

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, April 7, 2014 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
Meredith Johnson	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Sue Lawton

Student Trustees:

Sahil Sharma, Student Trustee North
Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

Administration:

Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent of Education
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Marion Smith, Executive Assistant

Administration: (Continued)

Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Marina Amin, 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 (a) Retirements – Addendum (circulated)

Item 7.1 Late Request to Delegate: Faroek Hanif and Sunit Patel re Boundary Change for Springdale Public School (added)

Resolution No. 14-86 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Stan Cameron

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Special Presentation by UNICEF re Peel District School Board's Contributions to the Toonie Day Campaigns to Support Children in the Philippines and in Syria

President and CEO of UNICEF, David Morley, thanked the Board, students, staff and families, for their generous contribution of \$248,290 in support of the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the children of Syria. With a slide presentation, he provided details of the relief work undertaken in the regions, including: providing clean water; creating safe learning spaces for more than 135,000 children; delivering school supplies; developing before and after school programs; protecting children and unifying them with their parents. He commented on the strength and resiliency of the people in the Philippines in the face of devastation and havoc, and he expressed hope and optimism for their future. Indicating that more than a million children have fled from Syria to neighbouring countries, David Morley, spoke about UNICEF's emergency relief work in Iraq, Lebanon and Turkey, as well. He provided details about designated child friendly spaces where children, traumatized by the war, are taught coping and safety skills. Commenting on the prolonged duration of strife in Syria, he highlighted efforts being made by people in refugee camps to build a new life. David Morley once again thanked the Board for its generous support, which has made a tremendous difference to people in the Philippines and Syria.

3. Special Presentation by UNICEF re Peel District School Board's Contributions to the Toonie Day Campaigns to Support Children in the Philippines and in Syria (Continued)

Chair McDougald thanked David Morley for his informative presentation about UNICEF's relief work, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be able to help people in need all over the world, and inculcate the values of global citizenship within Peel. She assured UNICEF of continued support in working together to help children around the world.

4. Special Presentation re the Introduction of Peel's New Specialist High Skills Major Outdoor School Banners

Superintendent of Education of Alternative Programs, Patricia Rossall, drew attention to the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) school banner that will be displayed on the exterior wall of Peel's secondary schools. Explaining the design, developed by the Communications department, Superintendent Rossall indicated that each banner will be customized to highlight the specific program or programs being offered at the school. She noted that the Board offers 36 SHSM programs in 12 categories. The Facilities department will coordinate installation of the banners, which is expected to be completed in June 2014. The cost for the banners will be covered by Ministry funding for SHSM programs.

Superintendent Rossall spoke about the success of the second Annual SHSM Conference which was attended by approximately 500 Peel students, and she thanked Director Pontes for his attendance and opening remarks at the conference.

A trustee asked about the City of Brampton's rule with regard to banner display, and he suggested that staff verify the By-law on the use and erection of signs. The Facilities department will ensure Board compliance with the By-law.

5. Special Presentation re Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Announcement

Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill, reported on the preliminary GSN announcement made by the Ministry of Education for the 2014–2015 school year. He noted that the Ministry has based its calculations for the Peel DSB on a projected Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) of 154,990. This is an increase of 11,767 students compared to Peel's ADE of 143,222 for 2013–2014. Associate Director Gill also advised that funding for Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) will be fully included in the GSNs from next year, in contrast to the current allocation model of 50% through the GSNs and the remainder through the Education Programs-Other (EPO) grant. Using a slide presentation, he provided statistical details of the grants, highlighting that, for next year, the High Needs Amount will be allocated through the Measures of Variability Amount and the Special Education Statistical Prediction Model. Jaspal Gill stated that, with these changes, the Board expects to receive additional special education funding of approximately \$4.7 million in 2014-2015, and approximately \$18 million over the next four years, based on current assumptions and enrolment. He provided details about the 2% cost adjustment being provided by the Ministry from next year to recognize high operating costs for transportation. Associate Director Gill reported on decreased funding in the Board Administration and Governance grant as a result of the new allocation model developed for school board administration.

5. Special Presentation re Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Announcement (Continued)

Responding to a trustee's query, Jaspal Gill, explained that, in addition to the increase of special education funding by approximately \$4.7 million, another \$6.5 million is expected by factoring the inclusion of FDK students into the GSNs, and an estimated growth of around 4500 students next year. Trustees commended Peel's parent community, regional municipalities, and members of the Board, for their support of the Board's Fix the Formula Campaign.

Chair McDougald reported that the preliminary GSN announcement brings good news for Peel, not only with respect to the revisions in the special education funding formula, but in other funding areas as well. She expressed appreciation for the Board's leadership and opportune timing of its funding campaign, highlighting that positive results can be achieved through concerted group action. Chair McDougald announced that school councils and municipalities are being advised of the positive revisions in the GSNs for 2014-2015, and will be thanked for their support in the Fix the Formula Campaign. She also drew attention to the fact that the Ministry has overestimated enrolment and it is likely that the total amount may be lower, relative to actual enrolment.

Responding to a question regarding the 2% adjustment for increased transportation costs, the administration advised that the Board's transportation expenses are currently being analyzed.

6. Special Presentation re Retirement of Marion Smith

Chair McDougald announced the retirement of Marion Smith, Executive Assistant, Director's Office, after almost 27 years with the Board. She expressed appreciation for Marion's outstanding service, and her professional and caring nature. On behalf of the Board, Chair McDougald thanked Marion Smith, and wished her well in her retirement.

Director Pontes spoke about Marion's organizational and administrative skills, her judgement and good work ethic. On behalf of the Director's Office and senior administration, he thanked Marion Smith and wished her well.

Chair McDougald and Director Pontes presented Marion Smith with a bouquet of flowers.

7. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**8. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, March 18, 2014
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, March 25, 2014
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, April 1, 2014**

Resolution No. 14-87 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, held March 18, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held March 25, 2014, be approved;
3. That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, held April 1, 2014, be approved.

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9. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

10. Petition

Trustee Malhi submitted a petition signed by parents from the Springdale Public School community requesting that the Board reverse the boundary change approved in November 2013, so that their children residing at Octillo Boulevard, Saintsbury Crescent, Mainard Crescent and Hopecrest Place remain at Springdale Public School. Chair McDougald stated that a response will be provided at the next Regular Meeting of the Board, on May 12, 2014.

11. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 14-88 moved by Jeff White
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements:

Donna Ballantyne	Karen Guyatt	Barrington McIntosh
Denise Collins-Scott	Susan Heenan	Maryellen McKeegan
Diane Cooper	Dianne Hope	Deborah Muma
Nancy Crouse	Tiina Jarviste	Brian Pearsell
Margaret Dudley	Angela Kempster	Karen Robertson
Clarence Ellsworth	Jennifer Keyes	Raminder Sidhu
Jean Erion	Christine Kostiw	Paul Walter
Pat Evans	Terrence Landry	Susan Thomas
Elaine Foskett	Sherri MacKay	
Rudy Fuentes	Lambrini Marcopoulos	

11. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

2. Good News (The Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Citizenship Award winners)
3. Letter from the Chair to Bob Delaney, MPP, in response to his letter to the Mayor of Caledon regarding Special Education Funding
4. Letter to Board Chairs from the Ministry of Education regarding the amendment of Ontario Regulation 357/06 – Honoraria for Board Members, extending the restraint period for trustee honoraria to November 30, 2014
5. Letter to the Director of Education, Peel DSB, from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB regarding their Trustee Distribution for the 2014-2018 Term of Office
6. Copy of a letter from the Durham DSB to the Minister of Education regarding the timelines for Ontario Regulation 412/00 – Elections to and Representation on District School Boards

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A trustee referred to the retirement of Angela Kempster, President of Peel Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, Item 8.1, and expressed appreciation for her commitment and contributions over the years in her role as Principal, and President of PPVPA.

On behalf of the Board, Chair McDougald congratulated the award winners of The Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Citizenship Awards, Item 8.2, and she expressed appreciation for the support provided by the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation. A trustee also extended congratulations and noted that he will be representing Peel at the awards ceremony being hosted on April 17, 2014.

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Resolution No. 14-88 carried

12. Delegation of Faroek Hanif and Sunit Patel re Boundary Change for Springdale Public School

Faroek Hanif and Sunit Patel delegated the Board regarding the boundary change for Springdale Public School which would reassign students residing on Octillo Boulevard, Saintsbury Crest, Mainard Crest and Hopecrest Place to Carberry Public School. The delegations spoke from written notes which were later provided to the administration.

Faroek Hanif voiced his concerns regarding the boundary change, including that: he recently moved into the neighbourhood so that his children could attend Springdale Public School; the change would involve moving out of a trusted childcare service; his children would have to walk a distance of almost 2 Kms and cross Father Tobin Road, currently unmanned by crossing guards, to get to Carberry Public School. The delegation stated that the Board did not consult with parents regarding this boundary change, and he referred to the petition signed by parents of the 72 students who would be affected (Item 10 of these Minutes).

14. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, April 1, 2014

Resolution No. 14-90 moved by David Green
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the following recommendation arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, held April 1, 2014, be approved:

1. Castlebrooke and Chinguacousy Secondary Schools Boundary Change

i) Castlebrooke Secondary School (Grades 9-12)

That, effective September 2015, students entering Grade 9, living in the following area, be directed to Castlebrooke Secondary School:

Commencing at the intersection of Castlemore Road and McVean Drive
then east along Castlemore Road to Highway 50
then south along Highway 50 to Highway 407
then west along Highway 407 to Gorewood Drive
then north along Gorewood Drive, Claireville Conservation Road and McVean Drive to the point of commencement.

ii) Chinguacousy Secondary School (Grades 9-12)

That, effective September 2015, students entering Grade 9, living in the following area, be directed to Chinguacousy Secondary School:

Commencing at the intersection of Bovaird Drive East and Bramalea Road
then east along Bovaird Drive East and Castlemore Road to McVean Drive
then south along McVean Drive, Claireville Conservation Road and Gorewood Drive to Highway 407
then west along Highway 407 to Torbram Road
then north along Torbram Road to Queen Street East
then west along Queen Street East to Bramalea Road
then north along Bramalea Road to the point of commencement.

(Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

2. Reports / Information Received

Application Status Update; Tender Activity Report, February 25, 2014 to March 21, 2014; Vandalism Reports for December 2013 and January 2014; GTA West Corridor: Notice of Study Commencement; Hurontario – Main Light Rapid Transit (LRT) Project.

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15. Peel District School Board Student Trustees: 2014-2015

Chair McDougald congratulated Trevor Sookraj of Glenforest Secondary School on his re-election as student trustee for Peel schools south of Highway 401, and welcomed Paul Okundaye of Chinguacousy Secondary School as the student trustee representing Peel schools in the north.

Resolution No. 14-91 moved by Meredith Johnson
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that Trevor Sookraj and Paul Okundaye be appointed as Peel District School Board Student Trustees for the 2014-15 school year. (APPENDIX I)

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16. Notice of Appointment of Two Trustees (and Two Alternates) to the OPSBA Board of Directors: June 2014-June 2015

Resolution No. 14-92 moved by David Green
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved that, at the Regular Meeting of the Board on May 12, 2014, the Peel District School Board appoint two trustees and two alternates to serve on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association for the 2014–2015 period (from the 2014 Annual General Meeting to the 2015 Annual General Meeting). These appointments will be subject to the Board's decision on OPSBA membership for the 2014-2015 school year.

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17. The Journey Ahead: Conducting a Workforce Census

Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash, reported that Finding #26 of the Journey Ahead Action Plan recommends conducting a workforce census to obtain baseline data of Peel's employee groups. He noted that the report seeks Board approval to commence the workforce census in September 2015, as well as to establish a Workforce Census Steering Committee including two Trustees of the Board.

Resolution No. 14-93 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved:

1. That, the undertaking of a Workforce Census to commence in September 2015, be approved;
2. That, a Workforce Census Steering Committee, including two members of the Board of Trustees, be established;

17. The Journey Ahead: Conducting a Workforce Census (Continued)

3. That, the Trustee appointments to the Workforce Census Steering Committee, be made at the next Regular Meeting of the Board. (APPENDIX II)

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18. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

A trustee expressed appreciation for the explanation of the GSNs provided in the report.

Resolution No. 14-94 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Jeff White

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 10

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19. Question Period

Student Trustee Sookraj reported on concerns expressed by the Student Activity Council and other students at Port Credit Secondary School, with regard to the ventilation system at the school. Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, explained that Port Credit Secondary School is an older school and not designed to accommodate an air conditioning system. He advised the student trustee that an efficiency check is being scheduled to assess the ventilation system, the outcome of which will be reported to the principal of the school.

Trustee Kavanagh referred to the revised funding for special education and asked whether expenses will be contained within the special education funding envelope. Chair McDougald responded that this will be addressed through the budget process.

Chair McDougald thanked the Director of Communications and Community Relations Support Services, Brian Woodland, and his team, for all their support, and the professional presentation packages provided during the Board's Fix the Formula Campaign.

20. Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

21. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 14-95 moved by Beryl Ford
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 25, 2014; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), April 1, 2014; Update on Measles (oral); Student Transportation to Caledon East Public School - Update; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), March 25, 2014; Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), April 1, 2014; Resignations; Retirements; Acting Principals and Vice-Principals Report, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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22. Adjournment

Resolution No. 14-96 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:00 hours).

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April 7, 2014
Regular Meeting of the Board:ma

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – APRIL 7, 2014

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Stan Cameron
Beryl Ford
David Green
Meredith Johnson

Steve Kavanagh
Brad MacDonald
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

Sue Lawton

Student Trustees:

Sahil Sharma, Student Trustee North
Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

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), March 25, 2014

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part A), held March 25, 2014, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), April 1, 2014

That, the following recommendation arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee) meeting, held April 1, 2014, be approved:

1. Building Condition Projects: Burnhamthorpe Public School, Erin Centre Middle School, Esker Lake Public School, Herb Campbell Public School, Oscar Peterson Public School, Robert J. Lee Public School, and Shaw Public School

That, the recommendations re Building Condition Projects: Burnhamthorpe Public School, Erin Centre Middle School, Esker Lake Public School, Herb Campbell Public School, Oscar Peterson Public School, Robert J. Lee Public School, and Shaw Public School, as contained in the report, be approved. (Appendix I, as attached in the minutes).

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), April 1, 2014 (Continued)

2. Reports / Information Received

Tender Activity Report, February 25, 2014 to March 21, 2014; Education Development Charges By-law Amendment – Update.

4. Update on Measles

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

5. Student Transportation to Caledon East Public School - Update

That, the update report re Student Transportation to Caledon East Public School, be received.

Part B

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), March 25, 2014
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, (In Committee – Part B),
April 1, 2014**

1. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held March 25, 2014, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held April 1, 2014, 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. Acting Principals and Vice-Principals

That, the report re Acting Principals and Vice-Principals as of April 7, 2014, be received.