

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board, held in the Board Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 18:15 hours.

Members present:

David Green, Chair
Beryl Ford
Sue Lawton
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White

Also present:

Meredith Johnson
Brad MacDonald
Janet McDougald
Suzanne Nurse
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

Steve Kavanagh

Administration:

Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services
(Executive Member)
Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services
Jaspal Gill, Controller, Facilities Support Services
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Jane Mason, Advisor to Director's Office
Scott Moreash, Coordinating Superintendent
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Marion Smith, Executive Assistant
Pam Tomasevic, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 7.3 Late Request to Delegate: Shan Peruma re Proposed School Closures (circulated)
- Item 9.2 a) Infill Development Application – City of Mississauga (added)
- Item 9.6 Review of Castlebrooke Secondary School Boundary (added)

PB-01, moved by Rick Williams, that the agenda be approved, as amended.

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(2/3rds' majority)

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Delegation by Richard Barter re Proposed School Closures

Richard Barter, whose two children attend Hillside Middle School and Clarkson Secondary School, respectively, addressed the Board from speaking notes, which were subsequently handed over to the administration. Using a slide presentation, he provided background details of the three schools in his community, Willowglen and Elmcrest Public Schools, and Hillside Middle School, including their location, busing radius, and proximity to services in the community. He outlined the attributes of Hillside Middle School and spoke positively of the staff report confirming the City of Mississauga's intent to work with the Board for a land swap at Hillside Middle School to create a park.

Richard Barter, acknowledged the time and effort invested by the Accommodation Review Committee in arriving at what it felt was the best solution for the community. He noted the closure of two out of three schools and asked that the Board consider integrating as many of the teaching staff at Elmcrest and Willow Glen Public Schools into the amalgamated Hillside Middle School. He indicated that this would provide continuity for the younger children who have a bond with their homeroom teachers. Richard Barter also outlined the community's request for a renovated and technologically-modern school to be built, which would include some aspect of regional programming.

Chair Green thanked Richard Barter for his delegation and advised him that the recommendation will be reviewed at the Regular Meeting of the Board on January 24, 2012, after which a written response will be provided.

4. Delegation by Trudi Hopper-Frise re Proposed School Closures

Trudi Hopper-Frise, whose children attend Pheasant Run Public School, delegated the Board from a prepared brief, that was subsequently handed over to the administration. Expressing disappointment on behalf of community members at the proposed school closures, Trudi Hopper-Frise requested the Board not to proceed with the Accommodation Review Committee's (ARC) recommendations for school closures, due to a variety of reasons, including: 90% of the Pheasant Run Public School children walk to school, which is healthy; closing a neighbourhood school has repercussions on the community in terms of the loss of lasting friendships, reduced support and connection within the community; decrease in the value of homes.

Trudi Hopper-Frise spoke about the ARC meetings that parents and community members attended, and she expressed disappointment that, while improved programming and after-school activities were mentioned, the community was provided with no examples. She also commented that, although the community articulated their opinions and ideas at the ARC meetings, there was no follow up at subsequent meetings, which created a feeling within the community of not being heard. Trudi Hopper-Frise also spoke about the various extra-curricular activities that the students of Pheasant Run Public School participate in currently, and how that participation may be limited, in a larger school.

4. Delegation by Trudi Hopper-Frise re Proposed School Closures (Continued)

In conclusion, Trudi Hopper-Frise requested the Board to explain how the school's closure would provide improved programming and value to the current students of Pheasant Run Public School.

Thanking Trudi Hopper-Frise for her delegation, Chair Green indicated that the recommendation will be reviewed at the Regular Meeting of the Board on January 24, 2012, after which a written response will be provided.

5. Delegation by Shan Peruma re Proposed School Closures

Shan Peruma delegated the Board from a prepared brief which he later handed over to the administration. He spoke about the choices parents make for their children to attend a local school within walking distance of their homes. Shan Peruma expressed the opinion that the Board had not considered the needs of the community. He spoke about the repercussions of the school closures, especially on special needs children. He also asked why it is feasible to purchase land for Hillside Middle School and not for Elmcrest Public School.

Shan Peruma requested the Board to report the costs for renovations, selling or purchasing of properties involved in the ARC's recommendations, and he concluded his delegation by asking the Board to reconsider the proposed closure of schools.

