

January 10, 2012
Regular Meeting of the Board:ma

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held in the Board Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Steve Kavanagh
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Stan Cameron	Brad MacDonald
Beryl Ford	Harinder Malhi
David Green	Jeff White
Meredith Johnson	Rick Williams

Student Trustees:

Shivani Shah, Student Trustee North
May Zou, Student Trustee South

Administration:

Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Coordinating Superintendent
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services.
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell, Superintendent of Education, Continuing and Adult Education
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services

Administration (Continued):

Marion Smith, Executive Assistant
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education
Pam Tomasevic, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Laura Williams, Chief Information Officer
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

The Open Session commenced with the singing of O'Canada.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 3.1 Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (Annual Planning Document, November 21, 2011) (replacement page circulated)
- Item 6.1 a) Retirements (addendum circulated)
- Item 10.3 a) Consolidated Financial Statements as at August 31, 2011 (added)
(Item 10.3 was renumbered as Item 10.3 b)

Resolution No. 12-21 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the agenda be approved, as amended.

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

- 4. Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (Annual Planning Document), November 21, 2011**
Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board, December 1, 2011
Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board, December 1, 2011
Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Board, December 1, 2011
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, December 13, 2011

Resolution No. 12-22

moved by Jeff White
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (Annual Planning Document), held November 21, 2011, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board, held December 1, 2011, be approved;
3. That, the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board, held December 1, 2011, be approved;
4. That, the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Board, held December 1, 2011, be approved;
5. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held December 13, 2011, be approved.

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5. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

6. Petition

Trustee Malhi delivered a petition signed by 259 parents from the Vales South Fairlawn community, opposing the proposed boundary change for Mount Royal Public School, and requesting that the new school be built prior to implementation of the proposed boundary change. The petition also requests an enrolment cap at Mount Royal Public School to accommodate current enrolment needs, and for arrangements to be made to accommodate enrolment from the new developments at a temporary holding site.

7. Special Section for Approval

1. Retirements

Resolution No. 12-23 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the following retirements, be approved:

- Arlene Apramian, Teacher, effective November 30, 2011
- Lorna Boyer, Office Clerk - Library, effective January 16, 2012
- Iqbal Gill, Teacher, effective February 24, 2012
- Denis Green, School Attendant, effective February 19, 2012
- Mary Hurst, School Attendant, effective December 30, 2011
- Stanislawa Kozdra, School Attendant, effective January 2, 2012
- Kenneth Logan, Teacher, effective January 31, 2012
- Bonnie McCabe, Teaching Assistant, effective January 9, 2012
- Douglas McKeen, Teacher, effective January 31, 2012
- Christine Nightingale, Teacher, effective January 31, 2012
- Giulio Puopolo, Teacher, effective January 31, 2012
- Nicholas Rogers, Teacher, effective January 31, 2012
- Crocetta Sikorski, Teacher, effective January 31, 2012
- Philip Wilson, Electrician, effective December 31, 2011
- Lynn Boulianne, Vice Principal, effective March 31, 2012

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8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 12-24 moved by Meredith Johnson
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Letter from the Minister of Education in response to the Chair's letter providing feedback on the draft Fundraising Guideline
2. Letter from UNICEF Canada to the Chair re Peel DSB's support of UNICEF's work in the Horn of Africa
3. Letter of Appreciation from the Friends of the Schoolhouse re assistance provided for their three major events

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8. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

Commenting on item 8.2, a trustee commended the Board's staff and students on the significant support provided for UNICEF's life-saving work in the Horn of Africa, and he expressed the hope that the good work continues in making a difference for children in need.

Referring to item 8.3, Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for the assistance provided to the Friends of the Schoolhouse, and requested that these sentiments be conveyed to the Board's maintenance staff.

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Resolution No. 12-24

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9. Delegation by Randy O'Malley and Helen O'Malley re Naming of Janet I. McDougald Public School

Randall O'Malley, parent of a Grade 4 student at Janet I. McDougald Public School, addressed the Board from a prepared brief, copy of which was subsequently provided. He expressed indignation at the renaming of Hartsdale Avenue Public School during the school year to Janet I. McDougald Public School, which, he indicated, did not benefit any of the major stakeholders who are the students, staff, and surrounding community.

Randall O'Malley commented on the private voting process, which, he stated, is counter to established guidelines. In his opinion, the process should have been open and inclusive, as school names are important and contribute to the identity of the student, and working in partnership with the school councils.

Chair McDougald advised Randall O'Malley that there would be a written response to his delegation at the next Regular Meeting of the Board on January 24, 2012.

10. Delegation by Michael Lucid re Process for Renaming Schools

Michael Lucid was not present to delegate.

11. Delegation by Navneet Bedi re Proposed Boundary Change for Mount Royal Public School and the Boundary for the New School on the Vales South Fairlawn Site

Navneet Bedi, whose children attend Mount Royal Public School, addressed the Board from speaking notes that were provided earlier. He indicated that Board staff held a consultation meeting with the community on November 30, 2011, to address over-crowding issues at Mount Royal Public School, and noted that the proposal to amend the current boundary and establish a new school at the Vales South Fairlawn site was made known to the community at this meeting.

11. Delegation by Navneet Bedi re Proposed Boundary Change for Mount Royal Public School and the Boundary for the New School on the Vales South Fairlawn Site
(Continued)

With an on screen presentation of maps outlining school location and boundaries, Navneet Bedi, spoke about the resultant difficulties the community would face in the event the proposed boundary change is implemented. Mentioning that the new site will not be ready for September 2012 occupation, he noted the administration's recommendation to house affected students at the James Grieve Public School in Caledon, until the Vales South Fairlawn site is ready. Navneet Bedi recalled assurances provided to home-owners in the Crystal Hill area that Mount Royal Public School would be their permanent school, and noted that this would be the second boundary change for home-owners in Rubysilver Drive and Hollowgrove Boulevard.

In an effort to work out a reasonable arrangement, Navneet Bedi advised that the community would like the Board to reconsider its decision. The delegation requested the following: that an enrolment cap be established at Mount Royal Public School; that the students from the new developments be directed to the holding school; that the new Vales South Fairlawn site be developed by September 2013, prior to amendment of the current Mount Royal boundary.

The delegation then responded to questions of clarification from Board Members.

Chair McDougald advised Navneet Bedi that there would be a written response to his delegation at the next Regular Meeting of the Board on January 24, 2012.

12. Delegation by Navneet Sidhu, Heart Lake Secondary School re Under Representation of Minorities in Education

Navneet Sidhu was not present to delegate.

13. Delegation by Donald Barber re Cost of Building and Renaming Janet I. McDougald Public School

Donald Barber addressed the Board from speaking notes which were subsequently provided to the administration. He referred to the renaming of the school to Janet I. McDougald Public School as a waste of taxpayer money and a bad decision by the Peel District School Board. Donald Barber recalled his years as a student at Lyndwood Public School and spoke about the architecture of the building, the inspiring atmosphere created by the cedar beams used in the ceiling of the school, and a plan to save some of the wood during demolition for use as a memoir on one wall of the newly constructed school. Donald Barber commented that the sale of cedar planks would have fetched a significant price. He concluded his delegation by noting that he has some of this wood and could discuss how to use it, subject to certain terms.

Chair McDougald advised Donald Barber that a response would be provided to his delegation at the next Regular Meeting of the Board on January 24, 2012.

14. Response to Delegation of Catherine Soplet re the Mississauga Summit

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on December 13, 2011, Catherine Soplet delegated the Board regarding the Mississauga Summit 2011.

Resolution No. 12-25 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the Response to Delegation of Catherine Soplet re the Mississauga Summit, be received.

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15. Interim Response to Delegation of Mahzulfah Uppal, Varinder Sharma and Raj Anand re the Boundary for Castlebrooke Secondary School

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on December 13, 2011, Mahzulfah Uppal, Varinder Sharma and Raj Anand delegated the Board regarding the boundary for Castlebrooke Secondary School. Chair McDougald noted that the interim response to the delegation was communicated prior to the Board's winter break, and she stated that the proposed boundary will be reviewed at the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting on January 11, 2012.

Resolution No. 12-26 moved by Harinder Malhi
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Interim Response to Delegation of Mahzulfah Uppal, Varinder Sharma and Raj Anand re the Boundary for Castlebrooke Secondary School, be received.

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16. Borrowing Resolution for School Board Current Expenditures

Resolution No. 12-27 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Whereas the Peel District School Board (hereinafter called the "Board") finds it necessary to borrow to meet the ongoing expenditures from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 until the current revenue has been received;

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18. Working Fund Reserve Transfers for 2010 – 2011 Year End

Associate Director Kisko, indicated that the information contained in the above-referred report relates to transfers to various reserve accounts. She provided details of the transfers to the Dedicated Working Fund Reserve for school budget rollovers, Short Term Professional Development funds, and committed operational projects.

Resolution No. 12-29 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved:

1. That, a transfer of \$221,700 from the Working Fund Reserve, be approved.
2. That, a transfer to a Dedicated Working Fund Reserve at August 31, 2011 be approved as follows:
 - a) school and school support consumable funds in the amount of \$1,626,836
 - b) Short Term Professional Development funds in the amount of \$1,303,025
 - c) miscellaneous operational funds in the amount of \$2,137,987.
3. That, funds of \$1,400,346 required to meet Peel’s obligations under the Provincial Framework Agreement be transferred to a Dedicated Working Fund Reserve at August 31, 2011.
4. That, the Dedicated Working Fund Reserve amounts, identified in recommendations 2 and 3, be transferred and used to offset the applicable operational costs in 2011-2012.

(APPENDIX II)

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19. First Quarterly Financial Reports as at November 30, 2011

Associate Director Kisko indicated that first quarter expenses are on track, and noted that the next quarterly financial report will provide details of end-year expectation. In response to a comment on the format and presentation of the financial reports, Associate Director Kisko advised that the intent is to provide succinct reports.

Chair McDougald asked about a report sent to trustees regarding in-year Ministry funding, and whether these funds are tracked in relation to what other school boards receive. In response, Associate Director Kisko referred to the Report on Special Grants which outlines expenses to-date and the balance as at November 30, 2011.

A trustee asked about the operating expense budget for “Decommissioning Wireless Towers.” Associate Director Kisko will have this reviewed and the details provided.

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19. First Quarterly Financial Reports as at November 30, 2011 (Continued)

Resolution No. 12-30 moved by David Green
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved, that the First Quarterly Financial Reports as at November 30, 2011, be received.

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20. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 12-31 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Jeff White

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 23, No. 33

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21. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils / Associations

Trustee Green reported that the Brampton Safe City Association extends thanks and appreciation to the Board for cooperatively working with the Association to implement the safety program in schools.

22. Question Period

There were no questions.

23. Public Question Period

Helen O'Malley, whose child attends Janet I. McDougald Public School, asked how students benefit from renaming a school in the middle of the school year, and whether the community was represented during the renaming process. Chair McDougald responded.

24. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 12-32 moved by David Green
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), December 13, 2011; Interim Report of the Working Group on Electronic Agendas (oral report); Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), December 1, 2011; Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board (In Committee), December 9, 2011; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), December 13, 2011; Recommendations of the Audit Committee, December 13, 2011; Appointments; Retirements, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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25. Adjournment

Resolution No. 12-33 moved by Meredith Johnson
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:00 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – JANUARY 10, 2012

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Stan Cameron
Beryl Ford
David Green
Meredith Johnson

Steve Kavanagh
Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White
Rick Williams

PART A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A),
December 13, 2011**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held December 13, 2011, be approved.

3. Interim Report of the Working Group on Electronic Agendas

That, the oral Interim Report of the Working Group on Electronic Agendas, be received.

PART B (Not Including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved, as amended.

**2. Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
December 1, 2011
Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board (In Committee),
December 9, 2011
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
December 13, 2011**

1. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held December 1, 2011, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board (In Committee), held December 9, 2011, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held December 13, 2011, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Audit Committee, December 13, 2011

That, the following recommendations resulting from the Audit Committee meeting, held December 13, 2011, be approved:

1) Audit Committee Report for 2010-2011 for Ministry of Education Submission

That, the Audit Committee Report for 2010-2011, which has been approved by the Audit Committee, be submitted by the Board to the Ministry of Education (Appendix I, as attached to the Audit Committee Minutes).

2) Draft Consolidated Financial Statements, August 31, 2011

The Audit Committee received the Draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2011, and recommends that the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2011 be submitted for approval.

3) Annual Report to the Board of Trustees for 2010-2011

The Audit Committee approved its Annual Report for 2010-2011, which is presented to the Board for receipt (Appendix II, as attached to the Audit Committee Minutes).

4) Reports / Information Received

Audit Committee Work Plan; Ministry's Revised Compliance Checklist; Audit Findings Report for the year ended August 31, 2011; Ministry Enrolment Audit (oral).

4. Appointments

That, the report of appointments of long term occasional teaching staff (Appendix I), be approved.

5. Retirements

That, the reports of retirement of staff, be received.