

UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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The Program Committee of Upper Grand District School Board met on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, in the Boardroom at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Moziar presided, and the following Trustees were present: Bailey, Borden, Busuttill, Cooper, Fairbairn, Gohn, Schieck, and Topping along with Student Trustees MacDougall and Sampson. Present from the Administration was Director of Education Dr. M. Rogers, Principal of Program Talbot, and Chief Information Officer J. Shanks, along with Superintendents Benallick, Boswell, Fyfe, Kelly, and Wright.

AGENDA

Trustee Bailey moved that the Agenda be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Topping moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 be approved as printed.

The motion carried.

WELLINGTON-DUFFERIN-GUELPH YOUTH SURVEY

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit Liaison Glenna Rogers and Health Unit Report Card Co-ordinator Mellissa Potwarka introduced the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Youth Survey. The function of the survey is to collect feedback from Grade 7 and Grade 10 Upper Grand and Wellington Catholic District School Board students regarding physical activity, eating habits, school involvement, and family/friends time. Developed by the Halton "Our Kids Network", the survey builds on the Children's Charter of Human Rights and Freedom. Participation is voluntary and done with complete anonymity. Results will be used to support the health and well-being of children in the community. The online survey will be introduced in two phases (fall and spring) during the 2011-2012 school year. Anticipation of administering the survey every three years will help track information over time.

RECOMMENDATION #1

Trustee Bailey moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled, "Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Youth Survey" be received.

The motion carried.

BUILDING OUR WALLED GARDEN: SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGY

Information Technology & Communications Support Teacher Bill MacKenzie, along with e-Learning Contact Steve Wynen, provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, “21st Century Learning - A Walled Garden Approach – Upper Grand District School Board”. In collaboration with the Board’s Information Technology Department, the project provides useful technological tools and resources to students within a safe environment. Mr. Wynen highlighted the e-Learning “wall” and displayed credit, course, and student growth graphs over a four-year period. The second “wall”, UG2GO, ensures that student learning material is available and downloadable anywhere in the world at anytime. The third “wall” offers Ministry resources for teachers, parents, and students including the Ontario Education Resource Bank (OERB), eTextbook for credit recovery, Learn360 educational videos, and the Homework Help program. Graphs indicated OERB usage has doubled over the last year. The fourth “wall” was explained by Mr. MacKenzie as the Cloud Computing wall. This new pilot allows students, in the classroom, to safely engage online using their own devices. Westminster Woods teacher Chris Popofski, described how he has used the program to create a paperless classroom. Assignments and tests are created and shared with students and returned to the teacher electronically in a secured environment. Mr. MacKenzie concluded by noting that strategies are being developed to ensure proper equity among students.

RECOMMENDATION #2

Trustee Busuttill moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the presentation entitled, “Building our Walled Garden: Supporting Student Learning with Technology”, be received.

The motion carried.

OPSBA REPORT

Trustee Bailey reviewed the OPSBA Board of Directors’ meeting held September 23 - 24, 2011. A presentation from OSTA-AECO included a promotion of the Student charter on Children and Youth Mental Health and plans for the October 18, 2011 release of results of the student and parent survey conducted at the end of the last school year. The organization held a Summit in June of this year, attended by Trustees Bailey and Fairbairn. The Summit will be an annual event. Other highlights of the meeting included discussions on labour relations, PPM 150 – School Food and Beverage Policy, Health and Safety, and the Regulation on Code of Conduct for Trustees. Trustee Bailey reviewed the distributed handouts entitled, “Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) Report to the Board”, “Benefits of OPSBA Membership” and “School Energy Coalition (SEC) Summary Status Report”.

RECOMMENDATION #3

Trustee Busutil moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the verbal OPSBA report be received.

The motion carried.

REPORT FROM STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student Trustees MacDougall and Sampson reported on the first Student Senate meeting held September 20, 2011, with 20 students in attendance. The agenda included roles, goals, and expectations of the Student Trustee, along with current initiatives, promotional ideas and the food and nutrition policy. The next Student Senate meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the Board Office.

RECOMMENDATION #4

Trustee Schieck moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the Student Trustee presentation be received.

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Busutil moved that this Committee adjourn at 9:00 p.m. to report to the Board.

The motion carried.