Chair Green thanked Shan Peruma for his delegation and indicated that a written response will be provided after a review of the recommendation at the Regular Meeting of the Board on January 24, 2012,

6. Clarkson / Erindale Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Report

Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Carla Kisko reported that, in the November 2010 Annual Planning Document, the Board approved a recommendation to create an accommodation review for the Clarkson/Erindale area in accordance with Board Policy # 45 and the Board's Operating Procedure on Consolidation of School Accommodation. One or more schools were operating at less than 60% capacity and statistics showed a decline in enrolment trends in the area. She indicated that the Committee presented its report on October 14, 2011.

Associate Director Kisko thanked all the Committee members for their time and involvement in the accommodation review process. She also thanked Jane Mason, Chair of the Accommodation Review Committee, Paul Mountford, the Board's Intermediate Planning Officer, Dana Guterres, Planning Officer, Steve Hare, Planning Manager, and staff of the Planning Department for their contributions.

Jane Mason, Chair of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC), presented the final report on behalf of the Committee, indicating that the presentation would focus on the review and analysis process leading up to the recommendations contained in the report. She acknowledged and thanked members of the ARC and Trustee Brad MacDonald for the time and effort spent in the review process.

6. Clarkson / Erindale Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Report (Continued)

Noting that the ARC met twelve times and held four public meetings, Jane Mason remarked that a considerable amount of data was analyzed, keeping in mind the ARC's mandate of consensus-building, decision-making and community consultation, to develop creative and community-driven solutions for maximizing student learning with the resources available to Peel. Jane Mason described the process which highlighted site visits and analyses, and review of school enrolments. She indicated that a better understanding of school timetabling and curriculum, staffing, and teaching and learning experiences for students, enabled the ARC to generate many different scenarios and options, later narrowed down to consolidation at five schools. Jane Mason acknowledged the work of Craig Metcalfe, a parent representative of King's Masting Public School, for his assistance with "builder tool" that enabled the community view the different scenarios for a better understanding. She noted that Board staff met with the City of Mississauga and professional architects for additional information regarding the feasibility of all ten individual school sites. Indicating that the report provides information on those sites, Jane Mason also spoke about which schools will require significant improvements and renovations. She noted that in making its recommendations, the ARC members were guided by many factors, including the four principals of the Valuation Framework: Value to the Student, Value to the Board, Value to the Community, Value to the Economy. The ARC determined that of the ten schools in the review area, projected enrolment would sustain five schools, and that the closure of five schools will reduce operational and administration expenses. Proceeds from the disposition of the five sites will provide funding for retrofits and renovations for the remaining five sites.

The recommendations of the ARC were highlighted by Jane Mason, including: Ashgrove and Garthwood Park Public Schools be consolidated at Garthwood Park Public School as a K-5 school; Pheasant Run and Sawmill Valley Public Schools be consolidated at Sawmill Valley Public School as a K-5 school; King's Masting and Brookmede Public Schools be consolidated at Brookmede Public School as a K-5 school; Grades 6-8 students living within the boundaries of the current Ashgrove, Brookmede, Garthwood, King's Masting, Pheasant Run and Sawmill Valley Public Schools be directed to attend Erin Mills Middle School (students in these schools, not currently attending Erin Mills Middle School for Grades 6-8 be phased in, as appropriate); Elmcrest and Willow Glen Public Schools and Hillside Middle School be consolidated at Hillside Middle School as a K-8 school.

In response to the trustee's question regarding program choices, Jane Mason explained that, for programs such as Arts, Music and Physical Education at the middle school level, higher enrolment provides opportunity to bring in specialized teaching expertise, and more student program choices.

Chair Green thanked all members of the ARC for the extensive time and effort spent in arriving at the recommendations.

PB-02, moved by Brad MacDonald, that the report re Clarkson / Erindale Accommodation Review Committee (ARC), be received.

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7. Clarkson / Erindale Accommodation Review Staff Report

Associate Director Kisko reported that Planning Staff independently reviewed the ARC report guided by the four principles of the Valuation Framework: Value to the Student, Value to the Board, Value to the Community, Value to the Economy. They developed their recommendations based on the following criteria: whether additional enrolment at the consolidated site would enrich instructional programs, course offerings, the availability of specialized teaching, and extracurricular activities; sufficient land at the school site to accommodate additions, parking, play space, and kiss 'n ride; even distribution of schools throughout the community, to maximize the number of walking students and minimize major road crossings; building condition; estimated cost for required improvements at the consolidated sites; consistency of consolidation with enrolment in the area. It was noted that reports from Statistics Canada, and projections provided by the City of Mississauga, forecast a continued decline in the population of school-aged children in the area. Considering these factors and examining the ARC's selected options, Associate Director Kisko reported that staff support the recommendations of the ARC, and recommend formation of an Implementation Committee, comprised of Board staff, to prepare an implementation plan for presentation to the Board by December 2012. In addition, Transition Committees comprising Board staff and parents within the communities will be formed.

