

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

February 24, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair, Trustee Borden, presided, and all members were present.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Student Trustee Redpath delivered an inspirational reading.

CONDOLENCE REPORT

The Director reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to Mike and Laura Alessio, Teachers at Waverley Drive and John Black Public Schools respectively, on the loss of Mike's brother; Bill and Cindy Cartwright, on the loss of their daughter, Shannon, a Grade 11 student at Erin D.H.S.; Jane deCorso, a Teacher at Victory Public School, on the loss of her father; Daniel Dumas, a Teacher at John F. Ross C.V.I., on the loss of his mother; Alison Godfrey, an Educational Assistant at Victoria Cross Public School, on the loss of her mother; Ralph Edwards, Trustee, on the loss of his mother-in-law; Darren Hale, a Teacher at Mitchell Woods Public School, on the loss of his mother; Sylvie Jefford, a Teacher at Victory Public School, on the loss of her mother; Emily Keane, a Teacher at Priory Park Public School on the loss of her mother-in-law; Nelson Keane, Principal of Willow Road Public School, on the loss of his mother; Ann Marie Lennie, a Teacher at Erin D.H.S., on the loss of her mother-in-law; Leslie and Bob Newman, Principal of Rockwood Centennial Public School and Teacher at Priory Park Public School respectively, on the loss of Leslie's mother; and to Cariene Wilhelm, Administrative Assistant to the Vice-Principal of Centre Wellington D.H.S., on the loss of her father.

GOOD NEWS

Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, highlighted "Good News" as follows:

Norwell District Secondary School and Drayton Heights and Palmerston Public Schools

Six years ago, a community committee was formed in response to serious use of crystal meth by youth. The invitation was extended from the health sector and, at the time, the response was great and meetings were well attended. As an extension of that committee, a smaller working group was formed which has now

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become The Community Committee Focused on Drug Prevention Strategies. The intent of the group is to educate the community on the risk associated with any kind of drug use. In November of each year, the national week for Drug Awareness is recognized and various activities, forums and speakers to bring attention to this serious issue are offered.

Last spring, the committee submitted a proposal to the Ontario Chiefs of Police for grant money to run Safe Party Workshops. The Safe Party Workshops program had initially started with the Public Health Unit, but was no longer being offered. Safe Party Workshops is a harm reduction program designed to reduce alcohol and drug related risk while recognizing that the use can't always be stopped. Workshops focus on consequences, safety and alternatives.

Thanks to the grant money received from the Ontario Chiefs of Police as well as support from local groups, the first set of Safe Party Workshops was successfully run on November 18, 2008. The four Workshops focused on were Mocktails, Risky Business, Alcohol and the Law, and Be Safe, Keep Friends Safe. From 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., approximately 350 Grade 9s and 10s rotated through the four Workshops. Facilitators included outside agencies such as Public Health, Women in Crisis, Campus Life and the OPP, as well as 24 Youth Helpers. On November 19 and 20, 2008, the Youth Helpers traveled to Palmerston and Drayton Heights Public Schools and delivered similar workshops to the Grade 7s and 8s. An invitation was extended to parents to attend an information session in the evening. Parents also needed to be informed of the risk and responsibilities of youth using drugs and alcohol. It was hoped that students filtered the information back to their homes.

Future goals are to offer the Safe Party programs in a similar way every two years. Research indicates that youth have already had their first experience with alcohol by Grade 8, so it is imperative that they receive harm reduction information prior to that experience. Feedback from students and teachers has been well received with confidence that information students receive may help to reduce the harm in party situations.

Brisbane Public School

Brisbane held a Beach Party Move-a-thon on January 29, 2009 and raised a fantastic \$7000. Funds raised will be used to improve the playground and library resources.

OFSAA

An Upper Grand student was featured in the February issue of the OFSAA Newsletter, "In the Zone": "Grade 12 student Jay Peacock from Erin D.H.S. was named OFSAA's male Character Athlete of the Month for February. Jay was

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nominated by his coach Jeff Weddig, who says that Jay has tried almost every sport at his school, and although he may not be the most skilled athlete, he consistently displays OFSAA values. Jay has been involved on his school's athletic council for the past five years, and has put in countless hours to run events, fundraise, and add new activities to his school community. He is currently taking the initiative in starting a rowing program. In a small school such as Erin, his efforts have been integral in keeping several programs running. Jay's coach says his greatest quality is his respect for his peers, coaches and sporting officials, and he demonstrates this through his role as captain on several school teams. "Jay Peacock is without a doubt an OFSAA Character Athlete," says Jeff Weddig. Congratulations, Jay!

Mitchell Woods Public School

On Friday, February 13, 2009, the Mitchell Woods Public School band performed as part of the Ontario Band Festival. The Festival featured 170 bands from across the province. The Mitchell Woods Public School band was awarded a Bronze Medal for its performance at the B100 beginning band level. Grade 7 student, Olivia Carvalho, received a special music leadership award for her outstanding performance and dedication to her school's music program. Congratulations, Mitchell Woods!

Centennial C.V.I.

Andrew McTaggart, a Centennial C.V.I. student, is a member of the Team Canada Special Olympics Floor Hockey Team. The team qualified for the gold medal game yesterday in Idaho. Unfortunately, the team lost a heart-breaking 8 to 7 game to Jamaica. The team is comprised of players from around Ontario, but mostly from Guelph. Andrew and his father both play on the team. Congratulations to Andrew! We are proud of you!

Chair Borden advised that, last week, he had the opportunity to attend the elementary cross-country ski races which were held at Monora Park, Orangeville, to bring greetings on behalf of the Board. The first year the races were held there were only 27 skiers, and this year there were over 140 racers representing seven Orangeville schools.

Also, Chair Borden noted the "Good News" article, "Students find success at Covenant Campus" which was published in the February 17, 2009 issue of The Banner.

AGENDA

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Trustee Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, that the agenda be confirmed as printed.

The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Waterston moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the Minutes of the Board meeting held January 27, 2009 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

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Best, that the business transacted by the Committee of the Whole in camera be now ratified by the Board.

The motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Trustee Busuttill moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole, with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

Chair Borden welcomed the Delegation presenters. The procedures related to a Delegation presentation were outlined. Copies of each of the Delegation presentations were circulated.

DELEGATIONS

French Immersion Review for Erin, Orangeville and Dufferin County

Ms. Anna Spiteri, as a FI Parent Advisory Committee member on the FI Brisbane Review Committee, took the opportunity to speak to three important points: pushing forward with the program review process for Grades 7 to 12; expressing appreciation to Trustee Busuttill; and addressing the "wants" and "needs" of parents.

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Ms. Carrie Coote, as a Brisbane/Erin Public School parent and a former Brisbane Council Chair, used charts to illustrate the advantages and disadvantages of a JK-SK FI start up and a JK-6 start up.

Ms. Lori Festarini, a parent of three children currently enrolled in the FI program, took the opportunity to express her concerns regarding the proposal to initiate a FI program at the JK to Grade 6 levels in the Orangeville area.

As an Orangeville parent with two children currently attending Brisbane Public School, Ms. Tanja Oomen addressed the problems with the process that lead to the FIRC recommendations and the fact that the survey that Brisbane/Dufferin/Orangeville parents were given allowed the committee to present misleading results.

As a resident of Dufferin County with three children in the French Immersion program, Shaun LaGrange advised that he was in support of a French Immersion program in Orangeville, but was not in support of the proposal to immediately introduce JK to Grade 6 as he believed that it would have a significant negative impact on many of the families of students currently enrolled in Brisbane.

As a concerned parent of two children attending Brisbane Public School and an educator, Mr. Craig Sutoski focused on the possible implementation obstacles that would result if a new JK-8 FI program was established in Orangeville.

Ms. Marilyn Kastelic, the EDHS parent representative on the Review Committee, advised that she was in support of the introduction of a FI program in Orangeville but was drastically opposed to the current configuration of the recommendation for September 2009.

Ms. Andrea Brown, a Brisbane/Erin parent, believed that parents, such as herself, hadn't been given enough details of the program proposal or enough time to make a conscious decision. Ms. Brown requested that the present Dufferin/Orangeville parent committee be dissolved and a new committee that represents all parents in the move be established.

As an Orangeville resident with two children in the FI program at Brisbane, Mr. Joseph Danckert identified three concerns regarding the implementation the program: the parents' delegation of the French Immersion Review Committee had been granted an unreasonable amount of power and responsibility in the decision making process, best practices had been ignored, and the quality of his children's education will be compromised if the recommendation was to pass in its current form.

Mr. Mark Weber, an Orangeville resident with two children at Brisbane, focused on the survey, its questions and results, and acknowledged that while Dufferin deserved

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a FI program, it should be started slowly with new JK/SK students.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon and Karen Thompson, Orangeville residents, used slides to assist in addressing the issues of the "numbers" and "implementation". As members of the Orangeville community, the Thompsons advised that they did not support the current recommendation, but supported a recommendation that brought all the FI children to Dufferin County and placed them in one school, with able participation and full support from a committee community - with equally qualified people to help them grow in their learning environment.

Ms. Jennifer Keery, a Brisbane parent, spoke to the "facts", advising that although she was included in the 85% of families who support a FI program in Orangeville, she strongly opposed the current recommendations. Ms. Keery noted that looking at the data lead to only one conclusion: starting FI in Orangeville from JK/SK and allowing the program to grow, and that those families wanting who wanted to remain at Brisbane for continuity and keeping siblings together be grandfathered.

Centre Wellington Boundary Review

Ms. Karen Brent, representing the Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 students (approximately six) from Black Street and Revell Drive (Area C) currently attending Salem Public School, requested, on compassionate grounds and because of safety concerns, that the children be grandfathered.

On behalf of her children, and eight other families with children, all of whom attend John Black Public School, Ms. Lisa Bendig addressed concerns regarding extending grandfathering, as outlined in the report, Accommodation of French Immersion Students in the Centre Wellington Area (PLN: 09-06), presented at the February 10, 2009 Business Operations Committee Meeting. In conclusion, Trustee support and approval of Recommendations 8 and 9 (Business Operations Committee Minutes of December 9, 2008) was requested.

Questions of clarification followed some of the individual presentations.

Chair Borden thanked the presenters and advised that a response with regard to the (a) Immersion French Review for Erin, Orangeville and Dufferin County would occur under Item 11 - Business Operations Committee Report, B - Deferral from January 27, 2009 Board Meeting and (b) Centre Wellington Boundary Review would occur under Item 11 - Business Operations Committee Report, A - Deferral from December 16, 2008 Board Meeting.

REPORT OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE IMMERSION FRENCH REVIEW
COMMITTEE FOR ERIN, ORANGEVILLE AND DUFFERIN COUNTY

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With reference to the document entitled, "Report of the Co-Chairs of the Immersion French Review Committee or Erin, Orangeville and Dufferin County" dated February 20, 2009, and on behalf of Co-Chair Busuttil, Mr. D.R. Walpole, Co-Chair, reported on the committee's activities since the January 27, 2009 Board Meeting. Results of the Brisbane French Immersion Survey were examined. On overhead, the entry numbers in Orangeville/Dufferin were clarified, and Draft School/Classroom Organizations for JK to Grade 6 were provided. In response to Trustee questions, Ms. H.J. Boswell, Superintendent of Program, provided preliminary information with regard to related costing and resources.

