

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

June 9, 2009

A special meeting of Upper Grand District School Board, notice of which was given on Thursday, June 4, 2009, was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2009, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive and consider a Delegation with regard to the Central Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review and the Update on the Central Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review in accordance with Board motion of 2009 05 26.

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

AGENDA

Trustee Borden moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey, that the agenda be confirmed as printed, and that Items 3 and 4 be considered in camera.

The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Borden, that the Board rise and sit in Committee of the Whole, in camera, with the Vice-Chair presiding.

The motion carried.

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Chair Borden welcomed the Delegation presenters. The procedures related to a Delegation presentation were previously outlined.

DELEGATION - CENTRAL GUELPH (FI) ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

On behalf of his wife, Trina, and as a parent of three students at John McCrae Public School, Mr. James Seguin expressed appreciation to the Board for deferring the motion to recommence the Central Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review, and provided the Board with further considerations to ensure a positive outcome for the Review.

Chair Borden thanked the delegation presenter and advised that a response would occur under the next agenda item - Update on the Central Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review.

UPDATE ON CENTRAL GUELPH (FI) ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

Trustee Waterston advised that the Guelph Trustees had had an opportunity to meet and work through the recommendations contained in the report entitled, "Update

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on the Central Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review" dated May 26, 2009. Appreciation was expressed for the input from staff who agreed to assist with the process and work over the summer in the preparation of a plan to go to the Accommodation Review Committee in September. Trustee Waterston noted that the recommendations reflected the move forward for September.

Trustee Best moved that the report entitled "update on the Central Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review", dated May 26, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey moved that the Board rescind the suspension of the CG (FI) ARC effective June 9, 2009.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved that the CG(FI)ARC establish a schedule of meetings, both working and public for Board approval in September 2009, that meet the Ministry guidelines and Board Policy, with the objective of recommendations being forwarded to the Board that allow for the initial implementation of changes effective September 2010.

The motion carried.

Trustee Topping moved that the Board direct the Program Department to provide a report reviewing our Board's current models for FI program delivery and providing any recommendations for changes/modifications.

The motion carried.

Trustee Busuttill moved that the Program Department provide a report responding to the concern of impacts on ESL learning in a dual track French-English school.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey moved that the members of the public be invited and encouraged to submit further ideas and suggestions to the CG(FI)ARC for consideration and analysis.

The motion carried.

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Trustee Moziar moved that the Board, through the Staff Steering Committee, clarify the intention of Review Goal #4 (to review programs and grade organizations in the schools under review) that was approved by the Board in Report #1.

The motion carried.

Trustee Waterston moved that the ARC and public be informed that schools may be considered in scenarios other than the original seven schools.

The motion carried.

Trustee Best moved that the CG (FI) ARC prioritize its working meetings to address the following question first:

- Location of the grade 7 & 8 French Immersion students, displaced by the reorganization of King George P.S., in one or more existing JK to 8 schools effective September 2010.

The motion carried.

Trustee Waterston moved that, once the ARC has explored whether or not the FI grades 7 & 8 can be accommodated in one existing or currently available site, the CG (FI) ARC be divided into two working subgroups (north/west and south) under the same leadership and with the same common goals.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey moved that the ARC fully report to school communities, through the Communications Officer, with messages that are uniform, consistent and prompt.

The motion carried.

Trustee Moziar moved that, as per Board motion of May 26, 2009, "That the Board confirm its commitment to developing programs in schools that are either JK-6 or JK-8, not 7/8 stand alone schools." (See report entitled "Upper Grand District School Board Elementary School Configuration, MCR: 09-027 dated April 28, 2009.)

The motion carried.

IN CAMERA RESUMING

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REPORT TO BOARD

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

The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS

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

The motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close, at 9:12 p.m.

The motion carried.