Associate Director Kisko reported that a decision on the recommendations of the ARC will be made at the January 24, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Trustees' questions of clarification were responded to by the administration, including: no early learning centres were located at any of the schools; potential estimates of site disposition have been reviewed; before and after school programs are a requirement for Full Day Kindergarten and all elementary schools will have some form of expanded programming.

In response to a question regarding accommodation of special needs students, it was clarified that Louise Sirisko, Superintendent of Special Education and Support Services, is a member of the ARC and has undertaken an analysis of actual number of special needs students that reside in the area. It was noted that most of the students are being bused in for the program.

PB-03, moved by Janet McDougald, that the Clarkson / Erindale Accommodation Review Staff Report, be received.

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8. Review of Castlebrooke Secondary School Boundary

Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Carla Kisko, recalled the delegation made by the Red Willow community to allow its students to attend the new Castlebrooke Secondary School. She indicated that staff have reviewed the enrolment figures for the area, which show growth, and the reality of accommodation pressures at the school, and have recommended a revised boundary to accommodate the delegation's request.

8. Review of Castlebrooke Secondary School Boundary (Continued)

Associate Director Kisko outlined the proposed boundary change. She noted that, if the boundary is implemented, the community needs to be aware that Castlebrooke Secondary School is expected to reach maximum capacity in two years, and that portables will be a long-term reality on the site. This would require a multi-period lunch hour, and the school to be capped at 1800 students to avoid exceeding the number of portables allowed. The new community beyond the cap, towards the east and west of Castlebrooke Secondary School, would be bused to Chinguacousy Secondary School.

A trustee expressed appreciation and thanked staff for reviewing and rethinking the boundary change which, she indicated, will be positive for the community. Another trustee asked that a consultation notice be sent to the Red Willow and Calderstone communities so they are also aware of this boundary proposal.

PB-04, moved by Harinder Malhi, that the Physical Planning and Building Committee recommends to the Board:

i) Castlebrooke Secondary School (Grade 9 - 12)

Be it proposed for community consultation that, effective September 2012, the Grade 9 - 12 boundary for Castlebrooke Secondary School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Goreway Drive and Castlemore Road
Then East along Castlemore Road to Highway 50
Then South along Highway 50 to Highway 407
Then West along Highway 407 to Goreway Drive
Then North along Goreway Drive to the point of commencement.

Castlebrooke Secondary School will open with Grades 9 and 10 in 2012

ii) Chinguacousy Secondary School (Grade 9 - 12)

Be it proposed for community consultation that, effective September 2012, the Grade 9 – 12 boundary for Chinguacousy Secondary School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Bramalea Road and Bovaird Drive East
then East along Bovaird Drive East to Goreway Drive
then South along Goreway Drive to Highway 407
then West along Highway 407 to Torbram Road
then North along Torbram Road to Queen Street East
then West along Queen Street East to Bramalea Road
then North along Bramalea Road to the point of commencement.

(APPENDIX I)

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9. Public Question Period

With the permission of the Committee, and to provide an opportunity for questions from the public before recessing to reconvene in the Brampton room, the agenda was reordered to accommodate Public Question Period.

Catherine Soplet asked about the implications of Bill 140 on the ARC's recommendations. She indicated that the legislation, approved in 2011, comes into effect in 2012. Catherine Sople

t noted that the City of Mississauga is conducting public consultations, and may be unaware of the ARC's recommendations. She asked about reconsideration of the recommendations if the City's plans are not consistent at the implementation stage. Chair Green responded to the question.

Ian Love commented on the accommodation review and expressed the opinion that the Board had made a decision about the consolidations even before the process had started. He spoke about parent questions not being answered at ARC meetings, and that the school closures would significantly affect the children. He indicated that, if the main driving force behind the closures is economics, the community would like to see the economic assessment details regarding the impact of: closing schools; busing children; expanding the schools. Chair Green responded to the question.

10. Recess

The Meeting recessed and reconvened in the Brampton Room (19:35 hours).

**11. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, November 1, 2011
Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (Annual Planning Document) Meeting, November 21, 2011**

PB-05, moved by Harinder Malhi:

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held November 1, 2011, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (Annual Planning Document), held November 21, 2011, be approved.

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12. Notices of Motion / Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

13. Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) Minutes, October 14, 2011

PB-06, moved by Sue Lawton, that the Minutes of the Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) meeting, held October 14, 2011, be received.

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14. Naming of New Schools

Associate Director Kisko outlined the process for naming schools, indicating that the street names have been the chosen names for the following schools.

PB-07, moved by Rick Williams, that the Physical Planning and Building Committee recommends to the Board:

- a) That, the new school, tentatively called Fletcher's South, be named Ray Lawson Public School
- b) That, the new school, tentatively called Mayfield West, be named SouthFields Village Public School
- c) That, the new school, tentatively called Credit Valley Sub Area 2 #1, be named Ingleborough Public School
- d) That, the new public school, tentatively called Vales South, be named Fairlawn Public School
(APPENDIX II)

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15. Infill Development Application – City of Mississauga

Paul Mountford, Intermediate Planning Officer, briefly reviewed the proposed development applications of the City of Mississauga for the construction of 417 apartment units at 2040 Camilla Road, and the construction of 277 apartment and 13 townhouse units at Lakeshore Road East and Enola Avenue.

PB-08, moved by Janet McDougald, that the Physical Planning and Building Committee recommends to the Board:

- a) That, the attached letter be sent to the City of Mississauga in response to Proposed Rezoning OZ 11-015 at 2040 Camilla Road permitting the construction of 417 apartment units (APPENDIX III).

15. Infill Development Application – City of Mississauga (Continued)

- b) That, the attached letter be sent to the City of Mississauga in response to Proposed Rezoning OZ 11-017 at 447, 453, 503 Lakeshore Road East and 1021, 1027, 1077, 1087 Enola Avenue permitting the construction of 277 apartment units and 13 townhouse units. (APPENDIX IV).

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A trustee commented on the proposed construction at Camilla Road, noting that this would create additional accommodation pressures at Corsair Public School, and suggested that a review be conducted sooner than later. Controller Wright responded that staff will be reviewing the 5-year enrolment growth for that community as well as the others.

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PB-08 carried

16. Amendment to Boundary Change Proposal for Forest Avenue / Riverside Public Schools

Board Chair McDougald thanked Planning staff for their work on the proposal. She reported that Planning staff met with the Forest Avenue Public School and Riverside Public School community, who had raised questions and concerns regarding the boundary change being implemented two years prior to the implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) at Forest Avenue Public School. Due to declining enrolment, and in view of concerns raised by the community, Planning staff recommend that the proposed boundary change be deferred and reviewed with enrolment from September 30, 2012. At that time, accommodation pressures expected with FDK implementation will be reassessed and a proposal will be brought forward in the Annual Planning Document for 2012 – 2013.

PB-09, moved by Janet McDougald, that the Amendment to Boundary Change Proposal for Forest Avenue / Riverside Public Schools, be received

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17. Tender Activity Report

PB-10, moved by Jeff White, that the Tender Activity Report for October 20, 2011 to December 22, 2011, be received.

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18. Vandalism Report

In response to a question regarding the break and enter incident at Springdale Middle School, Controller Wright indicated that the incident will be investigated and the details provided. He also noted that a number of protective measures have been undertaken at schools.

Another trustee noted that a number of the stolen articles are electronic, and she asked whether such equipment is retained in the portables. Associate Director Kisko responded that there is more reliance on computers, and becomes cumbersome to move equipment in and out of the portables. However, she indicated that staff are trying to ensure that such equipment is kept away from the windows.

PB-11, moved by Beryl Ford, that the Vandalism Reports for October and November 2011, be received.

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19. Communications

PB-12 moved by Meredith Johnson, that the following communication item be received:

1. Emergency Closing of Schools Due to Inclement Weather Operating Procedure CSS 11

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20. Second In Committee Session

PB-13, moved by Sue Lawton, that the Committee move into In Committee Session (20:00 hours).

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The Committee moved back into Open Session on a motion by Trustee Lawton (20:30 hours).

21. Adoption of the In Committee Report

PB-14, moved by Beryl Ford, that the report of the In Committee Session re: Review of Castlebrooke Secondary School Boundary; Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Structure; Amendment to the EDC By-law 2009; Central Board Office Renewal Plan – Update; Report on Tenders: Plum Tree Park Public School – Gym Addition, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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22. Adjournment

PB-15, moved by Harinder Malhi, that the meeting adjourn (20:30 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary