

August 27, 2019
Regular Meeting of the Board:lf

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, August 27, 2019 at 19:50 hours.

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair	Will Davies
Sue Lawton, Vice-Chair	David Green
Carrie Andrews	Brad MacDonald
Susan Benjamin	John Marchant
Robert Crocker	Kathy McDonald
Nokha Dakroub	Balbir Sohi

Student Trustees:

Kenisha Arora, Student Trustee South
Prabhleen Nar, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Harjit Aujla, Superintendent of Education
Donna Baptie, Executive Assistant
Liz Cook, Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Lawrence De Maeyer, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Soni Gill, Acting Superintendent of Education
Adrian Graham, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Poleen Grewal, Associate Director, Instructional and Equity Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Associate Director, School Support Services
Antoine Haroun, Chief Information Officer, Learning Technology Support Services
Peter Joshua, Director of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Matthew McCutcheon, Superintendent of Education
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Carla Pereira, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent, Human Resources Support Services
Dana Sheahan, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent of Education
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Joy Uniac, Superintendent, Social/Emotional Learning and Early Years
Darren Van Hooydonk, Superintendent of Education

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

The Open Session commenced with the acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This was followed by the singing of O Canada.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Cameron welcomed the new student trustees, Prabhleen Nar, representing the North and Kenisha Arora, representing the South, to their first Regular Meeting of the Board. The student trustees expressed their enthusiasm to be part of the Board and work for the benefit of students. They thanked everyone who helped them in their successful election, and they noted their appreciation for the assistance of the Chair and Vice-Chair, as well as guidance from their mentors, Trustees Sohi and Crocker.

Trustee Dakroub reported that she would like to put forward a motion regarding flu prevention. As the matter is time-sensitive she requested that the motion be debated and voted on today. Responding to a question of clarification, Trustee Dakroub stated that a committee meeting for flu prevention has been scheduled on August 29, 2019 and if the motion is carried Peel DSB trustee representation will be possible at the next meeting.

The following items were added to the agenda:

Item 7.1 Late Request to Delegate by Jill Promoli re Flu Prevention

Item 9.8 Motion by Trustee Dakroub re Flu Prevention Committee

Resolution No. 19-151 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

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2/3rds' majority

3. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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7. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.19-153 moved by Susan Benjamin
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Grace Anslemo	Ewa Milczarek-Bazytko
Jackie Baker	Dolores Montero
Farzaneh Bohlooli-Asbfoushani	Irene Morton
Donna Carberry	Vera Peros
Maria Ceccomancini	Wanda Phillips
Hei Kwan Cheung	Zena Samuels
Robert Cowall	Paul Sexton
Connie Darling	Tracy Sexton
Lawrence Holmes	Jean South
Jan Kerr	Cathey Spence
Mike Kneebone	Geetha Thampi
Doris Kostolnik	Rene Theriault
Mary Kouyoumjian	Sandra Vanhanen
Wendy Lautamus	Patty Whichelo
Kathleen Meikle	Debbie Wiedemann
Donna Mermer	

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8. Delegation by Jill Promoli re Flu Prevention

Jill Promoli, a parent, read from speaking notes which were provided to the administration. She narrated events related to children being sick at Sawmill Valley Public School in 2016. She spoke about the passing of her child and later finding out that the cause was Influenza B. Jill Promoli stated that approximately 3,500 Canadians die from flu every year. Describing the difficulties and dangers that people face in contracting the flu and its contagious nature, she explained the risks involved and the importance of creating awareness to protect school children and communities. Jill Promoli stated that school boards have the ability to reach every family that is part of the education community and provide information on how to reduce risks for future outbreaks. She encouraged the Board to take an active role on flu prevention with community partners and to create a communication plan to better protect children and communities.

On a request from Chair Cameron, Director of Education, Peter Joshua, advised that staff regularly meet with Peel Public Health department and follow the communication plan alongside Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. He expressed the intent of working together with the coterminous board to take next steps in this regard. Trustees speaking expressed sympathy to Jill Promoli and her family.

8. Delegation by Jill Promoli re Flu Prevention (Continued)

The administration's responses to trustees' questions of clarification included: Peel DSB's communication to parents about flu outbreaks and prevention; camera-ready articles developed with Peel Public Health are circulated and reminders are sent to parents when determined by Peel Health; there is no cost of preparing and circulating information on social media; Peel DSB has a pandemic policy and process; measures in place for students to keep abreast of lessons missed due to illness vary from school to school. Trustees provided suggestions for Peel DSB to take an active role in flu prevention by better communication to parents about how to protect children with flu shots, reminding parents to keep sick children home, and teaching children about good hygiene. On a point of clarification, Trustee Green reminded members that questions of clarification are to be asked of the delegation, and not for suggestions or proposals. Responding to a trustee's query, Jill Promoli explained that her family had contacted the school's principal and vice-principal and had tried to contact Peel staff. She advised that they had also reached out through social media, but did not receive enough interest. Chair Cameron thanked the delegation and advised that a response will be provided at the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

9. Response to Delegation by Marcia Gaynor re Student Transportation

Resolution No.19-154 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the response to the Delegation of Marcia Gaynor re Student Transportation (Regular Meeting of the Board, June 19, 2019), be received.

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10. Response to Delegation by Pry Gnana re Increase in Facility Rental Fees

Resolution No.19-155 moved by Balbir Sohi
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the response to the Delegation of Pry Gnana re Increase in Facility Rental Fees (Regular Meeting of the Board, June 19, 2019), be received.

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11. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, June 12, 2019

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, held June 12, 2019, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 19-156 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the report regarding the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee's receipt of the following information, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder for July, August and September 2019; Smudging Guidelines; We Rise Together – Year Two Update; Report of the Regional Learning Choices Programs (RCLP) Committee.

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12. Recommendations of the Audit Committee, June 13, 2019

At a meeting of the Audit Committee, held June 13, 2019, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 19-157 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the report regarding the Audit Committee's receipt of the following information, be received:

1. Report / Information Received

Audit Committee Work Plan - Update; Internal Audit Plan 2019-2020; RIAT Audit Plan Status Update; Internal Audit Services Summary for Burnamthorpe Public School; Cherrytree Public School; Credit Valley Public School; Dolphin Senior Public School; Edenwood Public School; Fallingbrook Middle School; Glendale Public School; Glenhaven Public School; Helen Wilson Public School; Homestead Public School; Huntington Ridge Public School; Huttonville Public School; Kenollie Public School; Kingswood Drive Public School; Macville Public School; Robert H. Lagerquist Senior Public School; Somerset Drive Public School; Terry Fox Public School; Audit Committee Meeting Dates 2019-2010.

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13. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Membership Fee 2019-2020

Chair Cameron referred to the report which included the OPSBA invoice for the 2019-2020 membership fee, and asked about HST refund. Controller of Finance Support Services, Tania Alatishe-Charles advised that there is a rebate, and will provide information on the amount of rebate expected.

Resolution No. 19-158 moved by David Green
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the amount of \$290,353.50 (including HST) be paid to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, as membership fee for 2019–2020. (APPENDIX I)

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14. Resolution re Signing Officers of the Board

Resolution No. 19-159 moved by Susan Benjamin
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the following be named officers of the Board with authority to sign on behalf of the Board, in accordance with Board By-laws and the Statutes of Ontario. This list will replace previously approved signatories.

Chair	Stan Cameron
Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Director of Education and Secretary of the Board	Peter Joshua
Associate Director – Operational Support Services and Treasurer of the Board	Jaspal Gill
Associate Director – Instructional and Equity Support Services	Poleen Grewal
Associate Director – School Support Services	Mark Haarmann

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15. Peel District School Board Policy 56 – Occupational Health and Safety

Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act the Board is required to review and approve its Occupational Health and Safety Policy annually.

Resolution No. 19-160 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by John Marchant

Resolved, that Policy 56 – Occupational Health and Safety, be approved. (APPENDIX II)

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16. Revised Board Meeting Schedule: 2019-2020 School Year

The above-noted report lists all the Regular Meetings scheduled for the 2019 – 2020 school year, and reflects the revised date for the Board’s Budget Meeting.

Resolution No. 19-161 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the revised schedule of Board Meeting dates for the 2019 – 2020 School Year, be approved. (APPENDIX III)

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17. Motion by Trustee Dakroub re Flu Prevention Committee

Trustee Dakroub circulated and read the motion, which reads as follows:

Resolution No. 19-162 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Kathy McDonald

That, the Peel District School Board take an active and engaged role in the flu prevention committee that is spearheaded by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board;

That, the Peel District School Board appoints a trustee and an alternate representative to this committee to show commitment to this important cause of keeping children and their families safe and prevent tragedies from occurring;

That, appointment be made at this meeting so that there is representation at the upcoming flu prevention committee meeting;

That, the Peel District School Board work with this committee to develop a flu prevention communications plan that can be rolled out during this school year in addition to working with this committee to develop further flu prevention strategies and implement them in the future;

That, the Peel District School Board be provided updates in public session about the work taking place on this committee, as this is a matter of public safety and interest.

17. Motion by Trustee Dakroub re Flu Prevention Committee (Continued)

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The mover of the motion, Trustee Dakroub, recalled the delegation by Jill Promoli earlier this evening and the tragic loss of a child in the Peel community. She expressed her belief that although flu shots are not 100% effective, they can reduce the number of flu cases. She stated that as an educational institution, with access to approximately 155,000 students and 16,000 staff, the Board has the ability to make a difference in the community. Noting that the coterminous board is spearheading this initiative, the trustee spoke about safe schools and she explained why it is important for Peel to have representation at this table. She asked that the Board take a more active role to develop strategies and a communications plan, and appoint a trustee representative and an alternate to the committee to work with community partners on flu prevention. The mover of the motion asked for a recorded vote.

Trustees questions of clarification responded to by the administration included: the committee will consist of community partners such as Trillium Health Partners, Peel Public Health, Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB and Peel DSB; the original mandate of the committee was to explore the possibility of providing flu shots in schools and vaccinations for staff; the committee does not have a formal name as yet. Some trustees spoke in favour of the motion. A trustee expressed concerns that very little is known about the committee, its function, role, scope and mandate and there is no documentation in this regard as yet. He suggested that the public health department take a lead in this initiative as their function and mandate is community health and that Peel DSB should take direction from Peel Public Health. He acknowledged that there are benefits for the school board in working towards flu prevention in terms of reducing absenteeism and he saw no risk in appointing a trustee to attend the meetings. Trustees inquired about the earlier decision for Peel DSB staff to attend these meetings and the mandate of the committee. The administration clarified that the Superintendent of Leadership Development and School Support Services and a School Support staff had attended; however, at that time the mandate was not defined. Director of Education, Peter Joshua stated that Peel DSB has remained committed and connected with the group. On a Point of Privilege a recess of five minutes was called.

In regard to a trustee's comment regarding the benefit of community partnerships, Director Joshua advised that a number of staff represent Peel DSB at various partnership discussion tables along with the coterminous board, such as Peel Public Health, Mental Health and Wellness, Suicide Prevention, and Healthy Communities Initiative. He added that there are regular meetings with Peel Health and that these discussions can be held at various levels, including the Director's level and involve discussion on communication plans and concerns.

Concluding the debate, Trustee Dakroub, thanked her colleagues for the discussion. With regard to the concerns raised, she acknowledged that all elements of this committee have not yet been established. She reiterated the importance of being present at this discussion table, which is the intent of this motion. She stated that work does not need to be replicated, direction can be taken from Peel Public Health, and Peel DSB can work with the coterminous board to create and align policies. She suggested that this is the start of work on flu prevention and urged trustees to support the motion.

17. Motion by Trustee Dakroub re Flu Prevention Committee (Continued)

The result of the vote was:

Resolution No. 19-162

Yeas	Nays	Abstentions
Trustees Dakroub, Marchant, MacDonald, Sohi, Green, Cameron, Lawton, Davies, Andrews, McDonald, Benjamin, Crocker	 carried (12-0-0)
Student Trustees Arora, Nar		(12-0-0) (non-binding)

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Following approval of the motion, Chair Cameron called for nominations for appointment of Representative and Alternate to the flu prevention committee.

Trustee Green nominated Trustee Dakroub as the Representative.

Trustee Davies nominated Trustee Cameron as the Alternate.

There were no further nominations. Chair Cameron declared that Trustees Dakroub and Cameron are appointed to serve as Peel DSB's representatives on the flu prevention committee.

18. Ontario Public School Boards' Association – OPSBA Connects

Resolution No. 19-163 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Balbir Sohi

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Connects – June 24, 2019

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19. Communications

Resolution No. 19-164 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the following items be received:

1. Letter from the Chair of the Waterloo Region District School Board to the Minister of Education regarding proposed changes to classroom operations and funding dated June 24, 2019
2. Letter to the Minister of Education from the Chair of the Peel District School Board regarding concerns related to lobbying campaigns that promote and support the funding of private schools over public schools

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20. Response to Trustee K. McDonald's Question re Criteria for Class Cancellations

Trustee McDonald thanked the Superintendent of Human Resources Support Services, Jamie Robertson, for the response.

Resolution No. 19-165 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by John Marchant

Resolved, that the Response to Trustee McDonald's Question at the June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board re Criteria for Class Cancellations, be received.

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21. Comments or Questions from Trustees

Student Trustee Nar reported that last year she was refused a flu shot, as some locations prefer to reserve the flu shot for younger children and seniors. She suggested that specific information on locations providing flu shots to students be included in the communications.

Student Trustee Arora suggested involving students in campaigns run with community partners to raise awareness. She noted that students and student council presidents and vice-presidents will be happy to participate in such initiatives.

Trustee McDonald commended the new student trustees for their questions, comments, and suggestions at their first Board meeting and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

24. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 19-167 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Balbir Sohi

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), June 11, 2019; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), June 19, 2019; Negotiations Update (oral); Health and Physical Education Curriculum Update (oral); Director’s Report re Flu Shot Clinics; Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 12, 2019; Minutes of the Audit Committee (In Committee), June 13, 2019, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), June 19, 2019; Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 24, 2019; Recommendations of the Audit Committee (In Committee), June 13, 2019; Resignations; Retirements; Legal Matter, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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25. Adjournment

Resolution No. 19-168 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (22:25 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – AUGUST 27, 2019

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair
Sue Lawton, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Susan Benjamin
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub

Will Davies
David Green
Brad MacDonald
John Marchant
Kathy McDonald
Balbir Sohi

Student Trustees:

Kenisha Arora, Student Trustee South
Prabhleen Nar, Student Trustee North

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), June 11, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), held June 11, 2019, be received;

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), June 19, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held June 19, 2019, be approved.

4. Negotiations Update

That, the oral update report re Negotiations, be received.

5. Health and Physical Education Curriculum Update

That, the oral update report re Health and Physical Education Curriculum, be received.

6. Director's Report

1. Flu Shot Clinics

That, the Director's Report re Flu Shot Clinics (oral) be received.

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 12, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held June 12, 2019, be approved.

3. Minutes of the Audit Committee (In Committee), June 13, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Audit Committee (In Committee), held June 13, 2019, be received.

4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 19, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B) held June 19, 2019, be approved.

5. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 24, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held June 24, 2019, be approved.

6. Recommendations of the Audit Committee (In Committee), June 13, 2019

That, the information regarding the Audit Committee's receipt of the following item, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT) – Risk Assessment Report.

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7. Resignations

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

8. Retirements

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

9. Legal Matter

That, the report re Legal Matter, be received.