

April 10, 2012
Regular Meeting of the Board:nf

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, April 10, 2012 at 19:40 hours.

Members present:

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

Members absent: (apologies received)

Meredith Johnson
Sue Lawton

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
Rebecca Crouse, Superintendent of Education, Secondary School Support
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
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell, Superintendent of Education, Continuing and Adult Education
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Marion Smith, Executive Assistant
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education
Shirley-Ann Teal, Superintendent of Education, Early Learning Program
Pam Tomasevic, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education

Administration:

Laura Williams, Chief Information Officer
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Nicole Fernandes, 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 6.1 Retirements (revised page circulated)
- Item 7.3 Memorandum to Trustees from the Ministry of Education re Amendments to Ontario Regulation 357/06 "Honoraria for Board Members" (added)
- Item 10.3 Peel DSB Student Trustees: 2012-2013 (circulated)
- Item 10.6 Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program – Year 3 Capital Projects (added)
- Item 12.2 OPSBA Fast Report: Vol.24, No. 10 (added)

Resolution No. 12-119 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

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 Regular Meeting of the Board, March 27, 2012

Resolution No. 12-120 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held March 27, 2012, be approved.

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5. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

6. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

7. Retirements

Resolution No. 12-121 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved, that the report re retirements of staff, be received.

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8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 12-122 moved by David Green
seconded by Jeff White

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Good News (H.J.A. Brown Education Centre cafeteria, Merlyn's Unique Caterers, receives Region of Peel's Eat Smart! Award)
2. Letter to the Director of Education from UNICEF Canada in appreciation of Peel DSB's support
3. Memorandum to Trustees from the Ministry of Education re Amendments to Ontario Regulation 357/06 "Honoraria for Board Members"

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On behalf of the Board, Chair McDougald congratulated Merlyn's Unique Caterers on being awarded the Eat Smart! Award (Item 8.1), and she commented appreciatively about the healthy food choices offered at the H.J.A. Brown Education Centre cafeteria.

Referring to Item 8.3 re Honoraria for Board Members, a trustee remarked that the extension of the wage freeze for board members, being introduced by amending Ontario Regulation 357/06, will net the Government a savings of approximately \$3,000 from the Peel DSB. The trustee spoke about the promises made by this Government not to reduce funding for education, and the tactics used by the Government against some employee groups in the education sector.

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Resolution No. 12-122 carried

9. Peel DSB Student Trustees: 2012 – 2013

Chair McDougald congratulated May Zou on being elected for a second term as student trustee. She acknowledged and congratulated Linda Bui, who was present in the audience, on being elected to sit on the Board as a student trustee. She stated that the contributions of student trustees at the Board table are appreciated and valued by Board members. Linda Bui from Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School will represent Peel schools north of Highway 401, and May Zou from Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School will represent Peel schools south of Highway 401.

Resolution No. 12-123 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved, that May Zou and Linda Bui be appointed as Peel District School Board Student Trustees for the 2012-2013 school year.

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10. Notice of Appointment of Two Trustees (and Two Alternates) to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association Board of Directors for June 2012 – June 2013

Resolution No. 12-124 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved that, at the Regular Meeting of the Board on May 8, 2012, the Peel DSB appoint two trustees and two alternates to serve on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association for the 2012-2013 period (from the 2012 Annual General Meeting to the 2013 Annual General Meeting). These appointments will be subject to the Peel DSB's decision on OPSBA membership for the 2012-2013 school year.

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11. CAT/3 Testing

Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Pam Tomasevic, provided pertinent background information regarding the Board's regional testing programs, CCAT and CAT/3, which began in 1981, prior to the introduction of EQAO testing. She reviewed the recommendations contained in the report that, effective the 2012-2013 school year, the Canadian Achievement Test (CAT/3) in Grade 4 be discontinued, whereas the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) continue to be administered. She provided the rationale for the proposals, noting that, while the CAT/3 regional testing program has been helpful in providing an additional source of data, because of the comprehensive nature of the EQAO assessments and the direct connection with the Ontario curriculum, there is less of a need for the CAT/3 assessments which are based on norms not related to the curriculum in its entirety. Associate Director Tomasevic advised that the CCAT assessments test the student learning potential and continue to provide valuable data. She also mentioned that there is significant instructional time associated with administering the CAT/3 tests.

11. CAT/3 Testing (Continued)

Associate Director Tomasevic indicated that the recommendations are being brought directly to the Board, since there is no Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee meeting in April, and the costs of administering the CAT/3, which are approximately \$180,000, need to be incorporated into the 2012-2013 budget process.