Trustee Waterston moved that the report entitled, "Report of the Co-Chairs of the Immersion French Review Committee for Erin, Orangeville and Dufferin County" dated February 20, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

INTERIM LOCATION FOR FRENCH IMMERSION (FI) PROGRAM IN ORANGEVILLE/DUFFERIN COUNTY

This evening, copies of a report PLN: 09-07 entitled "Interim Location for French Immersion (FI) program in Orangeville/Dufferin County" were distributed. Mr. D.S. Cuomo, Manager of Planning, reviewed that document which presented options for the location of the proposed French Immersion program in Orangeville/Dufferin. Tables summarized information on Classroom Requirement, Available Classroom Space, School Location Options and Impact on Brisbane Public School. Questions of clarification followed.

Trustee Bailey moved that report PLN: 09-07 entitled "Interim Location for French Immersion (FI) program in Orangeville/Dufferin County" dated February 24, 2009 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Bailey moved that the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated February 3, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey moved adoption of recommendations 1 to 5 inclusive, as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated February 3, 2009.

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The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

Technology at the Point of Instruction - Tech Coaches

That the presentation entitled, "Technology at the Point of Instruction - Tech Coaches", be received.

Technology at the Point of Instruction - Assistive Technology

That the presentation entitled, "Technology at the Point of Instruction - Assistive Technology", be received.

Specialist High Skills Major

That the presentation entitled, "Specialist High Skills Major", be received.

That the OPSBA report, as presented by Trustee Borden, be received.

That the verbal Student Trustee report be received.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Deferral from the December 16, 2008 Board Meeting

It was requested that clauses (b), (e), (f) and (g) be considered separately.

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of the recommendations that:

- (a) the report entitled, "Centre Wellington Boundary Review - Report #2" (PLN: 08-42) dated December 9, 2008 be received and considered (**Recommendation #3 of Business Operations Committee Minutes of December 9, 2008**),
- (c) grandfathering and transportation, where eligible under Board policy, be offered to:
 - (i) all existing regular track Grade 5 students entering Grade 6 at John Black, Ponsonby and Salem Public Schools for the 2009/10 school year, and
 - (ii) all existing regular track Grade 7 students entering Grade 8 at Elora Public School for the 2009/10 school year, (**Recommendation 5 of the Business Operations Committee Minutes of December 9, 2008**), and
- (d) the attendance areas for Elora, J.D. Hogarth, John Black, Ponsonby and Salem Public Schools be changed to reflect the effective dates and boundaries shown on Maps 1-10 in report PLN: 08-42, (**Recommendation 6 of the Business**

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Operations Committee Minutes of December 9, 2008).

The motion carried.

A recorded vote was requested by Trustee Best on the above motion, in accordance with Clause 66 of the Board's By-law No. 1, and this was as follows:

Yea: Trustees Waterston, Bailey, Moziar, Gohn, Edwards, Busutil, Topping and Borden.

Nay: Trustee Best and Schieck.

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of the recommendation that:

- (b) Centre Wellington Boundary Scenario 3 be implemented as of September 2009 following Implementation Option B in PLN: 08-42 (**Recommendation #4 of Business Operations Committee Minutes of December 9, 2008**).

Trustee Waterston moved an amendment changing Option "B" to Option "A".

The amendment was put first, and carried.
The motion, as amended, carried.

Trustees spoke in support of, or opposition to, clause (e).

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of the recommendation that:

- (e) That the Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 students from Black Street and Revell Drive (Area C) now attending Salem Public School be grandfathered until the sidewalks are in place for safe walking to and from James McQueen Public School (approximately 6 students), (**Recommendation 7 of the Business Operations Committee Minutes of December 9, 2008**).

The motion was lost.

A recorded vote was requested by Trustee Schieck on the above motion, in accordance with Clause 66 of the Board's By-law No. 1, and this was as follows:

Yea: Trustees Gohn, Schieck and Best.

Nay: Trustee Waterston, Bailey, Moziar, Topping, Busutil, Edwards and, Borden.

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Trustees spoke in support of, or in opposition to, clause (f).

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of the recommendation that:

- (f) the present Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 students from Watt, Harvey and Walker Streets (Area A) be grandfathered at John Black Public School (approximately 15 students) (**Recommendation 8 of the Business Operations Committee Minutes of December 9, 2008**).

