

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board, held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 18:10 hours.

Members present:

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

Also present:

Meredith Johnson
Rick Williams

Administration:

Jaspal Gill, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Scott Moreash, Coordinating Superintendent
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Pam Tomasevic, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services

Nicole Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Approval of Agenda

PB-16, moved by Harinder Malhi, that the agenda be approved.

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2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, January 11, 2012

PB-17, moved by Rick Williams, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held January 11, 2012, be approved.

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4. Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) Minutes, November 18, 2011

PB-18, moved by Steve Kavanagh, that the Minutes of the Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) meeting, held November 18, 2011, be received.

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5. Administrative Report on Mount Royal Public School and Fairlawn Public School Boundaries

Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Carla Kisko, noted that the above-referred report is further to the boundary change proposal brought to the Regular Meeting of the Board on January 24, 2012. At that meeting, a delegation requested staff to explore an enrolment cap at Mount Royal Public School, or add portables at the school until the Fairlawn Public School is built. As well, staff were also requested to discuss with City of Brampton staff the feasibility of adding portables at Mount Royal Public School. Associate Director Kisko stated that the administrative report provides updated information regarding the meeting with the City of Brampton staff, as well as responds to the questions and proposals from the delegation.

Providing background information, Carla Kisko advised that, in February 2011, in order to address the overcrowding issue and in consultation with City staff, it was agreed that two additional portables would be added at Mount Royal Public School, if a provision was made to allow students to access a staff washroom and if an additional fire hydrant was added on the site. At that time, a letter was sent to parents stating that an interim solution was found, but that the Board would need to reassess the overcrowding situation in 2012. Associate Director Kisko then outlined the issues examined during the discussion on January 30, 2012, with City of Brampton staff regarding the maximum number of portables possible at Mount Royal Public School, including zoning by-law and Ontario Building Code compliance; parking; washroom facilities; fire access routes. It was confirmed that the large number of existing portables, site topography, fire access routes and fire hydrant locations, seriously restrict the ability to locate additional portables at the school.

Reviewing the report, Associate Director Kisko indicated that from a program standpoint, with a student population of over 1200, the quality of programs and access to specialized teaching areas, such as science and music classrooms, and the gym, are being compromised. She explained that the blacktop and fields have also been overused, and that maintaining or increasing the current student population at the school jeopardizes the continued delivery of high quality programs at the school. She advised that, if an enrolment cap is considered, the overcrowding of the school and compromise of instructional programs will continue. Carla Kisko noted that, in response to the delegation's comment, student records were examined regarding the number of transitions, and Planning staff confirmed that the maximum number of previous transitions for some students is only one. With regard to transportation, she stated that all students from the community are bused, and the additional 10 minutes will not result in a significant increase in cost. Associate Director Kisko explained that staff continue to work towards completion of the new school building. Ministry funding approval has been received and, if there is any delay, students will already be organized at the holding school and will not require further transition.

5. Administrative Report on Mount Royal Public School and Fairlawn Public School Boundaries (Continued)

Associate Director Kisko concluded the report by noting that the administrative recommendation to the Board will be to approve the new boundary for Fairlawn Public School, and direct students of the organized Fairlawn Public School to the James Grieve Public School holding school site from September 2012. She then responded to trustees' questions of clarification, including: total number of students at the holding school; expediting the process to expropriate the land for Fairlawn Public School; principal for Fairlawn Public School has been assigned. A trustee commented that he has received many calls from parents of Mount Royal Public School students asking for relief from the overcrowding at the school.

PB-19, moved by Sue Lawton, that the Administrative Report on Mount Royal Public School and Fairlawn Public School Boundaries, be received.

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6. Tender Activity Report

PB-20, moved by Jeff White, that the Tender Activity Report for December 22, 2011 to January 25, 2012, be received.

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7. Vandalism Report

PB-21, moved by Jeff White, that the Vandalism Report for December 2011, be received.

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8. Adoption of the In Committee Report

PB-22, moved by Harinder Malhi, that the report of the In Committee Session re: Woodlands Branch Library – Update; Britannia Farm - Update, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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9. Adjournment

PB-23, moved by Sue Lawton, that the meeting adjourn (18:30 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary