

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

April 28, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, April 28, 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 Trustee Best.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Trustee Moziar delivered an inspirational reading.

CONDOLENCE REPORT

The Director reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to Darlene Allen, Payroll Supervisor, Board Office, on the loss of her father; Pam Bresnahan, a Teacher at Aberfoyle Public School, on the loss of her father-in-law; Jennifer Campognolo, the After School Coordinator at the Wellington Centre for Continuing Education, on the loss of her father-in-law; Darren Hale, a Teacher at Mitchell Woods Public School, on the loss of his father; Lou-Ann Layton, a Teacher at John McCrae Public School, on the loss of her father; Bonnie Nadalin, Office Coordinator, School to Career Programs, Board Office, on the loss of her mother-in-law; Elena Rusu, a Teacher at Erin D.H.S., on the loss of her father; Mindy Ryan, an Educational Assistant at Waverley Drive Public School, on the loss of her father-in-law; Renate Smith, Office Coordinator at Kortright Hills Public School, on the loss of her father; and to Linda Wilkinson, Office Coordinator at Alma Public School, on the loss of her father.

GOOD NEWS

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

Mitchell Woods Public School

CKCO TV did a spot on the 6:00 o'clock and 11:00 o'clock news on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 which highlighted the special Daily Physical Activity (DPA) program run by Mrs. Doering at Mitchell Woods Public School using the school's broadcasting system. Mrs. Doering and students were interviewed and shots of the DPA team and students participating were shown. The school was well represented.

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The Terry Fox Foundation

Upper Grand District School Board raised a total of \$125,959.03 for the Terry Fox Foundation. John F. Ross C.V.I. ranked 32nd in all of Ontario with a total of \$18,483.49!

Parkinson Centennial Public School

Teacher Kathy Fidler received congratulations from the Dufferin County Paramedic and Emergency Medical Services for her selfless actions, courage, leadership and professionalism that she demonstrated on March 27, 2009 that resulted in a positive outcome for her student and the student's family.

Wellington Heights Secondary School - The Royal Canadian Legion - Remembrance Day Contest

Sarah Nicholson who placed first in the Provincial Legion Remembrance Day Contest (March 2009 Good News Report) received first place at the National level for her black and white poster in the competition against hundreds of other students from across Canada. Her poster will be hung in Ottawa's Canadian War Museum in July.

2009 Results from the Regional Technological Skills Competition

Over 110 students, representing both the Upper Grand and the Wellington Catholic District School Boards, competed at the Regional Technological Skills Competition. Eighteen silver medals and 15 bronze medals were won by Upper Grand students and 27 students (both Upper Grand and Wellington Catholic) advanced to the qualifying round that was held at Georgian College in Barrie on April 18, 2009. Eighteen Upper Grand gold medal winners will be proceeding to the Ontario Technological Skills Competitions in Waterloo in May. More information will follow after the Technological Skills Competition next month.

Paul Scinocca, Manager of Capital and Renewal Projects

In addition to being named to the expert panel on Capital Construction Standards for the province, Mr. Paul Scinocca, the Board's Manager of Capital and Renewal Projects, has had an article ("Building and Teaching Environmental Education in the Upper Grand DSB") published in the Ontario Association of School Business Officials' The Advocate - Spring/Summer 2009. Copies of The Advocate were distributed.

AGENDA

Trustee Gohn moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, that the agenda be confirmed as printed with the recommendation under Item 14 - Student Trustees Appointment amended to delete clause (a).

The motion carried.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee Waterston, that the Minutes of the Board meeting held March 31, 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 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 Edwards moved, seconded by Trustee Busutil, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole, with the Chairperson presiding.

The motion carried.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Bailey moved that the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated April 7, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey moved adoption of recommendations 1 to 4 inclusive, as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated April 7, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

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K-6 Student Success Celebrations: An Update on Programs and Initiatives

That the presentation entitled, "K-6 Student Success Celebrations: An Update on Programs and Initiatives", be received as information.

Character Education

That the report on Character Education be received as information.

OPSBA Ad Hoc Committee on Technology in Schools April Presentation to the Board of Directors

That the report, OPSBA Ad Hoc Committee on Technology in Schools April Presentation to the Board of Directors, as presented by Trustee Mark Bailey, be received as information.

That the Student Trustee Report, as presented by Student Trustees Ciaschi and Redpath be received.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Waterston moved that the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated April 14, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Items 6 and 7 were considered previously in camera.

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of recommendations 1 to 5 inclusive, as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated April 14, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

Preliminary Teacher Staffing for 2009-2010 School Year

That:

- (a) the report entitled, "Preliminary Teacher Staffing for 2009-2010 School Year" dated 2009 04 14 be received,
- (b) based on the projected Elementary ADE of 19,998.5 and system needs a

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preliminary allocation of Elementary teaching staff for the 2009-2010 school year be set at 1186.7 FTE teachers, and

- (c) based on the projected Secondary ADE of 11,877.7 and system needs a preliminary allocation of Secondary teaching staff for the 2009-2010 school year be set at 772.3 FTE teachers.

Resignations and Retirements

That:

- (a) the report entitled, "Resignations and Retirements" dated April 14, 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 April 14 , 2009 (Appendix A and B).

That the verbal report on Health and Safety, as presented by Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, be received as information.

2009/2010 Development Area School Assignments

That:

- (a) memo PLN: 09-12, "2009/2010 Development Area School Assignments", dated April 14, 2009 be received, and
- (b) the changes to the Development Area School Assignments, as outlined in Appendices A and B in memo PLN: 09-12, "2009/2010 Development Area School Assignments" be approved for the 2009/2010 school year.

Elementary Identified Schools Report - 2009/2010

That the report PLN: 09-11, "Elementary Identified Schools Report - 2009/2010", dated April 14, 2009 be received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elementary Principal/Vice-Principal Eligibility Lists - 2009

Director of Education, Dr. M.C. Rogers announced that, earlier in the evening in camera, the following successful candidates were placed on the Elementary Principal/Vice-Principal Eligibility Lists - 2009:

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Elementary Principal Eligibility List

- Carrie Conrad
- Kimberly Dempsey-Jones
- Wendy Donaldson
- Brent Ellery
- Anita Lagundzija
- Tracey Lindsay
- Andy Pink
- Carlo Zen

Elementary Vice-Principal Eligibility List

- Lisa Doering
- Kathy Gossling-Spears
- Paul Huddleston
- Gillian Muir
- Sean Singh

Collective Agreements

Also, Director Rogers announced that, earlier in the evening in camera, Upper Grand District School Board ratified Agreements, effective to August 31, 2012 with its ETFO Upper Grand Elementary Teachers and Elementary Occasional Teachers, and with its Principals and Vice-Principals.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Minutes of 2009 04

Trustee Busuttill advised of the excellent presentations, at April's SEAC meeting, by KidsAbility Guelph-Wellington and Autism Ontario - Wellington County Chapter.

Trustee Busuttill moved that the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, dated 2009 04, be received.

The motion carried.

Appointment

Dr. M.C. Rogers, Director of Education, presented the following Parents for Children's Mental Health - Wellington appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee, for approval.

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Trustee Waterston moved that Kim Rees-Brenner, representing the Parents for Children's Mental Health - Wellington, be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the remainder of the four-year term ending November 30, 2010.

The motion carried.

CHAIRS' COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Edwards moved that the Minutes of the Chairs' Committee, dated April 14, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Edwards moved adoption of recommendations 1 and 2, as contained in the Minutes of the Chairs' Committee, dated April 14, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

That the Monthly Financial Statements as of March 31, 2009 be received.

That the voting delegate be empowered with full authority to act in the best interests of the Board, based on the outcome of discussions at the OPSBA AGM with respect to all voting on constitutional amendments and resolutions.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

On Trustees' desks this evening was a copy of a report entitled, "Resignations and Retirements" dated April 28, 2009.

Trustee Moziar moved that:

- (a) the report "Resignations and Retirements" dated April 28, 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 April 28, 2009 (Appendix A).

The motion carried.

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STUDENT TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT

Student Trustee Ciaschi advised that, at the Upper Grand District School Board's Regional Student Senate meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, the urban and the rural Student Trustees for 2009-2010 were appointed.

Trustee Waterston moved that Cassandra Cooper of Norwell D.S.S. and Alexandra Steau of John F. Ross C.V.I. be appointed as rural and urban Student Trustee respectively for the 2009-2010 school year effective August 1, 2009.

The motion carried.

Chair Borden asked Ms. Cooper and Ms. Steau to come forward and be welcomed by the Board. For the benefit of Trustees, Ms. Steau and Ms. Cooper repeated their addresses to the Student Senate as a Student Trustee candidate.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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

Trustee moved that the Board Correspondence Report dated April 28, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

In response to Trustee Moziar, Ms. B.L. Evans, Superintendent of Human Resources and Operations, provided a detailed report on the actions undertaken by Board staff in response to the recent swine flu outbreak.

Trustee Bailey expressed his appreciation to his colleagues for approving his attendance at the Parents and Communities as Partners, Engaging in School and Student Success Conference held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the Delta Guelph Hotel.

Trustee Busuttil provided an update on the French Immersion Program Committee meeting held at Erin D.H.S., Erin on Thursday, April 16, 2009, and on the Dufferin French Immersion Working Group meeting held at Princess Elizabeth Public School, Orangeville on Monday, April 27, 2009. Also, Trustee Busuttil advised that she

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was visiting schools and attending school council meetings.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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| Tuesday, May 5 | - | Ontario Technical Skills Competition, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Rim Park, Waterloo |
| Tuesday, May 5 | - | Capital Budget Workshop, 4:00 p.m. - Boardroom |
| Monday, May 11 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 1:00 p.m. - Room 1, Orangeville Education Centre |
| Monday, May 11 | - | Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), 7:00 p.m. - J.D. Hogarth Public School, Fergus |
| Tuesday, May 12 | - | Policy Management Committee (PMC), 3:00 p.m. - Boardroom |
| Tuesday, May 12 | - | Chairs' Committee, 5:00 p.m. - Boardroom |
| Wednesday, May 13 | - | Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom |
| Thursday, May 21 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m. - Wellington Heights S.S., Mount Forest |
| Thursday, May 21 | - | Upper Grand Learning Foundation, 5:15 p.m. - Location TBD |
| Tuesday, May 26 | - | Celebrations, 11:30 a.m. - River Run Centre, Guelph |
| Wednesday, May 27 | - | Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m. - Room 8 |
| Wednesday, May 27 | - | Everyday Hero Celebration, 7:00 p.m. - John F. Ross C.V.I., Guelph |
| Tuesday, June 16 | - | Education Development Charge Policy Review/EDC By-law and Background Study Public Meetings, 7:00 p.m. - Wellington County Council Chambers, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph |
| Monday, August 17 | - | Education Development Charge By-law Passage, 7:00 p.m. - Wellington County Council Chambers, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph |

**Education Week Official Opening
Monday, May 4, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Kortright Hills Public School, Guelph**

Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts

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**May 4-9, 2009 - 9:00-11:00 a.m./May 5 Evening Visual Arts Performance
Orangeville Baptist Church, Orangeville**

**Special Olympics
Wednesday, May 20, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.
St. James Catholic High School, Guelph**

Trustee Topping moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated April 28, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

REPORT TO BOARD

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

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

Trustee Bailey 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 Moziar moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close, at 7:45 p.m.

The motion carried.