The motion was lost.

A recorded vote was requested by Trustee Best on the above motion, in accordance with Clause 66 of the Board's By-law No. 1, and this was as follows:

Yea: Trustees Gohn, Schieck and Best.

Nay: Trustee Waterston, Bailey, Moziar, Topping, Busuttil, Edwards and Borden.

Trustees spoke in support of, or in opposition to, clause (g).

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of the recommendation that:

- (g) That the present Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 students from Denny Gate, Darroch Way and Scotland Street be grandfathered at John Black Public School (approximately 7 students) (**Recommendation 9 of the Business Operations Committee Minutes of December 9, 2008**).

The motion was lost.

A recorded vote was requested by Trustee Schieck on the above motion, in accordance with Clause 66 of the Board's By-law No. 1, and this was as follows:

Yea: Trustees Gohn, Schieck and Best.

Nay: Trustee Waterston, Bailey, Moziar, Topping, Busuttil, Edwards and Borden.

B. Deferral from January 27, 2009 Board Meeting

It was requested that clause (a) be considered separately.

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of the recommendation that:

- (b) the Planning Department identify a school, or if necessary, schools, where the program is to be located and report to Board no later than February 2009,

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- (c) the Program Department work with the principals of the schools or schools where the French Immersion program is to be located in order to provide the necessary resources for the program start-up,
- (d) senior staff identify the costs of implementing these changes to the Immersion French program in Dufferin and East Wellington and prepare a budget for consideration in the annual budget process,
- (e) senior staff continue to work with the Erin DHS, Centre Wellington DHS and Norwell DSS principals in order to supply quality programming and increase student retention in the French Immersion program,
- (f) senior staff facilitate meetings of the principals of schools with grade 7/8 Immersion French programs to explore ways of strengthening the program at Erin Public School, and
- (g) the French Immersion Review Committee continue to meet in 2009 to continue the discussion of implementing a new program and supporting existing programs for the benefit of all Immersion French students in East Wellington and Dufferin Counties.

The motion carried.

At the request of the Chair, Trustee Waterston assumed the chair and presided. Following expressions of appreciation to Co-Chairs of the Immersion French Review Committee for Erin, Orangeville and Dufferin County, and while supporting the establishment of a French Immersion program in Orangeville/Dufferin County, Trustees considered the type of program (JK to grade 6; JK to grade 3; JK to grade 1; JK/SK) which should be implemented.

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of the recommendation that:

- (a) the Board approve the implementation of a JK to grade 6 French Immersion Program in Orangeville to begin in September 2009 and that the program be expanded to include grade 7 in 2010 and grade 8 in 2011.

The motion carried.

A recorded vote was requested by Trustee Busuttill on the above motion, in accordance with Clause 66 of the Board's By-law No. 1, and this was as follows:

Yea: Trustees Borden, Bailey, Best, Topping, Busuttill and Waterston.

Nay: Trustee Moziar, Gohn, Schieck and Edwards.

Trustee Borden resumed the Chair and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

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Minutes of 2009 02 10

Trustee Waterston moved that the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated February 10, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Item 6 was considered previously in camera.

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of recommendations February 10, as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated February 10, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

Resignations and Retirements

That:

- (a) the report entitled, "Resignations and Retirements" dated February 10, 2009 be received, and
- (b) the Board approve the decisions of the Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations, as outlined in the report entitled, "Resignations and Retirements" dated February 10, 2009 (Appendix A and B).

That the verbal report on Health and Safety, as presented by Ms. B.L. Evans, Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations, be received as information.

Accommodation of French Immersion Students in the Centre Wellington Area

That the report PLN: 09-06 entitled, "Accommodation of French Immersion Students in the Centre Wellington Area" dated February 10, 2009 be received and considered.

Waste Reduction Initiatives

That the report on Waste Reduction Initiatives, as presented by Ms. Wendy Perkins, Environmental Project Manager, and Mr. Mike Anderson, Curriculum Leader, be received as information.

