

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

June 23, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, June 23, 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 with the exception of Trustees Best, Schieck and Waterston.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Trustee Busuttill delivered an inspirational reading.

CONDOLENCE REPORT

The Director reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to Carla Anderson, an Acting Special Education Consultant, Program Services, on the loss of her mother; Bev Hitchman, a Teacher at Centennial C.V.I., on the loss of her father; Doug Jackson, Head Custodian at Erin Public School, on the loss of his father; Nick Key, a Teacher at John F. Ross C.V.I., on the loss of his father; and to Janice Wright, Superintendent of Finance, on the loss of her father.

GOOD NEWS

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

Skills Canada

Ms. Sue McPhedran, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship (OYAP) Coordinator, provided background with regard to Upper Grand District School Board's participation in the Skills Competitions. Competition winners introduced themselves: Katherine Bowen, Centre Wellington D.H.S., Gold at Provincials (Fourth at the National Level), Culinary Arts; Carly Wing, Centre Wellington D.H.S., Gold at Provincials (Silver at the Nationals), Workplace Safety; Matthew Lee (with Nicholas Komarnitsky who was not in attendance), Centennial C.V.I., Silver at Provincials, Geographic Information Systems - Team of 2; Alexis Wagner, Centennial C.V.I., Gold at Provincials (Fifth at the National Level), IT - Office Software Applications; and Julia Riddle, Centennial C.V.I., Gold at the Provincials and Nationals, Job Skill Demonstration. Ms. Bowen spoke about her personal experiences as a competitor. Teacher coaches/mentors in attendance were Ms. Krista Crawford, Ms. Meghan Lowry and Mr. Geoff Patterson.

Mr. Alain Robineau of Skills Canada presented Chair Borden with the Skills

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Work!® School Board Award of Distinction. The Award was presented to the School Board that shows dedication to the promotion of skilled trades and technology careers through results at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC).

It was noted that copies of documents entitled, "The National Technological Skills Competitions 2009 - Results" and "Skills - Annual Guide to Programs and Competitions" were circulated.

DD First Prom - Submitted by Andrea Kretz

The seed was planted last May, when Jason Dudgeon, an Educational Assistant in the Life Skills program at John F Ross C.V.I., attended the Ross prom as a chaperone for two graduating students. The idea of our own prom, a year end celebration of all the students in the Life Skills program, just made sense. And even more sense to include the classes at other schools that already participate with us in a variety of events and field trips, especially for schools with fewer students that would simply not be able to orchestrate such an event for such a small group on their own. It was important that this prom be as authentic as possible, it has to be offsite and it has to be in the evening, even though this made a certain supervisor a bit nervous! Various members of the team moved quickly to get all of the organizational details in order: the hall booked, the schools invited, the meals ordered, the DJ, door prizes, and adequate supervision. Everything fell perfectly into place on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at Guelph Place banquet hall as 107 staff and students (from John F. Ross C.V.I., College Heights S.S., Centennial C.V.I. and Centre Wellington D.H.S.) attended the first Life Skills program prom. School staff, including all of the Ross administration, parents and workers volunteered their time to create a memorable evening for all. Students were dressed in their finest attire, some young women were sporting corsages and some students even arrived in a stretch limo! Everyone was smiling: the dancing students, the mother who was teary-eyed as her daughter had her first opportunity to attend a formal night of her own, the student who said that it was the best night of his life. As Principal, Maggie Roe, pointed out, this prom was not that different from the Ross prom: "It was so neat to see a group of students dancing up a storm...not a group of special needs students. They could have been any students at any dance." This is what it is all about for us, giving students the opportunity to be just like everyone else. A tradition in the making!

Brain Bee

Two Centennial C.V.I. students were among 12 students from across Canada to compete in the Brain Bee held earlier this month at McMaster University. Both students made it to the final five, and one placed second. Everyday Hero and

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University of Guelph student, Geoffrey Collins assisted with training the students. Congratulations to both young ladies - you did an amazing job!

Give Yourself Credit

Give Yourself Credit, which was originally created by the Board together with community organizations to serve homeless youth, just completed its fourth year! It is now a Section 23 classroom, located in a unique setting in Downtown Guelph; this year celebrating success with three students graduating and 89 credits earned. Community agencies that attended the June 18, 2009 graduation were Family and Children's Services, Trellis, Wyndham House, Michael House, Second Chance, Ontario Works and Green Legacy. Awards were given to two students; one from Ontario Works for finishing the Leap program and one from Wyndham House for a student who demonstrated leadership in the formulation of a new publication called "new mentality".

Centre Wellington D.H.S.

On May 27, 2009, Mr. Glenn Wagner was the surprised recipient of the Ontario Amgen for Science Teaching Excellence Award. The staff, students and dignitaries from both AASTE and Amgen Canada held a surprise assembly to present Glenn with his Award and the school with a cheque. The Award recognizes the efforts of extraordinary science teachers who have demonstrated an outstanding ability to inspire their students and who produce results in science learning.

Associate Teacher's Award of Excellence

The University of Western Ontario has advised that Jon Schinkel of Norwell District S.S. and Nick Key of John F. Ross C.V.I. have been nominated for the Associate Teacher's Award of Excellence.

Westside Secondary School

Westside Secondary School participated in a fundraising campaign "my hospital @ school" to support the Headwaters Health Care Foundation. The school raised over \$890 from a bake/book sale and B.B.Q.

North Somerset Study Visitors

North Somerset study visitors spent the day in our Board on May 28, 2009. The visit included touring Kortright Hills, Elora and East Garafraxa Public Schools where they were looking at the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Hub Models and Inclusion.

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Ms. Moira Sinclair, Education Officer, took part in the Kortright Hills Public School tour together with Heather Boswell, Ray Gibbs and Julie Young.

Victoria Terrace Public School

A huge congratulations goes out to Victoria Terrace Public School for earning the EcoSchool **GOLD** level of certification for 2008-2009. This certification is the highest level of achievement that is offered by Ontario EcoSchools and is representative of the school's commitment to environmental responsibility. During the certification visit last week, the EcoSchools representative commented on the outstanding dedication by both students and staff on a variety of projects including waste minimization through composting, school yard greening, energy conservation, and reusable water bottles throughout the school.

Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts

On June 2, 2009, the Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts honoured Ms. Mary Runciman, a Music Teacher at Mono-Amaranth Public School, with the first annual Award of Excellence in the Arts. The Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts just completed its 11th year of providing students in Dufferin and East Wellington Counties with a non-competitive venue for performances. Mary was honoured for her work in keeping the arts alive at Mono-Amaranth Public School, and for working as an organizer for the Festival and being a participant for all of its 11 years.

Specialist High Skills Majors

Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, was pleased to advise that Upper Grand District School Board would be receiving \$861,000 from the Ministry of Education to support the Specialist High Skills Major program.

AGENDA

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

The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Topping moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the Minutes of the Board meeting held May 26, 2009 and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting, and the Minutes of the Special Board Meetings held June 9, 2009 and June 16, 2009, be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

On Trustees' desks this evening was a copy of the Minutes of the Program Committee dated June 2, 2009.

Trustee Bailey moved that the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated June 2, 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 June 9, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

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Upper Grand District School Board Community Partnerships

That the presentation entitled, "Upper Grand District School Board Community Partnerships" dated June 2, 2009 be received.

Student Success Indicator Data

That the presentation entitled, "Student Success Indicator Data" dated June 2, 2009 be received.

That the verbal OPSBA presentation be received.

That the verbal Student Trustee report be received.

That the verbal staffing report be received.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Minutes of 2009 06 09

Trustee Edwards moved that the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated June 9, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Items 4 and 5 were considered previously in camera.

Trustee Edwards moved adoption of recommendations 1 to 3 inclusive, as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated June 9, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

Resignations and Retirements

That:

- (a) the report entitled "Resignations and Retirements" dated June 9, 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 June 9, 2009 (Appendix A and B).

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Procedures for Use of Electrical Appliances in UGDSB Buildings

That:

- (a) the Health and Safety Report for June 2009 be received, and
- (b) the Procedures for Use of Electrical Appliances in UGDSB buildings be received as information.

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009

That the report entitled, "The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009" dated June 9, 2009 be received.

B. Environmental Issues Update

In response to the issue of Guelph School Composting raised at the June 9, 2009 Business Operations Committee Meeting, Ms. B.L. Evans, Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations, advised that Mr. Jim Alder, Manager of Plant Operations, and Ms. Wendy Perkins, Environmental Project Manager, attended this afternoon's unveiling of the City of Guelph's new Organic Waste Processing Facility. At that time, the issue of including organics from Guelph schools was raised and received a positive response from Ms. Janet Laird, that department's Director. Further discussions were anticipated. Also, it was noted that Ms. Perkins had been working with Dufferin County which offered a voluntary composting program to the Board's Dufferin schools. Ms. Perkins and Mr. Alder have been in contact with the City and Wellington County to try and implement a similar program. Trustees will be kept apprised of developments in this regard.

Trustee Bailey moved that the verbal update on Environmental Issues, as presented by Ms. B.L. Evans, Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations, be received as information.

The motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

This evening, copies of the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday, June 17, 2009 were made available.

Trustee Busuttil moved that the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, dated 2009 06, be received.

The motion carried.

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POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Edwards moved that the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated June 9, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Edwards moved adoption of recommendations 1 to 5 inclusive, as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated June 9, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

Policy 500 - First Nations, Métis and Inuit Self Identification

That Policy 500 - First Nations, Métis and Inuit Self Identification be approved.

Policy 102 - School Generated Funds

That Policy 102 - School Generated Funds be approved as revised.

Policy 509 - Health Support Services

That Policy 509 - Health Support Services be approved.

Policy 413 - Student Safety (Physical Intervention)

That Policy 413 - Student Safety (Physical Intervention) be approved.

Diabetes Management Protocol

That Diabetes Management Protocol dated 2009 05 be received.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Busuttill moved that:

- (a) the report "Resignations and Retirements" dated June 23, 2009 be received, and
- (b) the Board approve the decisions of the Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations as outlined in the report "Resignations and Retirements" dated June

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23, 2009 (Appendix A & B).

The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, was pleased to announce the following Transfers and Appointments, effective September 1, 2009, which were approved earlier in the evening, in camera.

Secondary Vice-Principal Appointment and Transfers

Name	Appointment/ Transfer	From	To
Bill Lenny	Appointment	Department Head Orangeville D.S.S.	Acting, Vice-Principal Orangeville D.S.S.
Steve Ratz	Transfer	Vice-Principal Orangeville D.S.S.	Vice-Principal Erin D.H.S.
Kelly Shaw	Transfer	Vice-Principal Erin D.H.S.	Vice-Principal Centennial C.V.I.

Elementary Vice-Principal Transfer and Appointment

Name	Appointment/ Transfer	From	To
Amanda Leathem	Transfer	Vice-Principal Kortright Hills P.S.	Vice-Principal Island Lake P.S.
Kim Couch	Appointment	Teacher Jean Little P.S.	Vice-Principal Kortright Hills P.S.

Superintendent of Education Appointment

Also, Director of Education Rogers was pleased to announced that, earlier in the evening, in camera, Mr. Doug Morrell, currently the Principal at Centre Dufferin District High School, was appointed to the position of Superintendent of Education effective September 1, 2010 to August 30, 2013, with provision for renewal based on satisfactory performance and system need.

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Trustee Busuttil moved that the Announcements, as presented by Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, be received as information.

The motion carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Edwards moved that the Minutes of the Budget Committee, dated June 23, 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 June 23, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendation adopted is as follows.

That:

- (a) Upper Grand District School Board's Operating Expenditure Budget (Classroom/Non-Classroom) for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 be approved in the amount of \$290,463,295, as provided for under Section 231 of the Education Act,
- (b) Upper Grand District School Board's Accommodation Expenditure Budget for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 be approved in the amount of \$20,076,475, as provided for under Section 231 of the Education Act, and
- (c) Upper Grand District School Board designate \$0 from Non-Classroom Operating Budget for the purpose of acquiring those school sites eligible to be funded through the Education Development Charges By-law as there are insufficient funds in Non-Classroom.

2008-2009 BUDGET: COMPARISON OF ACTUAL VS. BUDGET FOR THE NINE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2009

Superintendent of Finance, Ms. J.D. Wright highlighted her report (FINANCE #2009-18) regarding the year to date spending for Classroom Instruction, Non-Classroom and Accommodation Expenditures. Appendix A, a document entitled, "Expenditures: September 1 to May 31, 2009 (9 months)", was highlighted.

Trustee Bailey moved that the report, 2008-2009 Budget: Comparison of Actual

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vs. Budget for the nine-month period ending May 31, 2009, dated June 23, 2009 (FINANCE #2009-18) be received.

The motion carried.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

Trustee Busuttill moved that:

- (a) at the conclusion of the Board Meeting on June 23, 2009, the Board adjourn its regular meetings until Tuesday, August 25, 2009,
- (b) the Standing Committees adjourn for the summer period and resume as scheduled in September 2009,
- (c) for the period July and August 2009, the Negotiations Steering Committee be empowered to deal with matters concerning negotiations and grievances, on the understanding that, if it is warranted, in the opinion of the Chair or Vice-Chair, a Special Board Meeting is called,
- (d) for the period July and August 2008, the Chairs' Committee be empowered to deal with matters, as required, if a quorum (either in person or using "audio only" teleconferencing) is not available to participate in a Special Board Meeting, and
- (e) the Director of Education, in consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board, be authorized to deal with municipal by-laws, zone-changes and subdivision plans that may be submitted to the Board during the months of July and August 2009.

The motion carried.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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

A number of Trustees commented on the letter from the City of Guelph with regard to the crossing guard program.

Trustee Busuttill moved that the Chair of the Board be directed to write to the City of Guelph indicating Upper Grand District School Board's concerns regarding cancellation of the lunch hour crossing guards without consultation with the Board.

The motion carried.

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Trustee Busuttil moved that the Board Correspondence Report dated June 23, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

Presentation to Outgoing Student Trustees

Following a few words in praise of their contributions, Chair Borden presented out-going Student Trustees Kayla Ciaschi and Tyler Redpath with a token of the Board's appreciation and best wishes for the future.

The Board's appreciation and best wishes were also extended to Ms. B.L. Evans, Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations, and Ms. Diane Neimanis, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees, on their impending retirements.

At this point, Chair Borden took the opportunity to "reflect on what has been a very successful year for the Upper Grand District School Board" and on behalf of the Board, extended appreciation "for the efforts of an outstanding administrative staff, led by Martha Rogers" and "a sincere thank you to all of our staff for a job well done".

Trustee Moziar moved that the Chair of the Board be directed to write a letter to the Wellington Catholic District School Board expressing condolences on the death of student Isabel Warren.

The motion carried.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Special Board Meeting - August 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - Wellington County Council Chambers, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph
- Learning Fair - August 24 -25, 2009, White Oaks Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 25, 2009
- New Teacher Orientation - August 28, 2009 at Westside Secondary School, 8:30 a.m.

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- Program Committee Meeting - Tuesday, September 15, 2009
- Business Operations Committee Meeting - Tuesday, September 22, 2009
- Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Wednesday, September 9 - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom

Trustee Topping moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated June 23, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

REPORT TO BOARD

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

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close, at 8:09 p.m.

The motion carried.