

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

September 29, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Upper Grand District School Board was held on Tuesday, September 29, 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 and Schieck.

OPENING PRAYER OR READING

Trustee Edwards delivered an inspirational reading.

CONDOLENCE REPORT

The Director reported that condolences were sent on behalf of the Board to Elaine Tuorila, a teacher at Mitchell Woods Public School, on the loss of her father; Jamie Richards, a teacher at Orangeville D.S.S., on the loss of his father; Barbara Cook, a teacher at College Heights Secondary School, on the loss of her father; Carol Bauer, a Speech-Language pathologist with Speech Language Services, on the loss of her father-in-law; Dave Euale, recently retired Superintendent of Education, on the loss of his mother-in-law; Bonnie Evans, Superintendent on assignment, and Bill Blackie, retired Superintendent of Human Resources on the loss of their mother-in-law and grandmother to Hayley Yost, a teacher at John F. Ross C.V.I.; Lynn Yake, an Academic Resource Teacher at Grand Valley & District P.S. on the loss of her father; and Connor Ferguson, a student at Orangeville D.S.S. on the tragic loss of his parents.

GOOD NEWS

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

Heart & Stroke Foundation

This year the Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart events in the Wellington Dufferin Regions raised over \$258,000.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The schools of Upper Grand District School Board collectively raised over \$185,000.00. Congratulations were extended to everyone who participated. The top five Jump Rope for Heart fundraising schools in the board as well as their event coordinators are as follows:

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<u>School</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Amount Raised</u>
Brisbane P.S.	Carol Davison	\$13,462.00
John McCrae P.S.	Hayden Plawiuk	\$12,474.00
Sir Isaac Brock P.S.	Terry Reeds	\$10,895.00
Kortright Hills P.S.	Marni Reijmers	\$10,509.00
Rockwood Centennial P.S.	Karen Noel	\$10,426.00

Elementary Teachers: Federation of Ontario

Congratulations were extended to Doug Cook, Chief Negotiator/Staff Officer for the Upper Grand ETFO Teachers' Local who was recently elected to the position of Executive member of the provincial Executive of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario for 2009-11.

Centre Dufferin D.H.S.

Congratulations were extended to Centre Dufferin D.H.S. for receiving recognition from the Prime Minister. The school received the Quality Daily Physical Education School recognition Award, presented by Physical and AHealth Education Canada. This is the third year in a row that Centre Dufferin has received this recognition.

Mitchell Wood P.S.

During the 2008/09 school year, Mitchell Woods' student council set out to raise \$4,000 for the ARTI Tanzania Foundation. ARTI is a group that is leading in research to provide cheap, re-usable and efficient energy sources for struggling communities. One of their projects is to install "Biogas Generators." These generators run on food waste, and, using animal bacteria, turn the waste into gas that can be used to provide power. Mitchell Woods P.S. raised enough money to purchase and install one of these generators in the Dogo Dogo Centre in Tanzania. It was installed on July 11th and is now fully operational.

Centre Wellington D.H.S. - The Fourth Annual Global Youth Summit

The British Council is a quasi-autonomous organization, funded by the British Government, and is described as "the United Kingdom's international organization for cultural relations and educational opportunities". They have offices in 110 countries, and work with the governments of these countries on issues such as climate change, youth empowerment, and education.

