

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 Monday, September 9, 2019 at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

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

Member absent: (apologies received)

David Green

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
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
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
Nina Jaiswal, Superintendent of Education
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

Administration: (Continued)

Gale Solomon-Henry, 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
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Nicole 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, and singing of O Canada.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 9.2 Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, September 4, 2019 (circulated)
- Item 12.2 OPSBA Connects – September 9, 2019 (added)

Resolution No. 19-169 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Susan Benjamin

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.

4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, August 27, 2019

Resolution No. 19-170 moved by Will Davies
seconded by John Marchant

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held August 27, 2019, be approved.

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5. Written Questions

Trustee Dakroub submitted the following questions:

1. What is the feasibility of Peel DSB providing menstrual products in all secondary and elementary schools, similar to the program Toronto DSB voted to initiate?
2. Do all Peel DSB schools and worksites currently recycle?

Trustee McDonald submitted the following questions:

1. Are menstrual products currently available for elementary and secondary students and, if so, are students aware that this program exists? What will be the cost to provide such a program, similar to that voted upon by the Toronto DSB?
2. In the past ten years, how many Human Rights cases against the Peel DSB have been adjudicated by the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, and how many cases were settled?
3. How many whistleblower cases have been received by the Peel DSB in the past ten years?

6. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

7. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.19-171 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Diane Cummings
Bozena Gorska
Barbara Leetham

Shelley Mol
Janet Palmer

Jayne Parkin
Lauraanne Watson

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8. Delegation by Ed Lovekin on Behalf of Mississauga Scouting re Increase in Facility Fees

Ed Lovekin delegated the Board on behalf of all Mississauga Scouting and not for profit groups which use Peel DSB facilities. A copy of his presentation was provided to the Board. Ed Lovekin highlighted that Scouts Canada enables thousands of youth to engage in safe, youth-led, and adventurous programs in communities across Canada. Relying solely on registration fees and fundraising, it provides a reasonable cost option for youth, and provides many new Canadians with opportunities to meet people and integrate into their communities. Ed Lovekin reported that there are 25 Scout groups in Mississauga with enrolment of over 1,000 youth in 2018-2019, and approximately 400 volunteers.

Referring to the new facility fees implemented in May 2019, Ed Lovekin noted that groups are now paying fees that are significantly higher than previous years. He stated that the increased fees will have a severe impact on the ability to deliver programs for youth, and put some groups at risk. He commented on likely effects of this fee increase, including looking for non-Peel DSB facilities, increasing registration fees, or redirecting costs from youth programs to pay facility fees. Indicating that Scout groups use schools on weekdays, when custodians are already in schools, Ed Lovekin requested that the Board reconsider the fee increase. He offered suggestions, including to return weekday rates to historical levels, phase in increases over two or three years, and allow one hour timeslots starting on the half-hour to be booked. Responding to questions of clarification from trustees, he explained that Scout groups meet for one hour, but the booking system allows timeslots of minimums of two hour, and that churches continue to be used by Scout groups, but on a much smaller scale. Chair Cameron indicated that a response to the delegation will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

9. Response to Delegation by Jill Promoli re Flu Prevention

Resolution No.19-172 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Jill Promoli re Flu Prevention (Regular Meeting of the Board, August 27, 2019), be received.

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10. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, September 4, 2019

Resolution No.19-173 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Balbir Sohi

Resolved, that the following recommendations arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, held September 4, 2019, be approved:

1. Report on Tenders: Pte. Buckam Singh Public School

That, the tender in the amount of \$16,807,620 including HST, for the construction of Pte. Buckam Singh Public School, be awarded to Remo General Contracting Limited. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

2. Regional Skilled Trades Program Boundaries

- i) That, the new boundary for the Judith Nyman Secondary School Regional Skilled Trades Program, effective September 2020, be approved;
- ii) That, effective September 2020, a boundary change to the existing West Credit Secondary School Regional Skilled Trades Program, be approved (see Appendix A – Map showing recommended Regional Skilled Trades Program Boundary Change – September 2020). (Appendix II, as attached to the Minutes)

3. Reports / Information Received

STOPR - Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes of May 2, 2019; Update re Artificial Surface Playing Fields at Clarkson Secondary School, Humberview Secondary School, and Mississauga Secondary School; Status Update re Child Care Projects Approval-to-Proceed (ATP); Ministry of Education 2019-2020 Capital Priorities Program; Application Status Update; Tender Activity Report for May 22, 2019 to August 20, 2019; Vandalism Report for March 2019.

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11. Peel District School Board Policy 48 – Safe and Accepting Schools

Policy 48, Safe and Accepting Schools, has been updated to reflect current practice. Once approved, the revised policy will be posted on the Board's website.

Resolution No. 19-174 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that revised Policy 48 – Safe and Accepting Schools, be approved. (APPENDIX I)

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12. Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee

Resolution No. 19-175 moved by John Marchant
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that Sadia Shoaib be appointed as the alternate representative for Easter Seals, Ontario, on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

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13. Notice of Motion: Trustee Crocker re Zero Use of Single-Use Plastics

Trustee Crocker advised that he would like to add to the motion he presented when providing notice. He read his motion, and noted the addition of "and in all schools by December 2020".

Resolution No. 19-176 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the Peel District School Board work towards zero use of single-use plastics, including but not limited to plastic bottles, disposable cutlery and other serveware in the Central Board Office and Field Offices by December 2019, and in all schools by December 2020.

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Trustee Crocker thanked staff for their work in researching information for this motion. He stated that, in reviewing past minutes, he noted that the Peel student group, Peel Environment Youth Alliance (PEYA) had made a special presentation to the Board in May 2008 and had put forward a number of requests, such as developing a recycling policy and recycling at schools, developing a responsible paper consumption policy, increasing course content regarding the environment, and modifying food and drink contracts.

Trustees speaking expressed support for the motion. Citing statistics regarding climate change, a trustee noted that implementation of the proposal will be challenging but is crucial for the future, and that the fight against climate change is the responsibility of every government and institution as well as every individual. Another trustee recalled that, following PEYA's presentation, meeting agendas were provided electronically and circulation of paper copies of meeting agendas were limited. He stated that in working towards zero use of single-use plastics, the approach will be positive and progressive. With the help of a graphic, a trustee spoke about the widespread pollution of single-use plastics, and noted that the motion provides sufficient time for the Central Board Office, Field Offices, and schools to work on implementation. A trustee suggested that water filling stations be set up in schools that do not have this facility, and another trustee commented that there will be lower waste and maintenance costs. In response to a trustee's questions, the mover of the motion clarified that his motion speaks to working towards zero-use of single-use plastics, and the intention is not to discipline anyone or throw away single-use plastic products remaining at the deadline dates. The administration confirmed that there are only a few schools with vending machines, and this number is decreasing. Staff can work towards appropriately revising vendor contracts.

13. Notice of Motion: Trustee Crocker re Zero Use of Single-Use Plastics (Continued)

A trustee spoke about the devastation to marine birds and animals caused by discarded single-use plastic products, and the need for change. Another trustee stated that teaching children about environmentally-friendly behaviour, presents the opportunity to influence families, households and communities. Concluding discussion on the motion and referring to climate change, Trustee Crocker noted the devastation from Hurricane Dorian on the Bahamas and recounted his personal connection to the island. He stated that, while a straight line cannot be drawn between climate change and single-use plastics, the effects of manufacturing and transporting the products will have an impact. He suggested that everyone think globally and act locally.

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Resolution No. 19-176 carried

14. Notice of Motion: Trustee McDonald re Trustee Involvement on Committees Involving Director of Education Hiring

Resolution No. 19-177 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the Peel District School Board allows any trustee that wishes to participate in any committee, involving hiring or procurement issues, pertaining to the Director of Education, be allowed to participate on the Committee.

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The mover of the motion requested a recorded vote. Trustee McDonald noted that the Board of Trustees is a diverse group of people, and she commented that the committees need to reflect this diversity. She spoke of the duty to include all voices, and trustees being able to freely, honestly and respectfully express themselves. She stated that this diversity should not be disregarded and everyone's lived experiences should be treasured. Encouraging all trustees to support the motion, she stated that representation matters, and the Board needs to capitalize on diverse skills.

Expressing support of the motion, a trustee commented that, as publicly elected officials, all trustees should be able to participate on any committee to voice their opinion. While the requirements for quorum need to be met, she encouraged the Board to review the process trustees are selected to committees. She added that this may be a discussion for the Trustee Review Committee. In response to another trustee's question of clarification, Director of Education, Peter Joshua, confirmed that all trustees can attend standing committee meetings but all decisions are made by the full Board. Another trustee remarked that trustees are selected to ad hoc committees to represent and speak on behalf of the full Board. He noted that this motion is specific to Director of Education hiring, and if the discussion is with regard to representation of trustees on any other committee, the issue needs to be discussed at a Trustee Review Committee. In closing debate, the mover echoed remarks she had stated.

(Continued overleaf)

14. Notice of Motion: Trustee McDonald re Trustee Involvement on Committees Involving Director of Education Hiring (Continued)

The result of the vote was as follows:

Resolution No. 19-177

Yeas	Nays	Abstentions
Trustees Dakroub, McDonald,	Trustees Marchant, MacDonald, Cameron, Lawton, Davies, Andrews, Benjamin, Crocker	Trustee Sohi
	 defeated (2-8-1)
	Student Trustees Arora, Nar	(2-10-1) (non-binding)

15. Letter to Parents re Staff Duty to Report to Children’s Aid Society

The Child, Youth and Family Services Act requires that every person who performs professional or official duties with respect to children has a legal duty to report any suspicions, based on reasonable grounds, that a child is or may be in need of protection. This responsibility applies to all staff of school boards. A letter is sent home to parents at the beginning of each school year to ensure that parents understand the responsibility of all staff.

Resolution No. 19-178 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the letter to parents re Peel District School Board staff duty to report to Children’s Aid Society, be received.

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16. September Enrolment Report

Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, presented an oral report on enrolment as on September 9, 2019. He noted that after the first week of school, 114,998 elementary students were enrolled, which represents a growth of 227 elementary students, or 0.2%, over first week enrolment in September 2018. He advised that the lower rate of growth was predicted when reviewing projections. The enrolment data will be verified and a written report brought to the Board at the September 24, 2019 meeting. Secondary enrolment information will be included in the written report.

16. September Enrolment Report (Continued)

Resolution No. 19-179 moved by Balbir Sohi
seconded by Brad MacDonald

That, the September Enrolment Report (oral), be received.

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17. Ontario Public School Boards' Association – OPSBA Connects

Resolution No. 19-180 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Balbir Sohi

Resolved, that the following reports, be received:

- OPSBA Connects – September 3, 2019
- OPSBA Connects – September 9, 2019

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18. Comments or Questions from Trustees

Student Trustee Nar thanked trustees for welcoming the student trustees. She stated that she looks forward to a great year ahead and to represent the student voice to the best of her ability.

Student Trustee Arora thanked the Board Members for helping the student trustees with a smooth transition to their role. She reported that she was invited to a discussion on the history of gun violence, and finding the root cause of gun violence in the community. Stating that the two main causes were mental illness and lack of opportunity, Student Trustee Arora remarked that the processes faced by youth to become employed are complicated and lead many youth to look for easier options which may be illegal. She spoke about the need for mental health workshops.

Trustee Benjamin welcomed the student trustees and wished them the best. She thanked school administration and staff for their work at the start of the year, especially with the newsletters.

Trustee McDonald commented that the start of the new school year has been successful, and she thanked administration and staff for the different initiatives in place.

Trustee Davies thanked administration for a smooth first week of school, and for the speed and accuracy of responses to questions.

18. Comments or Questions from Trustees (Continued)

Trustee Sohi thanked the administration for their help in responding to several telephone calls and emails she received. She stated that she has had discussions with different groups who provide programs engaging youth. Referring to the facility fee increases, she asked whether trustees can help with suggestions, as the increase will affect youth being engaged and kept out of trouble.

19. Public Question Period

Jill Promoli thanked trustees for their time in listening to her delegation regarding flu prevention at the previous Regular Meeting of the Board, and expressed pleasure to be a part of any initiative in this regard. Chair Cameron responded.

Zeelaf indicated that community organizations and groups helping youth engagement are adversely affected by the increase in facility fees. She stated that these groups help with keeping students out of trouble and off the streets, and she asked for help in lowering the fees. She stated that she has been in contact with some trustees, and she asked as to what trustees are doing about the increased fees. Chair Cameron responded.

20. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 19-181 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), August 27, 2019; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), September 4, 2019; Negotiations Update (oral); Student Senates Update (oral); Transportation Update (oral); Director’s Report re Hurricane Dorian Donation Drive – September 17, 2019; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), August 27, 2019; Resignations; Retirements; Recommendations of the Private Sessions, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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21. Adjournment

Resolution No. 19-182 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:05 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

September 9, 2019
Regular Meeting of the Board:nf

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Members present:

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

Will Davies
Brad MacDonald
Kathy McDonald
John Marchant
Balbir Sohi

Member absent: (apologies received)

David Green

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 Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), August 27, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held August 27, 2019, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), September 4, 2019

That, the information about the Physical Planning and Building Committee's (In Committee), receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Report on Tenders: Pte. Buckam Singh Public School; Tender Activity Report for May 22, 2019 to August 20, 2019.

4. Negotiations Update

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

5. Student Senates Update

That, the oral update report re Student Senates, be received.

6. Transportation Update

That, the oral update report re Transportation, be received

7. Director's Report

1. Hurricane Dorian Donation Drive - September 17, 2019

That, the Director's Report (oral) re Hurricane Dorian Donation Drive – September 17, 2019, be received

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), August 27, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held August 27, 2019, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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

5. Recommendations of the Private Sessions

That, the recommendations of the Private Sessions, be approved.