That verbal Student Transportation Update, as presented by Ms. J.D. Wright, Superintendent of Finance, be received as information.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Minutes of 2009 02

Trustee Waterston moved that the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, dated 2009 02, be received.

The motion carried.

Appointment

Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, introduced the following Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee for approval.

Trustee Busuttill moved that Sharon Dills, representing the Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County, be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the remainder of the four-year term ending November 30, 2010.

The motion carried.

POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Gohn moved that the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated February 10, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Gohn moved adoption of recommendation 1, as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated February 10, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendation adopted is as follows.

That a Policy Review Committee, comprised of a Superintendent, parent representative, elementary and secondary principals, and a Trustee, be established to review Policy 205 - Volunteers.

Chair Borden called for a Trustee volunteer to sit on the newly-established committee to review Policy 205 - Volunteers.

Trustee Topping moved that Trustee Gohn be appointed to sit on the newly-

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established committee to review Policy 205 -Volunteers.

The motion carried.

CHAIRS' COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Edwards moved that the Minutes of the Chairs' Committee, dated February 10, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Edwards moved adoption of recommendation 1, as contained in the Minutes of the Chairs' Committee, dated February 10, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendation adopted is as follows.

That the Monthly Financial Statement Updates as of January 31, 2009 be received.

Trustee Edwards requested that concerns with regard to the 2009-2010 Trustee Budget Line should be forwarded to Chair Borden.

LONG-TERM FINANCING - GOOD PLACES TO LEARN STAGE 1, GOOD PLACES TO LEARN STAGE 2 AND PRIMARY CLASS SIZE

Ms. J.D. Wright, Superintendent of Finance, presented her report on long term financing related to Good Places to Learn Stage 1, Good Places to Learn Stage 2 and Primary Class Size, for Trustees' consideration and approval. Attention was focused on Appendix A, and its Schedules (A - Form of the Loan Agreement/Good Places to Learn Eligible Projects Description, A-1 Primary Class Size Reduction Eligible Projects Descriptions and B - Consolidated Amortization Schedule).

Trustee Waterston moved that:

- (a) the report Long Term Financing - Good Places to Learn Stage 1, Good Places to Learn Stage 2 and Primary Class Size, dated February 24, 2009 be received, and
- (b) By-law number 2009-1, attached to the report as Appendix A, authorizing the Board to enter into the Loan Agreement, be approved.

The motion carried.

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Borden presented a written report of correspondence received during the past month.

Trustee Bailey moved that the Board Correspondence Report dated February 24, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

This evening, Trustees were provided with a copy of the Trustee Survey 2009 - UGDSB Program Committee. Trustee Bailey advised that there would be presentations on Community Partnerships, Environmental Education, Early Learning and Literacy Development, Information Technology and At Risk Communities, identified as the top five topics of interest, in order of importance.

On behalf of her Co-Chair on the Immersion French Review Committee for Erin, Orangeville and Dufferin County, Mr. D.R. Walpole, Trustee Busutill expressed her appreciation to her colleagues and individuals involved in the review process.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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| Monday, March 2 | - | Upper Grand Learning Foundation, 6:00 p.m. - Room 4 |
| Tuesday, March 3 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m. - Wellington Heights S.S., Mount Forest |
| Tuesday, March 3 | - | Student Discipline Committee, 6:00 p.m. - Boardroom |
| Monday, March 9 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 1:00 p.m. - Room 1, Orangeville Education Centre |
| Monday, March 9 | - | Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), 7:00 p.m. - J.D. Hogarth P.S., Fergus |
| Tuesday, March 10 - | - | Tentative Policy Management Committee (PMC), 3:00 p.m. - Boardroom |
| Tuesday, March 10 - | - | Chairs' Committee, Tentatively 4:00 p.m. - Boardroom |
| Wednesday, March 11 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m. - Room 4 |
| Wednesday, March 11 | - | Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom |

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- Thursday, March 12 - Skills Competition, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Grand River Raceway, Elora
- Monday, March 23 - Elementary Vice-Principals Eligibility List - Shortlisting, 1:00 p.m. - Room 4
- Tuesday, March 24 - Joint Liaison Committee (Upper Grand/Wellington Catholic), Noon - Italian Canadian Club, Guelph
- Wednesday, March 25 - Central Guelph FI Accommodation Review Committee, 7:00 p.m. - Victory Public School, Guelph
- Thursday, March 26 - Elementary Principals Eligibility List - Shortlisting, 1:00 p.m. - Room 3
- Tuesday, March 31 - Elementary Vice-Principals Eligibility List - Interviews, 8:30 a.m. - Rooms 4 (Interviews) and 3 (Preparation)

Trustee Waterston moved that, due, to March break, and the fact that March has five Tuesdays, the March Meeting Schedule for Board and Standing Committees shall be as follows:

- Tuesday, March 3 - Program Committee
- Tuesday, March 10 - Business Operations Committee
- Tuesday, March 31 - Regular Board Meeting

The motion carried.

Trustee Best moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated February 24, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

REPORT TO BOARD

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

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Busutil, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close, at 10:50 p.m.

The motion carried.

Chair

Recording Secretary

Secretary

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - IN CAMERA

The Committee of the Whole of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Vice-Chair, Trustee Edwards, presided, and all members were present.

AGENDA

Trustee Schieck moved that the agenda be confirmed as printed and that all items be considered in camera.

The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

IN CAMERA

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Waterston moved that the confidential items from the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated February 10, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of recommendation 6, as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated February 10, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendation adopted is as follows.

That the verbal update on Negotiations, as presented by Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, be received as information.

PERSONNEL, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

Ms. J.L. Rose, Executive Officer of Human Resources, reported on the agreement

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reached between Upper Grand District School Board and its Administrative Employees group. Attention was focused on the "Proposed changes to the AE Document - February 13, 2009".

Trustee Busuttill moved that:

- (a) the report re Personnel, Policies and Procedures for Administrative Employees dated 2009 02 24 be received, and
- (b) the Board approve the amendments to the Policies and Procedures, Administrative Employees, as detailed in the Personnel, Policies and Procedures attached, effective August 31, 2012.

The motion carried.

SUSPENSION REPORT

Mr. D.M. Euale, Superintendent of Education, reported on eight suspensions (15 year old, non-identified male from Centre Wellington D.H.S., for 13 days, 14 year old identified male from College Heights S.S. for 19 days, and a 16 year old identified male, 16 year old, non-identified male, 16 year old, identified male, 14 year old, non-identified male, 18 year old identified male, and a 14 year old, non-identified male, all from College Heights S.S., all for 20 days).

Ms. R.A. Fyfe, Superintendent of Education, reported on a suspension of a 14 year old, non-identified male student from Princess Margaret Public School for 20 days.

Trustee Topping moved that the verbal report on Suspensions, as presented by Superintendents of Education L.C. Benallick, D.M. Euale, R.A. Fyfe, and E.K. Kelly be received.

The motion carried.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Waterston advised that, on February 3, 2009, an expulsion hearing was held. A 15 year old male student from Centre Wellington D.H.S., was expelled from all schools of the Board, assigned to the Youth Options program for expelled students, and would be required to successfully complete and meet the objectives of the program for expelled pupils before being re-admitted to a regular day school program in Ontario.

Trustee Waterston advised that, earlier in the evening, three expulsion hearings were held. Subsequently, a 14 year old male student from Wellington Heights Secondary School, a 15 year old female student from Westside Secondary School, and a 16 year old

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male student from Centre Dufferin District High School were expelled from all schools of the Board and will have the opportunity to attend the Youth Options program.

Trustee Borden moved that the verbal report of the Student Discipline Committee, as presented by Trustee Waterston, be received.

The motion carried.

REPORT TO BOARD

Trustee Schieck moved that the Committee of the Whole rise at 6:45 p.m. and report to the Board at the meeting immediately following.

The motion carried.