

June 5, 2012
Joint Meeting of the
Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee
and the Physical Planning and Building Committee:ma

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a joint meeting of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee and 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, June 5, 2012 at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

David Green, Chair
Beryl Ford
Meredith Johnson
Steve Kavanagh
Sue Lawton
Harinder Malhi
Janet McDougald
Suzanne Nurse
Rick Williams

Also present:

Stan Cameron

Member absent (apologies received):

Jeff White

Administration:

Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services
(Executive Member)
Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Jane Mason, Advisor to the Director's Office
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education
Shirley-Ann Teal, Superintendent of Education, Early Learning Program
Pam Tomasevic, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. Approval of Agenda

The Chair apologized for the delayed start and thanked everyone for their patience. The agenda was slightly reordered to facilitate staff present.

PB-48, moved by Stan Cameron, 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, May 1, 2012

PB-49, moved by Steve Kavanagh, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held May 1, 2012, be approved.

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4. Recommendations of the Regional Learning Choices Programs Steering Committee

Associate Director, Instructional Support Services, Pam Tomasevic, reported that the Regional Learning Choices Committee, under the leadership of Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, has reviewed and looked at the replication of regional learning choices across Peel, and making these programs geographically accessible to students throughout the region. She expressed appreciation and thanks for the efforts of all involved, and to the six schools presenting their proposals this evening. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, Shawn Moynihan, commented on the level of cooperation and excitement expressed at the schools with respect to the programs.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Michelle Stubbings, Principal of Meadowvale Secondary School, summarized information contained in the report on the proposal to implement the International Business and Technology Program (IBT), academic and applied, at Meadowvale Secondary School effective September 2013. She noted that the program looks at developing the 21st century skills of students in the areas of critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, international perspectives, research and inquiry.

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Providing further details, Michelle Stubbings outlined the IBT courses that students at the Grade 9 and 10, and senior levels will be required to take, and reported on projected enrolment, capital needs' implications and application criteria. While following the Ontario curriculum, the program will focus on international and business perspectives within each subject, with an emphasis on the application of technology to demonstrate understanding. Michelle Stubbings highlighted the benefits of the program, including: the graduate portfolio, which is one of the key elements of differentiation; compulsory courses; higher graduation expectations; co-curricular and extra-curricular activities; IBT apprentice. In response to a trustee's question, Michelle Stubbings confirmed that the school does not have any other regional programs.

The Principal of Glenforest Secondary School, Cindy Horvath, presented an overview of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program. Commenting that the IB diploma program has been running successfully at Glenforest Secondary School since the past seven years, she expressed confidence in taking a step forward to formulate the IB Middle Years Program for Grades 9 and 10 at the school, effective September 2013. Cindy Horvath highlighted the urgency for such a program due to the declining retention rate and drop out percentage of students between Grades 10 and 11. She reasoned that with the strong program at the Grade 9 and 10 level, the retention rate will improve. Cindy Horvath provided details of the program, including a pathways chart; vision for future delivery of the Middle Years Program, projected student enrolment; application criteria.

Lawrence deMaeyer, Principal of Central Peel Secondary School, offered a detailed overview of the two programs, namely the Concentrated Advanced Placement Program (AP) and the Regional Strings Orchestral Program, proposed for implementation at Central Peel Secondary School, effective September 2013. He noted that the AP Program has worldwide recognition, and that the research shows that AP graduates are more successful in university programs with higher Grade Point Averages, therefore meeting the Board's goals of setting high expectations for students.

Reviewing details of the Regional Strings Orchestral Program, including projected enrolment and financial support required around initial teacher training and curriculum support, Lawrence deMaeyer spoke about the need to hire above staff complement for a Strings teacher during the first two years of operation, in order to build the program. He noted that the student fees being proposed will cover costs in future years.

Responding to a trustee's questions, Lawrence deMaeyer indicated that: the school currently runs a Specialist High Skills Major Program; the AP Program will commence with three classes and the Strings Program will run one class per year; the AP program will provide an alternative option of choice to students who do not wish to enroll into the same level that the IB Program offers.

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Principal of Applewood Heights Secondary School, Marcel Girdi, provided rationale for the proposal to bring the Regional Sports Program to the school. This program would add value to the academic experience and provide opportunity to students to remain in their neighbourhood school. Marcel Girdi provided details of the curriculum, partnerships, training, certifications, and projected student enrolment. He also highlighted the application criteria, and promotional details for the launch of the regional program, if approved.

Responding to a trustee's query, Marcel Girdi confirmed that support is required for a turf field and tennis court. He indicated that discussions have been held with the City for a turf field and they appear to be interested. Marcel Girdi advised that enrolment is proposed through a lottery system for the four classes initially. Superintendent Moynihan clarified that, because it is an affinity based program, there would be no implications with the Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association, or objections from them.

Cheri Riddell, Principal of T.L. Kennedy Secondary School, presented an overview of the International and Executive Leadership Academy Regional Learning Choices proposal. She provided the rationale for proposing this program at the school, highlighting its proximity to the downtown area and transit system, and noting that the program is also open to international students. It is estimated that the program would increase enrolment to approximately 1200 students over a four-year period. Cheri Riddell indicated that a survey conducted with the community identified the need for a program with leadership focus, and she advised that the International and Executive Leadership Academy program would provide such opportunity to students. Application criteria, equity of program access to students with varying skills and abilities, capital needs and promotional strategies were also highlighted in the report.

A trustee asked about the low enrolment at the school, and sustainability of the program if the catchment area was not extended. Cheri Riddell explained that expansion of the catchment area is vital.

Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for this program, noting that it deserves expansion. She indicated that boundary decisions will be made in the fall, prior to which, the Board of Trustees need to discuss the purpose of specialized programs, to ensure that they do not negatively impact schools in the south of Mississauga, while offering choices and attracting students. Efforts will be made to expand in such a manner that the program attracts students from outside Peel's boundary without impacting schools that are experiencing under enrolment.

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Reviewing the Capital and Program Costs for 2012 – 2013, Associate Director Tomasevic advised that \$62,000 for the Middle Years (IB) Program at Glenforest Secondary School needs to be included in the start-up costs. As a result, the total amount of start-up costs needs to be amended to \$373,000. She indicated that this is a one-time cost which will be funded from the Board's working fund reserves. In response to a trustee's query, Associate Director Kisko indicated that there will be a balance of approximately \$9.6 million in Working Fund reserves.

Issues discussed and questions responded to included: cost implications for above complement teacher at Central Peel Secondary School; feasibility of releasing funds to support the program at Applewood Heights and T.L. Kennedy Secondary Schools.

PB-50, moved by Beryl Ford, that the Regional Learning Choices Programs Steering Committee recommends to the Board:

- i) That, the following Regional Learning Choices Programs be approved:
 - a) That, Meadowvale Secondary School offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, International Business and Technology, with the proposed catchment area*, effective September 2013.
 - b) That, Glenforest Secondary School offer a Regional learning Choices Program, Middle Years Program – International Baccalaureate (Grades 9 and 10), effective September 2013. *(Note: There is no change to the existing catchment area* for IB at Glenforest Secondary School.)*
 - c) That, Central Peel Secondary School offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, Strings, with the proposed catchment area*, effective September 2013.
 - d) That, Central Peel Secondary School offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, Concentrated Advanced Placement, effective September 2013. *(Note: Recommendations for the catchment area* for this program will be brought to the Physical Planning and Building Committee in September 2012.)*
 - e) That, Applewood Heights Secondary School offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, Sports, effective September 2013. *(Note: Recommendations for the catchment area* for this program will be brought to the Physical Planning and Building Committee in September 2012.)*

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- f) That, T.L. Kennedy Secondary School offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, International Leadership Academy, beginning September 2013.
(Note: Recommendations for the catchment area for this program will be brought to the Physical Planning and Building Committee in September 2012.)*
- ii) That, the total start-up costs for these programs, in the amount of \$373,500, be covered through the Board's uncommitted Working Fund Reserves.

(APPENDIX I)

**Note: All boundary changes associated with the proposed Regional Learning Choices Program locations will be included in the Annual Planning Document.*

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5. Quarterly Status Report – Combined Projects

Trustees perused the above-noted report, and the administration responded re: temporary accommodation for Ray Lawson Public School students at Hickory Wood Public School; status of the playing field at David Suzuki Secondary School.

Regarding plans for a second gymnasium at Allan A. Martin Senior Public School, Associate Director Kisko noted that enrolment numbers for the school are awaited, and that the intention is to deliver the second gymnasium by September 2013. She also provided details of additional levies being imposed for cash in lieu of parkland, and that the City of Brampton is considering withdrawal of this charge. She noted that every effort is being made by Peel staff to get the City of Mississauga to withdraw this charge, and the outcome is awaited. This has resulted in the project being delayed.

Associate Director Kisko also responded to a question regarding reduced funding in the school operational budget.

PB-51, moved by Harinder Malhi, that the Quarterly Status Report – Combined Projects, be received.

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6. Clarkson / Erindale Accommodation Review Implementation Plan

Jane Mason, reported that staff reviewed and analyzed the Clarkson/Erindale Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) recommendations and submitted a report which was approved at the January 24, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board. She noted that one of the recommendations was to develop a phased implementation plan, outlining the timeline for construction, closure, and disposition, to be presented to the Board by December 2012. The Implementation Committee developed and completed the plan earlier than expected. She thanked Eugene Radley, Manager of Design and Construction, for his work in the development process. Jane Mason reported that information was shared with school council members, principals and former members of the Clarkson/Erindale ARC. She provided details of: closing, consolidation, disposition timelines; proposed construction and improvement projects; next steps and a communication plan. It was noted that with respect to the transition process, a handbook will be provided as a resource guide to principals on closing and consolidated schools. Details of this resource document will be shared at the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting in the fall.

Regarding physical improvements, Jane Mason indicated that it is not yet known how much will accrue from the dispositions of the properties. A list of work required at the schools has been prepared, and she provided details about selection and appointment of an architect to conduct a space fit analysis for four of the five schools, namely, Hillside Middle School, Sawmill Valley Public School, Garthwood Park Public School and Brookmede Public School.

PB-52, moved by Steve Kavanagh, that Clarkson/Erindale Accommodation Review Implementation Plan, be received.

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7. Schedule of Physical Planning and Building Committee Meetings for 2012 - 2013

PB-53, moved by Harinder Malhi that the Schedule of Physical Planning and Building Committee Meetings for 2012 – 2013, be received.

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8. City of Mississauga – Storm Water Management

Providing background details of the report, Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, explained that the City of Mississauga is contemplating a storm water utility charge. He noted that a consulting team led by AECOM has been hired to conduct a feasibility study. This consulting team was previously hired by the City of Kitchener to conduct a similar study which resulted in the Waterloo Region DSB being billed with an additional utility charge. The Waterloo Region DSB has refused to pay this utility fee. Controller Wright indicated that the City of Mississauga intends to proceed with consideration of a charge for storm water management, and he advised that updates on the progress will be brought to the Committee.

PB-54, moved by Sue Lawton, that the report re City of Mississauga – Storm Water Management, be received.

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9. Tender Activity Report

PB-55, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the Tender Activity Report for April 23, 2012 to May 24, 2012, be received.

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10. Vandalism Report

PB-56, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the Vandalism Report for April 2012, be received.

11. Question Period

There were no questions.

12. Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

13. In Committee Session

PB-57, moved by Rick Williams, that the Committee move into In Committee Session (21:30 hours).

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The Committee moved back into Open Session on a motion by Trustee Ford at 21:50 hours.

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14. Adoption of the In Committee Report

PB-58, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the report of the In Committee Session re: Quarterly Status Report – Combined Projects; Capital Project Status Report – Effective September 2012; Solar Panel Agreement – Update (oral); Tender Activity Report for April 23, 2012 to May 24, 2012; Calderstone Middle School – Grant of Easement to the City of Brampton, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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15. Adjournment

PB-59, moved by Steve Kavanagh, that the meeting adjourn (19:50 hours).

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