

August 31, 2016
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 Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 19:40 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Sue Lawton
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Brad MacDonald
Carrie Andrews	Kathy McDonald
Stan Cameron	Harkirat Singh
Robert Crocker	Rick Williams
Nokha Dakroub	

Member absent: (apologies received)

David Green

Student Trustees:

Omar Baboolal, Student Trustee South
Ranbir Singh, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Acting Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Coordinating Superintendent
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Adrian Graham, Superintendent of Education
Poleen Grewal, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Nina Jaiswal, Acting Superintendent of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Pertia Minott, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jamie Robertson, Acting Superintendent of Education
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education, Early Years

Administration: (Continued)

Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. **Open Session**

The Open Session commenced with the singing of O' Canada, and acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair McDougald introduced the new student trustees, Omar Baboolal, from Glenforest Secondary School, representing students south of Highway 401, and Ranbir Singh, from Castlebrooke Secondary School, representing students north of Highway 401. She also congratulated and welcomed Nina Jaiswal, Acting Superintendent of Education, for Bramalea, Chinguacousy, and North Park Families of Schools.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 1.1 Starting Point – Verge Video (added)
- Item 7.1 Late Request to Delegate – Catherine Sopleit re 2017 Pilot of Citizen Apprenticeship Program (added)
- Item 8.1 Response to Delegation by Sukhvir Hundal and Karamveer Hundal re Request for Transportation to Churchville Public School (circulated)
- Item 10.1 Appointment to Special Education Advisory Committee (added)

Resolution No. 16-161 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Harkirat Singh

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. **Starting Point - Verge**

Chair McDougald spoke about the annual Starting Point event and the theme, We Inspire Hope, at which Director of Education, Tony Pontes, spoke of hope for success and happiness in the future. The Starting Point video, Verge, was shown. Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for the work of Communications and Media Support staff on the many videos shown at Starting Point and thanked Director Pontes for his message to the system.

4. Conflict of Interest

Trustee Cameron declared a conflict of interest with regard to Item 9.6, OPSEU 292 (LTSS and MSSA) Tentative Local Agreement, as he is a member of OPSEU. He absented himself from the meeting during this item.

**5. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, May 17, 2016
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, June 7, 2016
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, June 15, 2016
Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (Electronic), June 22, 2016**

Referring to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 15, 2016, Item 21, Comments or Questions from Board Members, Trustee McDonald recalled her comment about Jean Augustine's welcome and reception at the Board, which was not included in the minutes.

Resolution No. 16-162 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held May 17, 2016, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held June 7, 2016, be approved;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held June 15, 2016, be approved;
4. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (Electronic), held June 22, 2016, be approved.

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6. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

7. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 16-163 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following items be received:

1. Retirements:

Prem Bhuchar	Elizabeth Brown	Christine Cole
Anne De Zoeten	Deborah-lynn Eldjarnson	Cristina Garcia
Susan Gould	Brete Griffin	Linda Hawke
John Hobbins	Laurel Hutchison	Mary Ingham
Mark Lawson	Hyacinth Lindo	Barbara Malagowski
Anastasia Mavridis	Haroon Mohammed	Fran Mongeon
Wendy Mudd	Rehana Noori	Brian Pashley
Janet Patterson	Janet Russell	Terry Seneshen
Millie Stewart	Brian Storey	Patrick Tannahill
Helen Tarakanov	Darinka Tkalcic	Guy Van Berkel
Grant Wardlaw	Nancy Whillans	Jane Zaffino

2. Letter to the Minister of Education requesting that they update the Kindergarten to Grade 8 curriculum to embed coding into instructional programs
3. Letter to the CEO of the Education Quality & Accountability Office (EQAO) advocating that they reconsider their response to the Peel District School Board regarding the assignment of a zero mark to refugee students
4. Letter from Bruce Rodrigues, CEO of EQAO, in response to the Board's letter dated June 22, 2016 regarding the assignment of a zero mark for refugee students
5. Revised Letter to the Minister of Children and Youth Services and the Minister of Education regarding the Ontario Autism Program
6. Letter from Michael Coteau, Minister of Children and Youth Services, in response to Peel DSB's letter of June 22, 2016 regarding the Ontario Autism Program
7. Copy of a letter to the Minister of Education from the Chair of the Waterloo Region District School Board regarding adding coding to the Ontario curriculum
8. Copy of a letter to the Minister of Children and Youth Services from the Chair of the Waterloo Region District School Board regarding the Ontario Autism Program
9. Copy of a letter to the Minister of Education from the Chair of the Waterloo Region District School Board regarding the Ontario Autism Program
10. Copy of a letter to the Executive Director of OFSAA from the Chair of the Waterloo Region District School Board regarding the OFSAA Transfer Policy

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8. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

Referring to Item 6.4, Letter from Bruce Rodrigues, CEO of EQAO, a trustee noted that the letter refers to two methods of reporting, the first one in which exempted students are identified as 'not participating' and the other which excludes the non-participating students and provides results only for those who completed the test. The trustee stated that she has not seen the results reported in that way. Director Pontes explained that EQAO does have two methods of calculating results, however, the media reports EQAO results which includes non-participating students as is posted on the EQAO website, even though the second method which excludes non-participating students reflects more accurate results. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, Poleen Grewal, provided clarification, noting that the first page of the EQAO report shows calculations using the first method, but includes other data and results which take into account students who are exempted from the assessment. Tony Pontes noted that Peel DSB's request was made in view of the recent new-comer students who represented a unique situation which merited special consideration. Discussion ensued and the administration provided further clarification that schools refer to the scores calculated by the first method, and this information is also reported to parents through newsletters. Chair McDougald suggested that a response to the letter be prepared and she proposed further discussion at a future Instructional Programs and Curriculum Committee meeting.

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Resolution No. 16-163

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9. Delegation by Catherine Sopleet re 2017 Pilot of Citizen Apprenticeship Program

Catherine Sopleet delegated the Board on the 2017 Pilot of Citizen Apprenticeship Program. Using a PowerPoint slide presentation, she provided an update on the Youth Tutor Program, an initiative for Canada's SesquiCentennial anniversary of Confederation in 2017, and the Building Up Our Neighbourhoods initiative. Catherine Sopleet requested that her deputation be referred to staff, to consider how the Citizenship Apprenticeship Pilot Program may be included in Peel's communication and celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017. She reviewed her requests to Mississauga Library Services Board. Her requests to Peel DSB, included: make a statement regarding its position on literacy on the 50th anniversary of UN International Literacy Day; on the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty make a statement about its role in fighting poverty; make submissions to federal consultations on the Future of Immigration conducted by Ministry of Immigration, and on the Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy conducted by the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development, and Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA). Catherine Sopleet explained Citizenship Apprenticeship's vision that students can learn and earn their way to higher education with banked volunteer tutor hours on their report cards to defray the costs of post-secondary tuition. She reviewed slides providing information on Cities Reducing Poverty led by Mayors, six lessons on innovation, updates to elected Peel politicians, and coverage of the program by local media. Chair McDougald confirmed that a response will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

10. Response to Delegation by Sukhvir Hundal and Karamveer Hundal re Request for Transportation to Churchville Public School

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 15, 2016, Sukhvir Hundal and Karamveer Hundal delegated the Board requesting busing for students attending Churchville Public school due to coyote sightings in the area. Chair McDougald stated that the administration agrees with the staff's assessment that the walking route to Churchville Public School is safe. She explained that many communities in Peel have signs indicating coyote sightings and added that it is the parents' responsibility to have children accompanied by a sibling or adult to ensure their safety while walking to school.

A trustee stated that she had visited the area on two occasions. She reported that the bushes are 5 feet high, that there was construction occurring, and there are issues in winter. Chair McDougald clarified that there are no problems with the pathway, it is the growth of bushes around the area that needs to be maintained. She suggested that the Ward Councillor be contacted with regard to maintenance of the area.

Resolution No. 16-164 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Sukhvir Hundal and Karamveer Hundal requesting busing for students attending Churchville Public school due to coyote sightings in the area, be received.

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11. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, May 17, 2016

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, May 17, 2016, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 16-165 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the information regarding the Special Education Advisory Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Special Education Plan

That, staff send the link of the updated Special Education Plan to SEAC members for feedback, so that highlights of the final plan can be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

2. Reports / Information Received

Links to Literacy; Superintendent's Report (oral).

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12. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Membership Fee: 2016-2017

Chair McDougald referred to the report which included the OPSBA invoice for the 2016-2017 membership fee of \$267,318.45 (including HST), and noted that there is an increase of approximately \$ 3,000 over last year. She inquired whether part of the amount will be refunded to the Board. Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller of Finance Support Services, confirmed that part of the amount pertaining to GST is refunded.

Resolution No. 16-166 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the amount of \$267,318.45 (including HST) be paid to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, as membership fee for 2016–2017 (APPENDIX I).

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13. Peel District School Board Policies # 10, 17, 22, 39, 56, 62, 79

Chair McDougald advised that the Trustee Review Committee has reviewed the policies.

Resolution No. 16-167 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved,

1. That, revised Peel District School Board Policy #10 - Courses, Conferences, Seminars etc., be approved;
2. That, revised Peel District School Board Policy #17 - Excursions, be approved;
3. That, Peel District School Board Policy #22 - Hours of Instruction and Supervision of Students, be deleted;
4. That, revised Peel District School Board Policy #39 - Transportation, be approved;
5. That, revised Peel District School Board Policy #56 - Occupational Health and Safety, be approved;
6. That, revised Peel District School Board Policy #62 - Flag Raising, be approved;
7. That, revised Peel District School Board Policy #79 - Expenses, be approved.

(APPENDIX II)

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14. Motion by Trustee Singh re Reading of the Acknowledgement

Resolution No. 16-168 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that each school day at all schools in the Peel District School Board, and all Board-hosted events at which the Canadian national anthem is played, begin with the following statement:

“We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.”

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Trustee Singh advised that a number of school boards across the country are including the acknowledgement in schools. He expressed the opinion that the acknowledgement is meaningful from an equity and inclusion viewpoint, it encourages critical thinking and indigenous history, and is an important gesture by school boards. He requested trustees to support the motion and asked for a recorded vote. Responding to a trustee’s query as to whether the topic has been discussed with the First Nations, Métis, Inuit (FNMI) Education Advisory Circle, Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash, advised that the FNMI Education Advisory Circle has not been consulted as yet, and the next meeting with the Circle is scheduled for September 15, 2016. The trustee asked for a deferral of the motion until the topic is discussed with the FNMI Education Advisory Circle and school principals.

Resolution No. 16-169 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that Resolution No. 16-168 be deferred until the administration has consulted with the FNMI Education Advisory Circle and the Principals Group.

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Discussion ensued and trustees spoke for and against the deferral. The administration spoke about the importance of engaging in respectful consultation with the FNMI Education Advisory Circle and the Principals Group. A suggestion was also made to obtain input from teachers through school principals.

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Resolution No. 16-168 deferred
(until consultation is held with FNMI Education
Advisory Circle and Principals Group)

15. OPSEU 292 (LTSS and MSSA) Tentative Local Agreement

Resolution No. 16-170 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the Tentative Local Agreement between the Peel District School Board and Ontario Public Sector Employees' Union 292 (Learning Technology Support Services and Media Support Specialist Association), be ratified upon ratification by OPSEU 292. (APPENDIX III**)

Yeas	Nays	Abstentions
Trustees Crocker, McDonald, Williams, Singh, MacDonald, McDougald, Nurse, Lawton, Andrews, Dakroub		
	 carried (10-0-0)

16. Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee

Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region (LDAPR) has nominated Thomas Corbett as alternate representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Resolution No. 16-171 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that Thomas Corbett be appointed as the alternate representative for the Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region (LDAPR) on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

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17. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 16-172 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the following reports, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 28, No. 13
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 28, No. 14

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**Note: Due to the size, the document will be attached to the File Copy only.

18. Comments or Questions from Board Members

There were no questions.

Trustee McDonald thanked Director Pontes for the inspiring message at Starting Point and expressed appreciation for the commitment to black students.

19. Public Question Period

Steve Dénommée, President, Peel Elementary Teachers Local (PETL), spoke on behalf of elementary teachers in Peel. He expressed disappointment in the decision to close vacant classrooms that will require Core French and Vocal Music programs to utilize carts instead of having dedicated classrooms, across the Board this Fall. He acknowledged the Board's difficulty in balancing the budget with cuts in top-up funding from the Ministry, but noted that the Board has passed a budget that has led to closure of these classrooms. Steve Dénommée spoke about the negative effects of not having dedicated classrooms for French and music programs, the difficulties of setting up and taking down classroom spaces, and inability to create a space that enriches the learning environment to effectively deliver the curriculum. He commented that the closure of classrooms will devalue and demoralize teaching staff and affect student success. Steve Dénommée expressed appreciation for the continued cooperation and support from the Director's Office on this issue. He asked trustees to consider the negative impact on elementary teachers. Chair McDougald responded.

Bassim Maktu, asked the Board to reconsider the issue of busing for students of Churchville Public School due to coyotes in the area. He stated that growth and vegetation is part of the problem which may increase the chances of an attack by coyotes. With regard to responsibility of parents for safety of children, he advised that adults have been attacked. He added that the problem is not specific to his community and other communities have also raised this issue. Bassim Maktu explained that there are a high number of coyotes in the area, they are heard howling after dark, and seen in backyards during the day. He stated that it is a real safety issue, the risks of coyotes is different from that of construction or traffic, and parents may not be able to protect their children. He acknowledged that there are costs associated with busing, but asked whether the situation can be reconsidered in the future with respect to any areas that may have coyote presence. Chair McDougald responded.

20. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 16-173 moved by Sue Lawton
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), June 7, 2016; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), June 15, 2016; Ontario Public Sector Employees' Union 292 (LTSS and MSSA) Tentative Local Agreement; Facility Condition Index Update (oral); Classroom Closures (oral); Director's Report re Starting Point 2016 (oral); Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, June 2, 2016; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 7, 2016; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 15, 2016; Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B – Electronic), June 22, 2016; Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board (In Committee), June 27, 2016; Recommendations of the Audit Committee Meeting, June 2, 2016; Resignations; Retirements; Secondary Vice-Principal Assignment; SouthFields Village #2 Public School, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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21. Adjournment

Resolution No. 16-174 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:10 hours).

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – AUGUST 31, 2016

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub

Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Kathy McDonald
Harkirat Singh
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

David Green

Student Trustees:

Omar Baboolal, Student Trustee South
Ranbir Singh, 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), June 7, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), June 15, 2016

1. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held June 7, 2016, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held June 15, 2016, be approved.

3. Ontario Public Sector Employees' Union 292 (LTSS and MSSA) Tentative Local Agreement

That, the report re Tentative Local Agreement with Ontario Public Sector Employees' Union 292 (Learning Technology Support Services and Media Support Specialist Association), be received.

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4. Facility Condition Index Update

That, the oral update report re Facility Condition Index, be received.

5. Classroom Closures

That, the oral report re Classroom Closures, be received.

6. Director's Report

1. Starting Point 2016

That, the Director's oral report re Starting Point 2016, be received.

Part B: (Not including student trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Audit Committee Meeting, June 2, 2016

Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 7, 2016

Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), June 15, 2016

**Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B - Electronic),
June 22, 2016**

Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board (In Committee), June 27, 2016

1. That, the Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting, held June 2, 2016, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held June 7, 2016, be approved;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held June 15, 2016, be approved;
4. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B - Electronic), held June 22, 2016, be approved;
5. That the Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board, held June 27, 2016, be received.

3. Recommendations of the Audit Committee Meeting, June 2, 2016

That, the information about the Audit Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Election of Audit Committee Chair

Sue Lawton was elected Chair of the Audit Committee for the 2015-2016 term.

2. Reports / Information Received

Audit Committee Work Plan; Revised Internal Audit Plan for 2015-2016; 2016 Audit Service Plan; Deloitte Engagement Letter; Internal Audit Plan for 2016-2017; RIAT Internal Audit Team – Status Update; Deloitte Summary of Internal Audit File Review Procedures for Regional Internal Audit Team – Toronto and Area; Internal Audit Services Summary for Arnott Charlton Public School, Brian W. Fleming Public School, Central Peel Secondary School, Chinguacousy Secondary School, Clark Boulevard Public School, David Leeder Middle School, Edenrose Public School, Grenoble Public School, Larkspur Public School, Nahani Way Public School, Mississauga Secondary School, Mount Royal Public School, Oscar Peterson Public School, Ridgeview Public School, Sherwood Mills Public School, Westervelts Corners Public School, William G. Davis Senior Public School; OASBO Report – Open Versus Closed Sessions of Audit Committee Meetings; B10 Memo – Increasing Consistency Amongst Regional Internal Audit Teams; Evaluation of External Auditors' Performance; Regional Internal Auditors' Performance; Audit Committee Self-Assessment

4. Resignations

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

5. Retirements

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

6. Secondary Vice-Principal Assignment

That, the following secondary vice-principal assignment be approved, effective September 1, 2016:

Rita Betro to Vice-Principal at Streetsville Secondary School

7. SouthFields Village #2 Public School

That, the recommendation re SouthFields #2 Public School site, be approved.
(Appendix I)