

December 4, 2017
Organizational Meeting:ma

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 4, 2017 at 19:00 hours.

Members present:

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

Member present electronically:

Brad MacDonald

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
Lawrence De Maeyer, Acting Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Associate Director, School Support Services
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
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
Nina Jaiswal, Superintendent of Education
Peter Joshua, Director of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Matthew McCutcheon, Acting Superintendent of Education
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Carla Pereira, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent of Education
Shirley-Ann Teal, Acting Superintendent of Education
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent of Education
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services

Administration (Cont'd):

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

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. Call to Order

The Secretary of the Board, Peter Joshua, called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

The Organizational Meeting commenced with the singing of O Canada, and the 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. 18-01 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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3. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Election of Chair

The Secretary of the Board, Peter Joshua, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board for December 2017 to November 2018. Senior Internal Auditor, Reneé Lucas and Internal Auditor, Carlo Avolio were present to act as scrutineers.

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 has been acclaimed as Chair of the Peel District School Board for December 2017 to November 2018.

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 Andrews nominated Trustee Nurse.

There were no further nominations. Following a one minute pause in the proceedings, the Chair of the Board, Janet McDougald, declared nominations closed, and announced that Trustee Nurse has been acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Peel District School Board for December 2017 to November 2018.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair McDougald thanked trustees for their support, and the privilege to serve as Chair of the Board for another year. She congratulated Trustee Nurse on her re-election as Vice-Chair. Janet McDougald spoke about the importance of shared responsibility of families, educators and leaders to inspire children to be critically engaged global citizens. She highlighted Empowering Modern Learners, a Board initiative to help all learners achieve excellence and believe in themselves. Speaking to the election year ahead, Chair McDougald stressed the need to champion and protect public education, as it supports democracy, equity and inclusion. She stated that good governance plays a crucial role in overcoming inequities in education, and in dealing with challenges to what is right and just for society and the school system. Remarking on the courageous work being undertaken on anti-black racism, the Chair confirmed the Board's commitment to achieve inclusion for all through continued support of marginalized children, including black male students, LGBTQ+ students, indigenous children, students living in poverty, and children with special education needs. With the mutual respect, and collaborative spirit that embodies the Board of Trustees, Chair McDougald expressed confidence in continuing to work on behalf of Peel students and their families.

The Chair's speech is attached at APPENDIX I.

Following the Chair's remarks, the Cawthra Park Repertoire Dance Ensemble performed artistically choreographed dance moves to Bayana and Boogie Shoes under the direction of Teacher, Rachel Lutes.

7. Election of Three Trustees to the Striking Committee

The Chair advised that the Striking Committee is comprised of three trustees, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. She noted that the Striking Committee will meet following this meeting, and will bring recommendations to the Second Meeting of the Board later this evening, for formation of the Standing and Legislative Committees.

Chair McDougald called for nominations of trustees to serve on this committee.

Trustee Andrews nominated Trustee Green
Trustee Lawton nominated Trustee Andrews
Trustee Nurse nominated Trustee Lawton

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

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

Chair McDougald confirmed that Trustees Andrews, Green and Lawton will serve on the Striking Committee.

8. Director's Annual Report to the Board and the Community

Director of Education, Peter Joshua, expressed appreciation for the outstanding support he has received since his return to Peel. He referred to his 2017 Starting Point message regarding the Board's focus on inspiring, engaging, embracing, and empowering students and staff. He stated that the Annual Report, being printed for circulation in January 2018, will speak to the work and accomplishments of the past year, including: EngageMath, which is the Board's five-year numeracy strategy; Empowering Modern Learners; successfully completing the Board's first workforce census, Count Me in Peel; supporting religious accommodation; building a better understanding of Indigenous communities among staff and students. Director Joshua highlighted initiatives for the 2017-2018 school year in regard to developing and launching a student census, creating safe and healthy environments through the Board's Mental Health Strategy, achieving inclusion through support of marginalized students, implementing Year 1 of the accountability plan of the We Rise Together Action Plan, and promoting the home school advantage. Director Joshua concluded his address by confirming the Board's commitment to inspire success, confidence and hope in each student, and making Peel schools a better place for children to learn and grow.

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

9. Resolution re Signing Officers of the Board

Resolution No. 18-02 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Robert Crocker

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:

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| Chair | Janet McDougald |
| Vice-Chair | Suzanne Nurse |
| Director of Education and Secretary of the Board | Peter Joshua |
| Associate Director – Operational Support Services and Treasurer of the Board | Jaspal Gill |

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

Associate Director – Instructional and Equity
Support Services

Poleen Grewal

Associate Director – School Support Services

Wendy Dowling

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10. Delegation by Uma and Muneesh Sethi re Boundary Change for James Grieve Public School

Uma and Muneesh Sethi delegated the Board on behalf of parents from the Vales of Humber community regarding the redirection of their children to Treeline Public School for the school year commencing September 2018.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, which was submitted earlier to the Board, the delegation explained that families chose to move into the neighbourhood in view of the two new schools being planned for the Vales of Humber community. They outlined concerns about redirecting children to Treeline Public School in the interim, and spoke about the negative impact in areas of academic, social and mental development, and relationship building with teachers. Questioning the need to redirect students to Treeline Public School temporarily, the delegation reported on space availability at James Grieve Public School to accommodate 6 additional portables, as well as potential for 87 pupil spaces becoming available due to Grade 8 graduations in 2018. Uma and Muneesh Sethi cited a courtesy extended by the Board in 2012 when, instead of moving children from Mount Royal Public School to a temporary school, portables were provided in the short term, until Fairlawn Public School became ready for occupation. The delegation thanked the Board for accommodating their request to delegate on behalf of the community, and invited trustees to consider all the supporting evidence to arrive at a decision that will retain children at James Grieve Public School till the neighbourhood school is ready. The delegation responded to a trustee's questions of clarification regarding the letter to parents about boundary changes and redirection of students to Treeline Public School.

Chair McDougald advised that an information meeting has been scheduled for the community on December 18, 2017. A response to the delegation will be brought to the Regular Meeting of the Board in January 2018.

11. Adjournment

Resolution No. 18-03

moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:00 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary