

August 29, 2017
Regular Meeting of the Board:nf

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 29, 2017, at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub
David Green
Sue Lawton
Kathy McDonald
Rick Williams

Member present electronically:

Brad MacDonald

Member absent: (apologies received)

Harkirat Singh

Student Trustees:

Carolyn Mahr, Student Trustee South
Khushpal Pawar, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Liz Cook, Acting Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Associate Director, School Support Services
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Adrian Graham, Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Poleen Grewal, Associate Director, Instructional and Equity Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Leadership Development and School Support Services
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer
Nina Jaiswal, Superintendent of Education
Peter Joshua, Director of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional and Equity Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education

3. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board, June 17, 2017
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Resolution No. 17-208 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board, held June 17, 2017, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held June 19, 2017, be approved;
3. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board, held June 27, 2017, be approved;
4. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board, held August 4, 2017, be approved.

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5. Written Questions and Petitions

There were no written questions or petitions.

6. Notices of Motion

Trustee McDonald presented the following notice of motion:

“Whereas, poverty and its effects can be a great barrier to student achievement and success, and

Whereas, Social Risk Index data is collected around key metrics of social risk, including poverty, for Peel students;

Therefore be it resolved, that staff prepare a report that lists current programs that help students overcome barriers pertaining to poverty, including hunger, mental health, technology and external factors, and the protocols in place to measure the effectiveness of these programs.”

7. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.17-209 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Lorenzo Agozzino	Joe Federico	Maria Ramalheiro
Lydia Aiello	Don Goodman	Dianne Richardson
Sharon Ashton	Mark Ikeda	Debbie Robertson
Myrna Carter	Joe Jakobek	Leah Sargent
Marlene Chapman	Suzanne Lacourciere	Annabelle Soeiro
Sherry Christian	Helena Lima	Witold Suchogorski
Jerzy Chudzinski	Jose Maiato	Gord Thompson
Brian Dickie	Linda McQuade	Steve Townsend
Cecelia Donaldson	Brenda Norris	Zenaida Villanueva
Angus Doughty	Janet Phillips	Murray Wright

2. Good News (Peel DSB is recipient of MAX Friends of the Community Award)

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Chair McDougald noted that the retirement of David Neale, Controller of Corporate Support Services, effective August 31, 2017, had been received at the August 4, 2017 Supplementary Meeting of the Board. She expressed appreciation for Controller Neale's work and leadership, and she wished him well in his future endeavours. Trustees speaking also expressed their appreciation for his caring and empathetic manner in dealing with issues.

Referring to Item 7.2, Good News, a trustee congratulated the Board on being a recipient of the MAX Friends of the Community Award. Chair McDougald indicated that she and Director Joshua will be attending the award ceremony on October 14, 2017.

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Resolution No.17-209 carried

8. Delegation of Sukhwinder Bhaura re School Boundaries and Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School

Sukhwinder Bhaura, a real estate agent in Brampton, delegated the Board to speak about school boundaries and the enrolment cap at Walnut Grove Public School. He stated that some families, who had purchased homes in the Walnut Grove Public School neighbourhood, were unable to enroll their children at the school. Describing the boundary for the school, as posted on the Board's website, he commented that the school boundary extends to Gore Road and approximately 600 students, most of whom live in the neighbourhood of Castlemore Public School, are bused to Walnut Grove Public School.

8. Delegation of Sukhwinder Bhaura re School Boundaries and Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School (Continued)

Noting that the Multiple Listing System indicates the number of sales that have occurred in the past few months, Sukhwinder Bhaura speculated that students will also have moved out of the neighbourhood. He requested the Board to look into the matter of enrolment at Walnut Grove and Castlemore Public Schools, and possibly readjust the boundaries so that students can attend their neighbourhood schools. Sukhwinder Bhaura then reported on his telephone calls to the trustee, and to the principal of the Walnut Grove Public School who had referred him to the Superintendent of Education. Chair McDougald clarified that school boundaries are approved by the Board, and indicated that a response to the delegation will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

9. Delegation of Gurdeep Singh Dosanjh re Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School

Gurdeep Singh Dosanjh recounted his experience in attempting to enroll his child in Walnut Grove Public School, located approximately 100 meters from his house, and stated that his child cannot be enrolled at the school because of the enrolment cap. The distance between Walnut Grove and Castlemore Public Schools and the boundary areas for the two schools were listed by him, and he commented that approximately 680 of the total enrolment of 1050 students are bused to Walnut Grove Public School, and approximately 150 of the total enrolment of 650 students are bused to Castlemore Public School. He queried the rationale for the cap, as well as for busing more than 600 students to Walnut Grove Public School, who live within walking distance of Castlemore Public School. He remarked that, even if the cap was removed at Walnut Grove Public School, his son will not be eligible for enrolment at the school. He asked that the cap and the boundary for Walnut Grove Public School be reviewed. Chair McDougald confirmed that a response to the delegation will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

10. Delegation of Paul Fromm re Changes to Board By-law G-3 – Delegations

Paul Fromm delegated the Board, speaking about his concerns regarding changes to Board By-law G-3 pertaining to delegations, and his notes were provided to the administration.

