaugural meeting, the Board deferred several agenda matters to the next Regular Board meeting in January 2023, as to engage in a review and possible revision of Board By-Law No.1. The Board undertook a comprehensive review of Board By-Law No. 1 including the structure of committees, the frequency of meetings and the conduct of business at Board meetings. The review and revisions to Board By-Law No.

1 was undertaken between November 16, 2022 and January 11, 2023. All elected trustees participated in the process facilitated by Wayne Joudrie of the Ontario Education Service Corporation (OESC). Board By-Law No .1 was last updated in 2018, and the current review highlighted several areas where revisions would be warranted and beneficial to Board governance.

a) Board By-Law No. 1

RESOLUTION #23-06:

Moved by: Trustee Manzerolle
Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the report, "Board By-Law No. 1" dated January 17, 2023 be received and considered; and

THAT the Board By-Law No 1., revised January 11, 2023, be approved.

Carried

13. Organizational Meeting Items (Deferred from November 15, 2022)

a) Election of Vice-Chair of the Board

The Board proceeded to the election of the Vice-Chair of the Board for the year January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting. The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board for the year January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

RESOLUTION #23-07:

Moved by: Trustee Ross
Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT Trustee Hauser be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Carried

Trustee Hauser agreed to stand as Vice-Chair of the Board.

RESOLUTION #23-08:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee Manzerolle

THAT the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board be closed.

Carried

With nominations closed and Trustee Hauser as the sole trustee nominated, Trustee Hauser was declared Vice-Chair of the Board for the year January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

b) Approval of Committee (Standing and Statutory) Appointments

Prior to the meeting, Trustees were asked to identify their committee assignment preferences. Based upon Trustee preferences, balancing workload, and interests, a proposed roster of committee assignments was presented to the Board for approval.

Proposed Upper Grand DSB Committee Roster 2022-2023:

A) Standing Committees (1 Year Term)

Policy and Priorities: Trustees MacNeil, Ross, Topping, and Whyte

Finance and Facilities: Trustees Edwards, Hauser, Manzerolle, and Mesenbrink

Governance: Trustees Hanenberg, MacNeil, Mesenbrink, Ross, and Weiler

B) Statutory Committees: (1 year Term unless stated otherwise)

Audit Committee: Trustees Hanenberg, Hauser, Manzerolle, and Mesenbrink
(4 Year Term)

SEAC Committee: Trustees Whyte, and Manzerolle
(4 year Term) Alternates: Trustees Hanenberg, and Hauser

SAL Wellington County: Trustee Ross, Alternate Trustee Whyte
SAL Dufferin County: Trustee Topping, Alternate Trustee Manzerolle
SAL City of Guelph: Trustee Mesenbrink, Alternate Trustee Whyte

PIC: Trustee MacNeil
Alternates: Trustees Hauser, and Edwards

C) FNMIEC: Trustees Hanenberg, and MacNeil
Alternate: Trustee Topping

RESOLUTION #23-09:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the proposed Upper Grand DSB Committee Roster for 2022-2023 be approved as presented.

Carried

c) Election of Standing Committee Chairs

In the event of multiple nominations Manager Trustee Secretariat Jasmine Vorkapic and Executive Superintendent Regier will be appointed as scrutineers.

a. Policy and Priorities

The Board proceeded to the election of the Chair of the Policy and Priorities Committee. The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Policy and Priorities Committee for the year January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

RESOLUTION #23-10:

Moved by: Trustee Hanenberg
Seconded by: Trustee Hauser

THAT Trustee Ross be nominated as Chair of the Policy and Priorities Committee.

Carried

Trustee Ross agreed to stand as Chair of the Policy and Priorities Committee.

RESOLUTION #23-11:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee Manzerolle

THAT the nominations for the Chair of the Policy and Priorities Committee be closed.

Carried

With nominations closed and Trustee Ross as the sole trustee nominated, Trustee Ross was declared Chair of the Policy and Priorities Committee for the year January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

b. Finance and Facilities

The Board proceeded to the election of the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee. The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee for the year January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

RESOLUTION #23-12:

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by: Trustee Manzerolle

THAT Trustee Edwards be nominated as Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Carried

Trustee Edwards agreed to stand as Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee.

RESOLUTION #23-13:

Moved by: Trustee Topping

Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the nominations for the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee be closed.

Carried

With nominations closed and Trustee Edwards as the sole trustee nominated, Trustee Edwards was declared Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee for the year January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

c. Governance

The Board proceeded to the election of the Chair of the Governance Committee. The Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Governance Committee for the year January 17, 2023 to the December Organizational meeting.

RESOLUTION #23-14:

Moved by: Trustee Hauser

Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT Trustee Weiler be nominated as Chair of the Governance Committee.

Carried

Trustee Weiler agreed to stand as Chair of the Governance Committee.

RESOLUTION #23-15:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by Trustee Manzerolle

THAT the nominations for the Chair of the Governance Committee be closed.

Carried

With nominations closed and Trustee Weiler as the sole trustee nominated, Trustee Weiler was declared Chair of the Governance Committee for the year January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

d) External Appointments

a. OPSBA

Trustee MacNeil volunteered for the Director and Voting Delegate for OPSBA appointment.

RESOLUTION #23-16:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee Hanenberg moved

THAT the nominations for the Director and Voting Delegate for OPSBA appointment be closed.

Carried

Trustee MacNeil was appointed as Director and Voting Delegate to represent the Board at OPSBA meetings for a one-year term from January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

Trustee Hauser took the Chair for the consideration of this item.

Trustee Mesenbrink volunteered for the Alternate Delegate for the OPSBA appointment.

RESOLUTION #23-17:

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by: Trustee Topping

THAT the nominations for the Alternate Delegate for the OPSBA appointment be closed.

Carried

Trustee Mesenbrink was appointed as Alternate Delegate to represent the Board at OPSBA meetings for a one-year term from January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

Trustee Mesenbrink returned to the Chair.

b. Art Gallery of Guelph

Trustees MacNeil, Hauser, and Edwards volunteered for the Art Gallery of Guelph appointments.

RESOLUTION #23-18:

Moved by: Trustee Manzerolle
Seconded by: Trustee Topping

THAT the nominations for the Art Gallery of Guelph appointments be closed.

Carried

Trustees MacNeil, Hauser and Edwards were appointed to the Art Gallery of Guelph for a two-year term from January 17, 2023 to the December 2024 Organizational meeting.

c. Upper Grand Learning Foundation

Trustees Edwards and MacNeil volunteered for the Upper Grand Learning Foundation appointments.

RESOLUTION #23-19:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee Hauser

THAT the nominations for the Upper Grand Learning Foundation appointments be closed.

Carried

Trustees Edwards and MacNeil were appointed to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation for a one-year term from January 17, 2023 to the December 2023 Organizational meeting.

14. **Correspondence** – Nil
15. **Trustee Questions and Reports**
16. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION #23-20:

Moved by: Trustee Weiler

Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the Board adjourn and this meeting now close at 7:38 p.m.

Carried

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