

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 Monday, December 3, 2018 at 19:00 hours.

Members present:

Carrie Andrews	David Green
Susan Benjamin	Sue Lawton
Stan Cameron	Brad MacDonald
Robert Crocker	John Marchant
Nokha Dakroub	Kathy McDonald
Will Davies	Balbir Sohi

Student Trustees:

Laura Oris-Naidenova, Student Trustee South
Amanpreet Chonkrian, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Liz Cook, Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Lawrence De Maeyer, Acting Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Associate Director, School Support Services
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Adrian Graham, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
John Hartzema, Controller, Facilities and Environmental 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
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Carla Pereira, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent of Education
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent of Education
Joy Uniac, Superintendent, Social/Emotional Learning and Early Years
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services

Administration: (Continued)

Darren Van Hooydonk, Superintendent of Education
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Nicole Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Oath of Office / Call to Order / Invocation

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, trustees signed the Oath of Office in the Board Room.

The Secretary of the Board, Peter Joshua, called the meeting to order. He confirmed that the Board Members have met all the procedural requirements and are eligible to take office.

The Open Session commenced with an address by Daniel Secord, Member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, and an invocation to help all families and peoples, and to be thankful for all that has been provided, as well as yet to come. The singing of O Canada was led by the Tomken Road Middle School Choir.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 19-01 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Carrie Andrews

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, Peter Joshua, announced that Internal Auditors, Carlo Avolio and Tony Ronca, are scrutineers for tonight's meetings.

Peter Joshua called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board for the term December 2018 to November 2019.

Trustee Dakroub nominated Trustee Green.
Trustee Andrews nominated Trustee Cameron.

4. Election of Chair (Continued)

There were no further nominations. Following a one minute pause in the proceedings, the Secretary of the Board declared nominations closed.

Subsequent to a ballot process, Peter Joshua announced that Trustee Cameron has been elected as Chair of the Peel District School Board for the December 2018 to November 2019 term.

Trustee Cameron assumed the Chair.

Following the election of the Chair, the Tomken Road Middle School Choir sang Sweet Child of Mine, arranged and directed by Michael Domet.

5. Election of Vice-Chair

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

Trustee Crocker nominated Trustee Lawton.
Trustee McDonald nominated Trustee Dakroub.

There were no further nominations. There was a one minute pause in the proceedings, and Chair Cameron declared nominations closed.

Following a ballot process, Chair Cameron announced that Trustee Lawton has been elected as Vice-Chair of the Peel District School Board for the December 2018 to November 2019 term.

6. Trustees' Remarks

Trustee Benjamin congratulated Chair Cameron on his election. She thanked her family, and the community of Ward 5 who elected her. She expressed appreciation to former trustee, Rick Williams, and the volunteers who helped with her election.

Trustee Dakroub congratulated Chair Cameron and Vice-Chair Lawton on their election. She thanked her family, campaign team, friends, volunteers and her community for their help in her re-election. She expressed her appreciation to her fellow trustees and senior administration for the learning opportunities, and she remarked that she is looking forward to working together to achieve student success.

Trustee Green thanked God for the privilege and opportunities provided to him, and he thanked his family and community. He stated that he will work diligently to enable the Board to achieve its goals. He spoke of the need for more diversity, and that the Peel DSB is seen as one of the leaders in equity and inclusion.

6. Trustees' Remarks (Continued)

Trustee Marchant congratulated Chair Cameron and Vice-Chair Lawton on their election, and he thanked Trustees MacDonald and Dakroub for their guidance. He stated that he looks forward to working with trustees to build a sense of community and to help students succeed.

Trustee Andrews thanked her community for the honour to represent them. She also thanked her family and friends, and she expressed appreciation to former trustee, Beryl Ford. She remarked that she looks forward to working with the Board and advocating for students.

Student Trustee Chonkrian congratulated and welcomed new and returning trustees, and she commended the Board for its leadership and commitment to student success, confidence and hope.

Student Trustee Oris-Nadenova congratulated Chair Cameron and Vice-Chair Lawton on their appointment, and expressed her excitement to continue working with the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Davies thanked the community for his election as trustee, and he stated that this is an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of his mother, who had been a trustee

Trustee Crocker congratulated Trustees Cameron and Lawton on their election as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, and Trustees Green and Dakroub on their nomination. He thanked trustees for their friendship, and also thanked his family and the volunteers who helped him in his re-election.

Trustee McDonald thanked her family for their help and support. She also thanked God, and the residents and volunteers of her Ward for their support in her re-election.

Trustee Sohi thanked her community for the honor to represent them, and expressed appreciation to her family and to Beryl Ford for their support. She congratulated Chair Cameron and Vice-Chair Lawton, and indicated that she looks forward to working with trustees and contributing to the success of students and communities.

