

# **UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

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The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, April 6, 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, Edwards, Gohn, Schieck, Topping, and Waterston, along with Student Trustees Cooper and Steau. Present from the Administration was Director of Education Dr. M. Rogers, along with Superintendents Benallick, Boswell, Fyfe, McDonald, and Wright, Communications Officer M. McFadzen, and Executive Officer of Human Resources J. Rose.

### **AGENDA**

Trustee Schieck moved that the Agenda be approved as printed, combining items #5 and 6, and adding one item under "Other Business", and one "In-Camera" item.

The motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Waterston moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

### **EARLY DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (EDI) PRESENTATION**

Lynn Bestari and Jane Hall, Data Analysis Coordinators, for Guelph Community Health Centre and County of Dufferin Community Services, respectively, presented Early Development Instrument (EDI) results and the Report Card on the Well-Being of Children Ages Birth to Six for the areas. EDI is a measurement, completed by the Senior Kindergarten (SK) teacher, to indicate the readiness to learn of a 5 year old student. EDI focuses on the physical health and well-being, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development, and communication and general knowledge of the SK student. 2006 and 2009 comparison charts and graphs of these factors, along with domains, and how they have impacted EDI results, were provided through a PowerPoint presentation.

The “Report Card for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph” was distributed and examined. Linked to the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Children’s Charter of Rights, the Report Card identifies areas of strength and vulnerability, will act as a planning tool for service providers, aid in the development of local plans and priorities, and track improvement over time. The Report Card website can be found at <http://www.wdgreportcard.com> and is updated regularly. Next steps were outlined and included the impact of full-day learning and EDI development for ages 7-13. As part of the provincial strategic framework to eliminate poverty, the Council for Early Child Development has included Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph EDI data into “PanCanadian Maps”. Information can be found at [http://www.councilecd.ca/?q=pancanadianedi\\_maps](http://www.councilecd.ca/?q=pancanadianedi_maps). The presentation was completed by a Report Card slideshow highlighting the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Children’s Charter of Rights.

### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

Trustee Waterston moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled, “Early Development Instrument”, be received.

The motion carried.

### **INPUT ON ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS’ ASSOCIATION (OPSBA) PRIORITIES FOR 2010-2011**

Trustee Borden drew attention to the memo, attached to this meeting’s agenda, entitled, “OPSBA Board of Directors”. OPSBA works diligently to respond to Trustee concerns and invites input to goals and objectives for the coming year. Trustees discussed the questionnaire, included in the report. Trustee Borden will bring the information to the OPSBA Regional meeting, being held April 17, 2010 as well as the April Board of Directors meeting. Feedback was as follows:

- 1) The Whole Child – Supported
  - Work with Boards around gaps, to provide seamless and quality programs
  - Provide resources without undermining programs already in place (i.e. ELP)
  - Continue to be a strong voice on this issue
  - Emphasis on emotional and physical well-being
  - Continue to advocate for students in families affected by the economy (poverty, unemployment)
  - Continue to focus on at-risk kids, gender differences
  - Should gender issue be examined at individual Board levels rather than as a whole province?
  
- 2) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education – Supported

- 3) Trustees – Building Leadership Capacity – Supported
  - Communication from Ministry to Trustees is lacking. Trustees should be consulted on any new information prior to it going to individuals
  - Provide an effective marketing campaign to give the public a better understanding on the role of Trustee as well as attract candidates
- 4) Labour Relations – Supported
  - Research into what an “online” school would look like in terms of labour relations. How would you operationalize it? Who would monitor mental health and general child care issues?
- 5) Education Finance - Supported

New Priorities to be Recommended to OPSBA

- Education plan around gender issues

**RECOMMENDATION #2**

Trustee Bailey moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled, “Input on Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) Priorities for 2010-2011”, be received.

The motion carried.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustees Cooper and Steau provided an update of their activities through a PowerPoint presentation. Student Council representatives have been busy designing and distributing brochures, posters, and t-shirts in support of the April 14, 2010 “Stand Up to Bullying” day. Trustees were invited to attend this year’s final Student Senate meeting, April 20, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Boardroom where Student Trustee elections will be held. Dr. Rogers will ask Superintendent Kelly to remind any interested candidates to submit their application.

**RECOMMENDATION #3**

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

The motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A Student Success Celebration Day will be held on May 26, 2010 at Lakeside Bible Church from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Ross R. MacKay PS will commemorate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 6, 2010 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Dr. Rogers, along with Trustees Borden and Edwards have been invited to speak. Communications Officer McFadzen advised that information on the Everyday Hero will be going out this week and that a number of nominations have already been received.

**RECOMMENDATION #4**

Trustee Borden moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that items under “Other Business” be approved.

The motion carried.

**IN CAMERA**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Borden moved that this Committee adjourn at 8:55 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.