

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Moziar presided, and the following Trustees were present: Bailey, Borden, Busuttill, Gohn, Schieck, Topping, and Waterston, along with Student Trustees Cooper and Steau. Present from the Administration was Director of Education Dr. M. Rogers, Principal of Program B. Talbot, Communications Officer M. McFadzen, Executive Officer of Human Resources J. Rose, and Manager of Planning D. Cuomo, along with Superintendents Benallick, Boswell, Fyfe, Kelly, McDonald, and Wright.

AGENDA

Trustee Busuttill moved that the Agenda be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Topping moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

DELEGATION: DUFFERIN FRENCH IMMERSION REPORT

Members of the Dufferin Immersion French Program Committee and French Immersion (FI) parents, Lori McNeil-Chong and Tanja Oomen, spoke in support of the recommendation being presented tonight regarding the JK-8 French Immersion Program in Dufferin County. Ms. Oomen advised that several issues, including projected enrolment, geographic location, and bussing, were considered in the decision of the scenario chosen, as well as concerns from Mono Amaranth PS (MAPS) parents. Ms. McNeil-Chong also spoke of her support of a JK-8 program at Princess Elizabeth PS (PEPS) with a secondary program growing from JK/SK and Grade 1 for 2001, at MAPS.

AN ACCOMMODATION SOLUTION FOR THE JK-8 FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM IN DUFFERIN COUNTY

Dufferin Immersion French Committee Facilitator Dave Walpole provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Dufferin French Immersion Review", which focused around the study of a JK-8 French Immersion (FI) Program in Dufferin County. Mr.

Walpole provided background to the decision of the study. A Board motion to form a Committee to examine organization options for the FI program in Orangeville. A Committee, consisting of area Trustees, Board staff, and PEPS parent representatives and school administrators was struck. Mr. Walpole reviewed projected enrolment data for Dufferin FI students, class configurations, and boundary information. It was decided that MAPS would be the second site and that the discussions should also include MAPS representation. Eight possible scenarios were developed (Appendix "E"), and presented at a public meeting on May 18, 2010. After considering meeting input and examining key criteria, two final scenarios were selected. The report indicates the preferred scenario was to begin an FI program at MAPS, starting with a JK to grade 1 program, and assign Orangeville and county schools to each of PEPS and MAPS for grandfathering. Mr. Walpole distributed a handout entitled, "Dufferin French Immersion Committee PEPS Parent Council Meeting Synopsis".

RECOMMENDATION #1

Trustee Waterston moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled, "Report of the Dufferin French Immersion Committee" dated, June 1, 2010 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Waterston advised that an accompanying staff report would need to be presented before a decision could be made. Trustee Busuttill requested MAPS data to accompany the report. It was agreed to defer the decision until the report could be presented at next week's Business Operations Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION #2

Trustee Waterston moved that the following recommendations be deferred to the June 8, 2010 Business Operations Meeting;

- a) a second site for a French Immersion program in Dufferin County be located at Mono Amaranth PS (MAPS) beginning September 2011,
- b) the Immersion French program at MAPS, to begin September 2011, be a JK/K/Grade 1 program, and
- c) the Immersion French program at MAPS be increased by a grade in September 2012, and then annually until it becomes a JK to Grade 8 program.

The motion to defer,
taking precedence,
was put first,
and carried.
The motion carried.

GROWING SUCCESS – ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION, AND REPORTING IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

Principal of Program Bonnie Talbot provided Trustees with an overview of the Ministry document “Growing Success – Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting in Ontario Schools”, through a PowerPoint presentation. Beginning in September 2010, assessment, evaluation, and reporting in Ontario schools will be based on the policies and practices described in Growing Success. Based on the Ministry’s priorities for education, and 7 fundamental principles of teacher practices and procedures, the document aims to maintain high standards, improve student learning, and benefit students, parents, and teachers in elementary and secondary schools across the province. Ms. Talbot reviewed the new elementary and secondary report card templates, the new timeframe for elementary reporting, and the coding and parent-friendly language used. The Board will be developing 3 new policies to align with the document; “Cheating and Plagiarism”, “Marks Below 50% in Grades 9-12”, and “Late and Missed Assignments Grades 7-12”. PA day training will be provided for Principals and staff.

RECOMMENDATION #3

Trustee Borden moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the report entitled, “Growing Success – Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting in Ontario Schools” be received.

The motion carried.

OPSBA REPORT

Trustee Bailey provided highlights from the recent OPSBA Executive Council Meeting, held May 28, 2010. Regarding Early Learning, a Ministry memo outlining the requirements and regulations of Bill 242 was recently issued. OPSBA continues to with Ministry staff as part of a consultation for the regulations.

Waterloo DSB is requesting support, at the June 3-6, 2010 OPSBA AGM, around several proposed policy resolutions regarding charges to Boards for municipal storm water management.

Trustees were advised to relay any questions or concerns to Trustee Bailey who will be attending the OPSBA AGM.

RECOMMENDATION #4

Trustee Gohn moved that this Committee recommend to the verbal OPSBA report be received.

The motion carried.

REPORT FROM STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student Trustees Cooper and Steau provided an update of their activities through an online presentation. Student Trustee Steau, reported on the OSTA-AECO conference she attended recently, along with newly elected Student Trustees MacDougall and VanderVlugt. Trustee Moziar expressed appreciation to Trustees Cooper and Steau for the effort and dedication they have contributed to the Board during their term.

RECOMMENDATION #5

Trustee Schieck moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the Student Trustee presentation be received.

The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Borden reported on the Student Success Celebration Day that he and several other staff attended on May 26, 2010. Appreciation was extended to Superintendent of Education Kelly, and all others involved in the organization and promotion of this successful event.

RECOMMENDATION #6

Trustee Gohn moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that appreciation be expressed to all staff involved in the recent Student Success Celebration Day.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bailey moved that this Committee adjourn at 8:40 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.