

Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Boardroom and Microsoft Teams

Trustees: Ralf Mesenbrink (Chair), Katherine Hauser (Vice Chair), Jen Edwards, Irene Hanenberg, Alethia O’Hara-Stephenson, Martha MacNeil, Lynn Topping, Luke Weiler, Laurie Whyte, Brooke Hartley (Student Trustee), Paige Knight (Student Trustee)

Absent: Robin Ross

Administration: Director of Education Sovran, Executive Superintendent of School Services McDonald, Executive Superintendent of Business Services Regier, Superintendent of People, Leadership and Culture Pyke, Superintendents of Education Blair, Donaldson, Hamilton, Heaslip, and Taha, Human Rights, Communications and Public Relations Manager Loney, Manager - Trustee Secretariat Vorkapic

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held virtually and in person on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Vice Chair Hauser presided and called the meeting to order.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Student Trustee Paige Knight 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.

Equity and Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Commitment Statement

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #24-119:

Moved by: Trustee Edwards
Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the Upper Grand DSB approves the agenda of April 23, 2024 meeting as printed.

Carried

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of the Board

5.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting Held April 9, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-120:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Upper Grand DSB approves the minutes of the April 9, 2024 meeting of the board.

Carried

6. Delegation(s) - Nil

7. Response to Delegation(s)

Trustee MacNeil took the Chair for the consideration of the next item.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Committee of The Whole – Closed

Pursuant to Section 207(2) of the *Education Act* a meeting of a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole, may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves matters set out in 207(2)(a)-(e) of the *Education Act*.

Vice Chair Hauser presented the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) report held on April 23, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM and was held in closed session as per Section 207 (2) of the Education Act. All board members were present with regrets sent by Trustee Ross. There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION #24-121:

Moved by: Trustee Weiler

Seconded by: Trustee Topping

THAT the Upper Grand DSB approves the business of the Committee of the Whole -Closed Session of April 23, 2024.

Carried

Vice Chair Hauser returned to the Chair.

8.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – April 10, 2024

The SEAC Committee held a hybrid meeting on April 10th and Chair Whyte presided the meeting. Items highlighted included: the Special Education Plan for 2024-25 was presented and reviewed with suggestions and feedback shared from the committee; a presentation on what is planned for mental health and Education Week which occurs May 6th-10th; and a group presentation on human trafficking and preventative measures as well as a Healthy Relationship curriculum developed for students with unique special education needs.

RESOLUTION #24-122:

Moved by: Trustee Topping

Seconded by: Trustee Edwards

THAT the Upper Grand DSB receives the Special Education Advisory Committee report of April 10, 2024.

Carried**8.3 Student Trustees and Student Senate Report – April 2024**

Student Trustees Paige Knight and Brooke Hartley presented the Student Trustees and Student Senate Report. The following highlights were shared from the March Student Senate Meeting. Director Sovran shared the “Everyday Counts” Initiative which outlines the importance of student attendance, followed by a discussion surrounding the pros and cons of AI. Manager Mental Health and Addiction Marino discussed the difference between sadness and depression and signs of mental struggles. Manager of Communications and Public Relations Loney spoke about the Communications Team and how their goal is to ensure that students are engaged with what is happening at the board level. Further Student Senate discussions took place regarding self-care, and upcoming school events.

RESOLUTION #24-123:

Moved by: Trustee Whyte

Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Upper Grand DSB receives the April 2024 Student Trustees and Student Senate report.

Carried**9. Other Business****10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 Correspondence from Ottawa-Carleton District School Board regarding Support of Distribution of Products to Support Menstrual Equity Program
- 10.2 Correspondence from Thames Valley District School Board regarding Support of Distribution of Products to Support Menstrual Equity Program
- 10.3 Correspondence from Ottawa-Carleton District School Board regarding Legislative Ban on Advertisements for Gambling

Trustee MacNeil requested items 10.1 and 10.2 be deferred to the next board meeting on May 14th for further discussion.

RESOLUTION #24-124:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the Upper Grand DSB receives item 10.3 – Correspondence from Ottawa-Carleton District School Board regarding Legislative Ban on Advertisements for Gambling.

Carried

RESOLUTION #24-125:

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by: Trustee Weiler

THAT the Upper Grand DSB defers item 10.1 - Correspondence from Ottawa-Carleton District School Board regarding Support of Distribution of Products to Support Menstrual Equity Program and item 10.2 - Correspondence from Thames Valley District School Board regarding Support of Distribution of Products to Support Menstrual Equity Program to the next board meeting.

Carried

11. Information Items

Vice Chair Hauser acknowledged that Administrative Professionals Day is tomorrow and thanked all Administrative Professionals across the board.

12. Adjournment

RESOLUTION #24-126:

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the Upper Grand DSB adjourns at 7:13 p.m.

Carried

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