Resolution No. 12-125 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved:

1. That, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, board-wide administration of the Canadian Achievement Test (CAT/3) in Grade 4 be discontinued. Schools may choose to administer the test to individual students based on the student's perceived learning needs.
2. That, the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) continue to be administered to Peel DSB students in Grade 4. The test is a valuable source of information, especially in the identification of students with special needs.
(APPENDIX I)

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12. Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program – Year 3 Capital Projects

Resolution No. 12-126 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that revisions to capital projects for the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Year 3 program at Ray Underhill, Arnott Charlton, Ellwood Memorial, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Westervelts Corners Public Schools, be approved (APPENDIX II).

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Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Carla Kisko, advised that Year 3 capital funding from the Ministry for the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program is being provided through block funding of \$27.5 million, and that the administrative recommendation will enable staff to align funding with project costs. Superintendent of Education, Early Learning Program, Shirley-Ann Teal, reviewed the report, noting that the objective was to balance the budget and follow the Board's directive to offer FDK classes each year based on the total Ministry funding for each phase. As work proceeded on Year 3 capital projects, it was determined that there were cases where costs exceeded funding. Staff have reviewed the schools and classrooms that were to be assigned to the FDK program and have proposed small modifications to the projects at the above-noted five schools so that the program can still go ahead at these schools.

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12. Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program – Year 3 Capital Projects (Continued)

Superintendent Teal responded to a trustee’s question of clarification regarding contingency plans in the event of over-enrolment. She noted that the enrolment numbers at reorganization time are taken into account in determining whether additional classes are required. She reported that she has had discussions with principals, and has reviewed different collections and projections of Kindergarten data. If required, a plan will be developed closer to the start of the school year.

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Resolution No. 12-126 carried

13. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards’ Association

Resolution No. 12-127 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following reports, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 24, No. 9
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 24, No. 10

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14. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils / Associations

Trustee Green reported that he, along with some trustees and staff, had attended the Labour Relations conference this past weekend. He commented on announcements from the Ministry regarding financial constraints, and he noted that this is a concern across all school boards, as well as in the larger public and private sectors.

15. Question Period

There were no questions.

16. Public Question Period

There were no questions.

17. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 12-128 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), March 27, 2012; Secondary School Graduation Rates; Proposed Property Purchase – Owen Finnigan Property, Part Lots 16 --19, Block 2, Plan CAL14, Village of Alton, Town of Caledon; Britannia School Farm Committee Update; General Safety and Security Guidelines for Trustees and Senior Administrative Staff; Labour Relations Update (oral); Letter from Ministry of Education regarding Capital Funding for Full Day Kindergarten; Surplus Properties; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), March 27, 2012; Resignations; Retirements; Elementary Principal Appointment, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 12-129 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Jeff White

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:05 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – APRIL 10, 2012

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Stan Cameron
Beryl Ford
David Green

Steve Kavanagh
Brad MacDonald
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White
Rick Williams

Members absent: (apologies received)

Meredith Johnson
Sue Lawton

PART A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved, as amended.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), March 27, 2012

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held March 27, 2012, be approved.

3. Secondary School Graduation Rates

That, the report re Secondary School Graduation Rates, be received.

4. Proposed Property Purchase – Owen Finnigan Property, Part Lots 16 – 19, Block 2, Plan CAL14, Village of Alton, Town of Caledon

That, the purchase of approximately 0.16 ha (0.40 acres) located in the Village of Alton, Town of Caledon, with a legal description of Part Lots 16-19, Block 2, Plan CAL14, for the sum of \$80,000, be approved (Appendix I).

5. Britannia School Farm Committee Update

1. That, staff be permitted to discuss the development of a naturalized storm water management pond on 15-20 acres of the Britannia Farm;
2. That, staff be directed to discuss lease, sale and land swap concepts for the land required for the storm water management pond;
3. That, staff continue discussions with the City of Mississauga regarding a shared archive using the three heritage buildings located on the Britannia Farm;
4. That, at the appropriate stage of progress, a consultant be secured to facilitate the rezoning process with City of Mississauga Planning Department.
(Appendix II).

6. General Safety and Security Guidelines for Trustees and Senior Administrative Staff

That, the report re General Safety and Security Guidelines for Trustees and Senior Administrative Staff, be received.

7. Labour Relations Update

That, the oral update report on Labour Relations, be received.

8. Letter from Ministry of Education regarding Capital Funding for Full-Day Kindergarten

That, the Letter from Ministry of Education regarding Capital Funding for Full-Day Kindergarten, be received.

9. Surplus Properties

1. That, the Communication Plan for Surplus Properties, be approved (Appendix III);
2. That, Distribution of the list of Surplus Properties to Public Bodies, be approved (Appendix IV).

PART B (Not Including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved, as amended.

**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
March 27, 2012**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), held March 27, 2012, be approved.

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3. Resignations

That, the report of resignations of staff, be received.

4. Retirements

That, the report of retirements of staff, be received.

5. Elementary Principal Appointment

That, the following elementary principal appointment be approved, effective September 1, 2012:

Peter Gibson from Acting Principal at Sunny View Middle School to Principal at Sunny View Middle School