Reporting that he is a long-time resident of Mississauga and a former teacher in the Board, Paul Fromm indicated that he is the Director of the Canadian Association for Free Expression. He referred to By-law G-3 and asked the Board to reconsider its decision to change the By-law. Commenting that trustees are managers of the board of education, he stated that the public has the right to delegate the Board. He quoted the revision to the By-law, highlighting that delegations who use offensive language or make any disorderly noise or disturbance, or behave in a manner not consistent with the Ontario Human Rights, may be ordered to discontinue the presentation or leave the room or premises. Paul Fromm expressed the opinion that the wording is broad and people may be offended by a number of issues. While the Chair may use good judgment, the manner in which the Board will define what is offensive was queried by him. Speaking of the Ontario Human Rights Code, he stated that there is a procedure to rule on any discrimination, and that threats made against the Board can be processed either in civil or criminal courts, as appropriate. Chair McDougald noted that a response to the delegation will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

11. Notice of Motion: Trustee Singh re Mandatory School Uniform for New Schools

Trustee Singh was not present for the meeting, and Chair McDougald reported that she had received an email from Trustee Singh indicating that he would like the motion to be deferred.

Resolution No. 17-210 moved by David Green
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Notice of Motion: Trustee Singh re Mandatory School Uniform for New Schools, be deferred.

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(deferred to the September 12, 2017 meeting)

12. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Membership Fee: 2017-2018

The memo from the OPSBA along with the invoice was perused by trustees.

Resolution No. 17-211 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the amount of \$286,287.76 (including HST) be paid to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, as membership fee for 2017–2018 (APPENDIX I).

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13. Report on Tenders: Esker Lake Public School Addition and Renovation

Resolution No. 17-212 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the tender, in the amount of 6,656,830 including HST, for the construction of Esker Lake Public School Addition and Renovation, be awarded to W.S. Morgan Construction Limited. (APPENDIX II)

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14. Ontario Public School Boards' Association – OPSBA Connects

Resolution No. 17-213 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the following reports be received:

- OPSBA Connects – June 26, 2017
- OPSBA Connects – July 4, 2017
- OPSBA Connects – August 1, 2017

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15. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Trustee Cameron expressed appreciation and thanks to staff from Planning and Accommodation Support Services who were involved in construction and renovation projects at Caledon schools.

Trustee Crocker thanked staff who worked over the summer to get schools ready for the start of the school year. He noted that the community is pleased with the removal of portables in a Ward 6 school.

Trustee McDonald welcomed newly appointed Acting Superintendents of Education, Liz Cook and Darren van Hooydonk, to the administrative team. She noted her pleasure to see writing teams working over the summer on the We Rise Together Action Plan. She brought to the Board's attention that the Peel Association of African Canadian Educators (PAACE) will be hosting two significant events in the Fall, and she invited trustees to attend the United Achievers' Club Honour Awards ceremony on September 16, 2017.

Trustee Green thanked Planning and Accommodation Support Services staff for their work in schools over the summer. He reported that the spouse of former Trustee Arnold-Judge had passed away, and he extended the Board's thoughts and prayers to Valerie Arnold-Judge and her family.

Chair McDougald reminded everyone that Starting Point 2017-2018 will be held tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

16. Public Question Period

Catherine Sople noted that the United Nations' International Literacy Day will be held on September 8, 2017 and she asked whether the Board will communicate its support through social media and to the system. Chair McDougald responded.

17. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 17-214 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), June 19, 2017; Report on Tenders: Esker Lake Public School Addition and Renovation; Transportation Update (oral); Director's Report re Student Excursions and Starting Point 2017 (oral); Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held June 17, 2017; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held June 19, 2017; Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held June 27, 2017; Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held August 4, 2017; Resignations; Retirements, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 17-215 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:30 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – AUGUST 29, 2017

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Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub
David Green
Sue Lawton
Kathy McDonald
Rick Williams

Member present electronically:

Brad MacDonald

Member absent: (apologies received)

Harkirat Singh

Student Trustees:

Carolyn Mahr, Student Trustee South
Khushpal Pawar, Student Trustee North

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), June 19, 2017

That, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held June 19, 2017, be approved.

3. Report on Tenders: Esker Lake Public School Addition and Renovation

That, the Report on Tenders: Esker Lake Public School Addition and Renovation, be received.

4. Transportation Update

That, the oral update report on Transportation, be received.

5. Director's Report

1. Student Excursions

That, the Director's oral report re Student Excursions, be received.

2. Starting Point 2017

That, the Director's oral report re Starting Point 2017, be received.

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee- Part B),
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3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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