

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 5, 2016 at 19:10 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
David Green	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Nokha Dakroub

Student Trustee:

Omar Baboolal, Student Trustee South

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
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
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer
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
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent of Education
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs

Administration (Cont'd):

Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
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

Nicole Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Call to Order

The Secretary of the Board, Tony Pontes, called the meeting to order at 19:10 hours.

The Open Session 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. 17-01 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Stan Cameron

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, Tony Pontes, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board for December 2016 to November 2017. Internal Auditors, Tony Ronca and Carlo Avolio were present to act as scrutineers for the Organizational Meeting of the Board.

Trustee Lawton 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 2016 to November 2017.

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 had been acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Peel District School Board for December 2016 to November 2017.

Following the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Port Credit Secondary School Chamber Strings Ensemble gave a musical presentation of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 1, under the direction of Teacher, Andrew Kizas.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair McDougald thanked trustees for the honour and privilege to be elected Chair of the Board, and she congratulated Trustee Nurse on her re-election as Vice-Chair. Noting that the key focus for the year ahead is the Board's mission to inspire success, confidence and hope in each student, she thanked staff for their depth of caring and their commitment to find new and better ways to ensure student success. She stated that the role of the Board of Trustees is to personally and passionately support the Board's mission.

Speaking of the work on equity, with the goal of inclusion, Chair McDougald highlighted: the First Nations acknowledgement and discussions on FNMI images on school sports teams; commitment to equitable hiring and promotion through implementation of the Journey Ahead, which included undertaking a staff census; all secondary schools will have an inclusive washroom by the end of the school year. She noted the recent Board approval to undertake a student census, and of the We Rise Together report, which is the action plan for supporting black male youth. Chair McDougald commented that the role of the trustees is to continue to lead courageous conversations on such topics and that, when dealing with important issues, such as boundary changes, French Immersion caps, pupil accommodation reviews, closing of French and Music rooms, the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum, or Friday prayer, all perspectives are valued and dissent or disagreement is an opportunity for progress. Chair McDougald stated that this Board is courageously caring and clear, and that trustees are proud to be part of the solution.

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 bring recommendations to the Second Meeting of the Board later this evening.

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

Trustee Green nominated Trustee Williams
Trustee Green nominated himself
Trustee Cameron nominated Trustee Andrews

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

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

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

Highlighting the We Inspire Hope theme of his Starting Point address at the start of the school year, Director of Education, Tony Pontes, stated that schools are places of inspiration, where staff and volunteers inspire success, confidence and hope in every student. He outlined the areas of the Board's focus, including: implementation of the Peel DSB Plan for Student Success; continued implementation of systemness; commitment to equity and inclusion; strengthening numeracy skills and achievement through EngageMath; promoting the home school advantage.

Noting that this year's Annual Report will be released in January 2017 in video and HTML formats, Director Pontes explained that the report will provide information on focus areas, as well as highlights from the last year, including: welcoming 800 newcomer students from Syria; opening four new schools; development of gender identity and expression guidelines; commitment from two secondary schools to change their team name and logo; raising over \$130,000 for Alberta fire relief efforts and over \$190,000 for United Way Giving Day. He stated that the report will also highlight students' achievements and work of staff, volunteers and community members to inspire success.

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

9. Resolution re Signing Officers of the Board

Resolution No. 17-02 moved by David Green
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:

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. Adjournment

Resolution No. 17-03 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (19:50 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary