

## PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Peel District School Board, held in the Board Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario, on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 19:00 hours.

### Members present:

Carrie Andrews	Brad MacDonald
Stan Cameron	Kathy McDonald
Robert Crocker	Janet McDougald
Nokha Dakroub	Suzanne Nurse
David Green	Harkirat Singh
Sue Lawton	Rick Williams

### 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  
Jeff deFreitas, Coordinating Superintendent  
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education  
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education  
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services  
Adrian Graham, Superintendent of Education  
Poleen Grewal, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services  
Mark Haarmann, 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  
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education  
Tony Pontes, Director of Education  
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services  
Jamie Robertson, Acting Superintendent of Education  
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education  
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education  
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education  
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services  
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

**1. Call to Order**

The Open Session commenced with the singing of O' Canada, led by student Natasha Yankov, accompanied by Mark Peterson, Curriculum Head, Mayfield Secondary School, 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**

Resolution No. 16-01 moved by Sue Lawton  
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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**3. Declaration of Conflict**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. Election of Chair**

The Secretary of the Board, Tony Pontes, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board, for December 2015 to November 2016. Internal Auditors, Tony Ronca and Carlo Avolio were present to act as scrutineers for the Organizational and Second Meetings of the Board.

Trustee Crocker nominated Trustee McDougald.

There were no further nominations. Following a one minute pause in the proceedings, the Secretary of the Board declared nominations closed, and announced that Trustee McDougald had been acclaimed as Chair of the Peel District School Board for December 2015 to November 2016.

Trustee McDougald assumed the Chair.

## **5. Election of Vice-Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee McDonald nominated Trustee Nurse.

There were no further nominations. There was a one minute pause in the proceedings.

Chair McDougald announced that Trustee Nurse has been acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Peel District School Board for December 2015 to November 2016.

Following the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Natasha Yankov and Mark Peterson performed the song, Far From the Home I Love, from the movie Fiddler on the Roof.

## **6. Chair's Remarks**

Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for the musical presentation. She thanked trustees for nominating her as Chair of the Board. Chair McDougald recalled the challenges of the past year due to the labour situation and addressing the community's concerns with regard to the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum. She spoke about beginning the process of working together with newly elected trustees, as a student-focused Board, to reach collective decisions.

Chair McDougald commented on being respectful to others in times of conflict, and the importance of building genuine relationships. She encouraged a positive attitude in schools and continued focus on students during difficult times. She spoke of building an understanding of accommodation and inclusion, and continuing to collaborate and nurture trust and respect for each other. Chair McDougald noted the need for the government to review and create a better bargaining process. She reminded trustees and staff of the Board's mission to inspire success, confidence and hope in each student, and expressed pride in the achievements of the Peel District School Board.

The Chair's speech is attached at APPENDIX I.

## **7. Election of Three Trustees to the Striking Committee**

The Chair confirmed that the Striking Committee is comprised of three trustees, plus the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. The Striking Committee will meet following this meeting, and will make recommendations at the Second Meeting of the Board later this evening.

Chair McDougald called for nominations of trustees to serve on the Striking Committee.

Trustee Lawton nominated Trustee MacDonald  
Trustee Andrews nominated Trustee Dakroub  
Trustee Williams nominated Trustee Green

**7. Election of Three Trustees to the Striking Committee (Continued)**

There were no further nominations. There was a one minute pause in the proceedings.

Chair McDougald confirmed that Trustees MacDonald, Dakroub, and Green will serve on the Striking Committee.

**8. Director's Annual Report to the Board**

Director of Education, Tony Pontes, congratulated Chair McDougald and Vice-Chair Nurse on their appointments. He welcomed Jamie Robertson as a newly appointed Superintendent of Education.

Tony Pontes recalled the theme from Starting Point, You Inspire, and commented on how visible it is at school and work sites that staff inspire success, confidence and hope. Noting that Peel DSB is ranked among the Top 100 GTA employers, Director Pontes highlighted Peel initiatives such as: The Journey Ahead to support equity and inclusion; numeracy success through EngageMath strategy; acknowledgement that Peel is located on traditional lands of the First Nations people; opening of new schools; Shania Kids Can partnership; pilot project for school uniforms at Central Peel Secondary School. He noted that the annual report, which will be released in January 2016, will also highlight students' achievements and dedication of staff, volunteers, and community members.

Speaking of the challenges during the past year, Director Pontes thanked everyone for their patience and focus on keeping schools open and students safe. He acknowledged the role of trustees in supporting student success, and partnering with students and parents. On behalf of the senior leadership team, Director Pontes thanked staff for their support.

A copy of the Director's remarks is appended at APPENDIX II.

Resolution No. 16-02 moved by Suzanne Nurse  
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the Director's Annual Report to the Board be received.

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**9. Resolution re Signing Officers of the Board**

Resolution No. 16-03 moved by Rick Williams  
seconded by Harkirat Singh

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:

Chair	Janet McDougald
Vice-Chair	Suzanne Nurse
Director of Education and Secretary of the Board	Tony Pontes
Associate Director – Operational Support Services and Treasurer of the Board	Jaspal Gill
Associate Director – Instructional Support Services	Scott Moreash
	..... carried

**10. Question Period**

There were no questions.

**11. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 16-04 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (19:40 hours).

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..... Chair ..... Secretary