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In 2007, the "Global Changemakers" program was founded by British Council Switzerland as a tool to empower and mobilize youth activists from around the world. The patron of the program is Gordon Brown – the United Kingdom's Prime Minister. Every year, 60 new Changemakers are initiated into the program from around the world, earning the title "Global Changemaker" to describe their membership in a select group of international activists whose achievements are recognized by the British Council. These 60 youth activists are brought together in London, England for a week to participate in the Global Youth Summit. The youth meet with world experts, politicians, and other policy makers to debate various world issues. During the last few days, the group is divided into ten groups of six, and these sub groups are given extended periods of time to create a plan to address major world issues, such as education, along with the experts at the conference. At the end of the conference, each sub-group presents their solution to the greater group, and then each member of the greater group casts a ballot to vote for which group is most worthy to represent the Global Changemakers at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland. According to the website: "A Changemaker is a young activist operating through a range of national and international networks, who is able to influence his or her community as well as speak to authority with confidence and passion. Changemakers are not afraid to challenge either accepted ways of thinking or their convictions. Changemakers are forward looking, they take ideas and put them into practice." This year, the program received a record number of applicants – over 1100 from around the world. Nishin Nathwani from Centre Wellington D.H.S. was one of the three activists selected to represent North America at the Global Youth Summit in London from November 15 – 22. All of his expenses will be covered by the British Council, since he is now a Global Changemaker. Congratulation were extended to Nishin.

AGENDA

Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Edwards, 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 Gohn, that the Minutes of the Board meeting held, August 25, 2009 and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole

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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 Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Topping, 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 September 15, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Bailey moved the adoption of recommendations, as contained in the Minutes of the Program Committee, dated September 15, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

THAT

- (a) the report entitled "Pandemic Response Plan for (H1N1) 2009," dated 2009 09 15 be received.
- (b) the verbal report regarding Elementary Staffing be received.
- (c) the verbal OPSBA report be received.
- (d) the verbal Student Trustee report be received.

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- (e) the report entitled, "2008-09 EQAO Primary and Junior Assessment of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics," dated September 15, 2009, be received.
- (f) the report entitled "2008-2009 Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics," dated September 15, 2009, be received.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Waterston moved that the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated September 22, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Waterston moved adoption of recommendations as contained in the Minutes of the Business Operations Committee, dated September 22, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows:

1. THAT
 - a) the report entitled, "Resignations and Retirements" dated September 22, 2009 be received
 - b) the Board approve the decisions of the Executive Officer of Human Resources as outlined in the report entitled, "Resignations and Retirements" dated September 22, 2009 (Appendix A and B).
2. THAT the verbal report on Health and Safety, as presented by Ms. J. L. Rose, Executive Officer of Human Resources, be received as information.
3. THAT
 - a) the report entitled PLN:09-22 "Central Guelph (FI) Elementary Accommodation Review – Work Plan Proposal (September 2009-June 2010)," dated September 22, 2009 be received.
 - b) the Central Guelph (FI) Review Work Plan as outlined in Appendix A of PLN: 09-22, dated September 22, 2009 be approved as the process to be used for the completion of the Central Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review by June 2010.
 - c) the Communication Process outlined in Appendix B of PLN: 09-22, dated September 22, 2009 be approved as the process for receiving public input on the review as well as input on new scenario options.

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- d) the Central Guelph (FI) Accommodation Review Roles and Responsibilities outlined in Appendix C of PLN: 09-22, dated September 22, 2009 be approved as the process to be used to guide the activities of the various participants in the review process.
- 4. THAT the report entitled, "2008-2009 Budget: Preliminary Comparison of Actual vs. Budget for the Three-Month Period Ending August 31, 2009," dated September 22, 2009 (Finance #2009-22) be received.
- 5. THAT the report "Access Upper Grand – Annual Accessibility Plan of the Upper Grand District School Board 2009-2010," dated September 22, 2009 be received.
- 6. THAT the verbal report on the City of Guelph Composting Program be received.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Busuttil moved that the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, dated September 9, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Busuttil moved adoption of recommendations as contained in the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, dated September 9, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows.

- 1. THAT
 - (a) the Special Education Plan – July 2009 be approved; and
 - (b) the Special Education Advisory Committee Report (Appendix 3 in the Special Education Plan, July 2009) be approved.

The motion carried

POLICY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Gohn moved that the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated September 15, 2009, be received and considered.

The motion carried.

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Trustee Gohn moved adoption of recommendations as contained in the Minutes of the Policy Management Committee, dated September 15 , 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows:

1. THAT
 - (a) Policy 211, Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, be approved.
 - (b) the development of Policy 707, Reimbursement of Trustee Expenses, be referred to the Chairs' Committee, which will report back to PMC on the status of the policy development

CHAIRS' COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Edwards moved that the Minutes of the Chairs' Committee, dated September 22, 2009 be received and considered.

The motion carried.

Trustee Edwards moved adoption of recommendations as contained in the Minutes of the Chairs' Committee, dated September 22, 2009.

The motion carried.

The recommendations adopted are as follows:

1. THAT the Monthly Financial Statements as of September 17, 2009, be received

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS - Nil

WESTMINSTER WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Westminster Woods Public School Project Approval Report, Construction Tender and Final Project budget were previously addressed in camera. It was announced that the project was awarded to the low tenderer, Devlan Construction Ltd. The school has a total project budget of \$7,384,445.65.

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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

Trustee Gohn moved that the Board Correspondence Report dated September 29, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

TRUSTEE QUESTIONS AND REPORTS

Trustee Bailey reported that World Teachers' Day is observed world wide on October 5th and provides the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to teachers. He highlighted the value and importance of teachers in preparing our youth for the challenging and changing world they will face as adults.

Trustee Gohn moved that the Board receive the report as presented by Trustee Bailey and that his statement be posted on the Board's website and circulated throughout the system to all teachers and other staff.

The motion carried.

World Mental Health Day Initiative

Trustee Busuttill reported that she and Trustee Moziar will attend the Mayor's Initiative for World Mental Health Day on October 8, 2009.

Nestle Water

Trustee Busuttill reported she attended an informative Open House and tour at Nestle Water on September 26, 2009. Information packages were provided and are being forwarded to appropriate Board staff for further distribution. The information will also be shared with the student Trustees.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The list of dates for the Principal and Vice Principal Selection Committee for October and the list of dates for the Central Guelph Accommodation Review meetings and Public Workshops were distributed at the meeting.

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- Thursday, October 1, 2009 - Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m., Centre Peel
- Wednesday, October 7, 2009 - Central Guelph Accommodation Review, Public Workshop #1, 7:00 p.m., College Heights Secondary School
- Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - Property Disposition, 3:00 p.m. – Room 9
- Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - Audit Committee, 4:00 p.m. – Room 8
- Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - Chair's Committee, 5:00 p.m. – Boardroom
- Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), 7:00 p.m., Boardroom
- Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m. – Room 4
- Monday, October 19, 2009 - Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 1:00 p.m., Orangeville
- Monday, October 19, 2009 - Central Guelph Accommodation Review, Public Workshop #2, 7:00 p.m., College Heights Secondary School
- Monday, October 26, 2009 - Central Guelph Accommodation Review, 7:00 p.m., Edward Johnson Public School
- Monday, October 26, 2009 - East Wellington French Immersion Review Library Seminar Room, Centre 2000, Erin, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29, 2009 - Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils (SALEP), 9:30 a.m., Wellington Heights
- Thursday, October 29, 2009 - Central Guelph Accommodation Review Committee meeting, Victory School, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 1, 2009
 District-Wide School Councils' Workshop
 John F. Ross C.V.I., 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3, 2009
 125th Anniversary of Orangeville D.S.S., 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
 Official Re-opening of John McRae P.S.

Wednesday, November 4, 2009
 District-Wide Parenting Workshop
 John F. Ross C.V.I., 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Trustee Bailey moved that the schedule for Board and Standing Coming meeting for October be approved as follows:

Program Committee Meeting	-	Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Business Operations Committee Meeting	-	Tuesday, October 13, 2009
Regular Board Meeting	-	Tuesday, October 27, 2009

The motion carried.

Trustee Busutil moved that the Dates of Future Meetings dated September 29, 2009 be received.

The motion carried.

REPORT TO BOARD

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

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Edwards moved, seconded by Trustee Bailey that the Board adjourn and this meeting now close, at 7:30 p.m.

The motion carried.