Trustee MacDonald congratulated Chair Cameron and Vice-Chair Lawton on their election and he welcomed new and returning trustees. He thanked his family, and spoke of the advantages that education can provide to children.

Vice-Chair Lawton expressed her delight and honour to be elected as Vice-Chair of the Board. She thanked Trustee Crocker for his nomination, and trustees for their encouragement and sharing. She expressed appreciation to former Chair, Janet McDougald and Vice-Chair, Suzanne Nurse, senior administration and staff for the valuable learning experiences. Vice-Chair Lawton expressed gratitude to families in Peel who have entrusted their children to be educated in Peel.

Chair Cameron congratulated all trustees, and he thanked his family and the community of Caledon for his election, and Trustee Andrews for his nomination.

7. Chair's Remarks

Chair Cameron welcomed audience members which included family and friends of trustees. He acknowledged former trustees, Beryl Ford, Janet McDougald, Jeff White and Rick Williams, and former Chair of the Region of Peel, Emil Kolbe, who were also present. Welcoming the newly elected and returning trustees to the start of their four-year term, he highlighted their responsibilities as set out in the Education Act, including: to promote student achievement and well-being; positive school climate; prevention of bullying; diligent stewardship of the Board's resources; deliver effective and appropriate education programs; encourage pupils to pursue their educational goals.

Chair Cameron noted that the focus of Peel's trustees and staff has always been on helping all students to achieve personal excellence through access to rich programs, and that this focus is evident through the continued support of all children, including marginalized black, indigenous, LGBTQ students, and students in poverty, and special needs' students. He spoke of the modern learning approach to educational programs, and highlighted the experiential learning programs offered in schools. Chair Cameron noted initiatives such as, We Rise Together, Empowering Modern Learners, and Plan for Student Success, which help students to achieve success, confidence and hope. Remarking on the need for ongoing improvement, he referred to the challenges with regard to the daily fill rate, busing and need for increased enrolment. He expressed support for the use of culturally responsive text and the continued attention on the subject of anti-black racism. Chair Cameron stated that by strong collaboration, trustees and the administrative team will work on governance and operational issues to best represent all constituents, respect each other, help others, listen and continue to build positive working relationships and a legacy of caring and success.

The Chair's speech is attached at APPENDIX I.

Students from the Strings Program from Central Peel Secondary School, directed by Nicole Marques, performed "Centuries".

8. Director's Annual Report to the Board

Director of Education, Peter Joshua, congratulated Chair Cameron and Vice-Chair Lawton on their appointments. He referred to the Starting Point address to staff at the beginning of the school year, when he spoke about the significant impact that the Board has in setting high expectations for success, nurturing well-being, building connections, and fostering inclusive learning and working environments. Director Joshua indicated that this year's Annual Report, which will be released in January 2019, will capture this work, as well as other initiatives that took place across the Board during the 2017-2018 school year. Noting that, during the past school year, the Board entered the second year of the five-year strategic plan, Plan for Student Success, Director Joshua provided details of the four important goal areas: High Expectations for Achievement; Safe, Positive Healthy Climate/Well-Being; Equity and Inclusion; Parent Community and Staff Engagement.

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8. Director's Annual Report to the Board (Continued)

Peter Joshua reported that this school year, the Board's mission statement will guide the work in many areas, including: implementing the Year 2 accountability plan for the We Rise Together Action Plan; continuing to create safe, positive, and healthy climates through the Mental Health Strategy; learning from the Student Census conducted in November 2018 to help inform programs and instruction; launching the Peel Learning Foundation to support learning achievement for all students. Director Joshua spoke of school being a place of inspiration, and a safe, inclusive space, to help students achieve success, confidence, and hope.

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

9. 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 Cameron called for nominations of trustees to serve on this Committee.

Trustee Andrews nominated Trustee MacDonald.
Trustee Dakroub nominated Trustee Green.
Trustee Green nominated Trustee Dakroub.
Trustee Marchant nominated Trustee Benjamin.
Trustee Dakroub nominated Trustee McDonald.

There were no further nominations. Following a one minute pause in the proceedings, the Chair declared nominations closed.

Subsequent to a ballot process, with the scrutineers counting the vote, Chair Cameron announced that Trustees Benjamin, Green, and MacDonald will serve on the Striking Committee.

10. Resolution re Signing Officers of the Board

Resolution No. 19-02 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

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	Stan Cameron
Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Director of Education and Secretary of the Board	Peter Joshua

10. Resolution re Signing Officers of the Board (Continued)

Associate Director – Operational Support Services
and Treasurer of the Board

Jaspal Gill

Associate Director – Instructional and Equity
Support Services

Poleen Grewal

Associate Director – School Support Services

Wendy Dowling

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11. Adjournment

Resolution No. 19-03

moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:40 hours).

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