

June 13, 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 Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 17:30 hours.

Members present:

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

Member absent (apologies received):

Meredith Johnson

Administration:

Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
(Executive Member)
Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education
Pam Tomasevic, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The following additions were made to the agenda:

Item 10.1 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Results – Update (oral report)
Item 10.2 Woodlands Branch Library – Update (oral report)

IP-33, moved by Jeff White, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

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2. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Minutes of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting, May 16, 2012

IP-34, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the Minutes of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting, held May 16, 2012, be approved.

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4. Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – June 2012

IP-35, moved by Sue Lawton, that the report re Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – June 2012, be received.

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5. Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Ontario

Cindy Ryan, Manager, Strategy Development for Continuing and Adult Education, provided detailed information about the TESL Training Program, advising that the Peel DSB has been awarded accreditation to run the program. Cindy Ryan noted that TESL certification is a requirement for teaching English as a second language in Canada, and is recognized in many countries. With the hiring of approximately 50 instructors in Peel recently, it was thought to be in the best interests to commence an in-house training program. She outlined course details, eligibility criteria, and the costs involved, with expectation to launch in September 2012. The website www.teslpeel.org will be launched shortly.

In response to a trustee's question regarding grandfathering of staff who are already teaching English, Cindy Ryan explained that the announcement to grandfather was delivered by the provincial government. While TESL Ontario recognizes previously non-certified TESL teachers' abilities and experience, Peel is encouraging its teachers to get certified, and she advised that TESL certification is mandated for new recruits. She also provided details of the qualifications required to register for the program. Cindy Ryan advised that there are a large number of classes being held at various centres in Peel, in spite of space limitations being experienced, and she noted that partnerships with schools in need are being explored to accommodate the program at the school.

IP-36, moved by Beryl Ford, that the oral report re Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Ontario, be received.

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6. Background Information on Changes to Community Use of Schools Fees

Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services, David Neale, reviewed the report on adjustments for community use of school rates, noting the need for a rate adjustment with respect to use over the weekends. He provided details of additional costs incurred on overtime for custodial services, utilities, supplies, building maintenance and permit administration. Controller Neale reported that the funding for school operations has been decreased to \$131,000 for 2012-2013, and it is expected to be further reduced next year. He also noted that the gap between the rates charged over the weekend and the custodial overtime costs is significant. Detailed information on the new hourly rate adjustment and Board subsidy, as outlined in the report, was provided with respect to the three categories of users availing of a double gymnasium, namely, non-profit youth group, non-profit adults on a Saturday, and worship services on Sunday. He noted an approximate increase of 15% in the permit rate for the non-profit adult group. Corporate users will also see rate increases in the coming year. Responding to a trustee, Controller Neale indicated that these rate adjustments do not apply to community schools.

IP-37, moved by Harinder Malhi, that the Background Information on Changes to Community Use of Schools Fees, be received.

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7. Recommendations of the Regional Learning Choices Programs Steering Committee

Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Pam Tomasevic, reported that the Board approved the recommendations for implementation of the Regional Learning Choices (RLC) Programs at Meadowvale, Glenforest, Central Peel, Applewood Heights and T.L. Kennedy Secondary Schools, effective September 1, 2013, at the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 12, 2012. She noted that the proposals being presented today are for commencement of the RLC programs at Lisgar Middle School, Williams Parkway Senior and Centennial Senior Public Schools.

Bill MacGregor, Principal of Lisgar Middle School, provided an overview of the International Business and Technology program proposed at Lisgar Middle and Williams Parkway Senior Public Schools, effective September 2013. He spoke about the purpose and benefits of the program, which will provide students with 21st century skills and a well - rounded education to engage and compete in the global community. A video, "Going Places – Above and Beyond" was presented which highlighted the significance of project based learning and 21st century skills, and the integration of these two initiatives, being delivered through the International Business and Technology Program.

Principal Osma Masood of Williams Parkway Senior Public School spoke about diversity and global awareness, the notions of eco and online businesses, and bringing this awareness to students, through the International Business and Technology program. She provided details of the program with an expectation of commencing it in Grade 6 by September 2013.

A trustee commented on the community's expectation and excitement at the potential the program has to offer to students.

**7. Recommendations of the Regional Learning Choices Programs Steering Committee
(Continued)**

The Principal of Centennial Senior Public School, Simone Gravesande, then spoke about the proposal to offer the Sci-Tech Program at the school, based on the “hands on, minds on” perspective of the Ontario curriculum. Noting that the benefits of the program have been seen at Tomken Road Middle School, Principal Simone Gravensande reported that it is a high level of engagement program, which promotes enhanced creativity and experiential learning opportunities, along with interdisciplinary collaboration and the use of technology. Enrolment projections, capital needs, application criteria and the online application system were outlined. The students would also have opportunity to work with partners at the secondary school level who would provide mentorship and scope for expansion of knowledge.

IP-38, moved by Steve Kavanagh, that the Regional Learning Choices Programs Steering Committee recommends to the Board:

- i) That, the following Regional Learning Choices Programs be approved:
 - a) That, Lisgar Middle School offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, International Business and Technology, with the proposed catchment area*, effective September 2013.
 - b) That, Williams Parkway Senior Public School offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, International Business and Technology, with the proposed catchment area*, effective September 2013.
 - c) That, Centennial Senior Public School offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, SciTech, with the proposed catchment area*, effective September 2013.
- ii) That, the total start-up costs for these programs in the amount of \$117,400, be covered through the Board’s uncommitted Working Fund Reserves.

*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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8. Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Results - Update

Superintendent Moynihan reported on the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Results, highlighting that 82% of students scored at the provincial standard. He commented that focused support provided to English Language Learners (ELL) is the main reason for these successful results in Peel, and he expressed appreciation for the hard work and support provided by the teaching staff. Superintendent Moynihan advised that test results data will be communicated to schools by July 15, 2012, so that forward planning can be undertaken on the Professional Development day in September.

IP-39, moved by Janet McDougald, that the oral update report re Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Results, be received.

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9. Woodlands Branch Library - Update

Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, presented an update report on the Woodlands Branch Library project. Plans to replace the current library with a new facility at the northwest corner of the existing Woodlands School were discussed with City of Mississauga staff. A recommendation will be brought for approval to the Regular Meeting of the Board on June 20, 2012, after which, the plan will be reviewed by City Council. It is expected that work will commence on the branch library this fall.

In response to a trustee's question about plans for the old library, Controller Wright indicated that as part of the improvement package, renovation of current branch library is being proposed, which will provide the school with space for five classrooms.

IP-40, moved by Jeff White, that the oral update report re Woodlands Branch Library, be received.

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10. Further Business

1. Authorization of Member's Absence

Under Regulation 464/97, section 7 of the Education Act, if a member is not authorized by resolution to be absent from three consecutive meetings, the member vacates his or her seat.

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10. Further Business (Continued)

1. Authorization of Member's Absence (Cont'd)

Board Chair McDougald advised that, due to personal reasons, Meredith Johnson, a member of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, has been absent for three meetings, not including the Joint Meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee and the Physical Planning and Building Committee on June 5, 2012.

IP-41, moved by Janet McDougald, that Meredith Johnson's absence from the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee meetings of March 21, May 16, and June 13, 2012, be authorized.

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11. Question Period

There were no questions.

12. Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

13. Adjournment

IP-42, moved by Sue Lawton, that the meeting adjourn (18:30 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary