

February 23 2016
Regular Meeting of the Board:nf

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 Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 19:35 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Nokha Dakroub

Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Harkirat Singh

Members absent: (apologies received)

Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
David Green
Kathy McDonald
Rick Williams

Student Trustees:

Arunoshi Singh, 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
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
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. Open Session

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair McDougald reported that The Learning Partnership's Canada's Outstanding Principals Award dinner is being held tonight, and three Peel DSB principals, Dawn Addison, Principal of Morning Star Middle School, Cathy Standing, Principal of Ray Lawson Public School, and Dave Yaciuk, Principal of Agnes Taylor Public School, were selected for the award this year. She indicated that Trustees Green, McDonald and Williams are attending the event, and that this is the first time that three principals from one school board are receiving the award.

Chair McDougald welcomed Adam Hughes to his first Regular Meeting of the Board as Peel DSB's Chief Information Officer. She provided brief information on his career, and remarked that Board Members look forward to working with him.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 6.1 a) Retirements (Addendum circulated)
- Item 12.1 OPSBA Fast Report: Vol. 28, No. 3 (added)

Resolution No. 16-55 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Brad MacDonald

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Special Presentation re Celebration of Black History Month

Chair McDougald noted that February is Black History Month, which is a time to celebrate the many contributions of Black Canadians. She stated that this year marks the 20th anniversary since Black History Month was officially recognized by the Government of Canada, following a motion introduced by the Honorable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament. Chair McDougald reported that, just recently, the Board announced the opening of its newest secondary school, which is named after Jean Augustine. She highlighted the activities held at the Board office and schools to celebrate Black History Month, including displays of artwork and Spotlight on Black heritage events. She invited Michelle and Komal from Sir Isaac Brock Public School, and Azaria and Eve from David Suzuki Secondary School to share information on Black History Month activities at their schools.

3. Special Presentation re Celebration of Black History Month (Continued)

Michelle and Komal spoke about what they learned in class, including the origins of Black History Month, and influential persons of Black heritage. They highlighted carousel activities, such as exploring African landscape, inspirational quilt, and movie making, in which they participated, and reported on the quiz competition and art contest held at the school. Michelle and Komal shared their personal reflections of honour, light, freedom and hope with regard to Black History Month. Eve remarked about her pride in being an African Canadian girl, and described some of the ways being Black is negatively perceived. She stated, however, that learning more about Black history has given her more confidence, including to be herself, and self-appreciation. She suggested that there be more focus on Black Canadian rather than Black American history. Azaria spoke about the variety of fields in which Black Canadians have been influential, and the progress made by people of Black heritage, who have come a long way from the harsh circumstances they have had to endure. She noted that, over the month of February, students have been able to learn about and experience Jamaican food, spoken word, fashion, and music.

Chair McDougald thanked the presenters and their teachers, Melissa Francis from Sir Isaac Brock Public School, and Marcia Lake from David Suzuki Secondary School, and she acknowledged the presence of the presenters' families in the audience. She expressed appreciation for the learning opportunities taking place in schools and the work done to celebrate diversity in the community and beyond.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest

**5. Minutes of Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, January 19, 2016
Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, February 2, 2016
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, February 9, 2016**

Resolution No. 16-56 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held January 19, 2016, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held February 2, 2016, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held February 9, 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.16-57 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Marti Carpenter	Geraldine Gillingham	Sharon Smith
Wendy Chambers	Helen Hooper	Mark Stevens
Phyllis Chan	Brad Nordien	Carol Whittaker
Jeanne Conte	Barbara Payne	Gregory Lorentz

2. Copy of a letter to the Minister of Education from the Chair of the Rainy River DSB First Nations, Metis, Inuit Education Advisory Committee in response to Calls to Action 62 i) and 63 i) of the Truth and Reconciliation Report

3. Letter to the Chair from the Chair of the York Region DSB regarding the development of curriculum and learning resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canada

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9. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, January 19, 2016

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held January 19, 2016, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 16-58 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Harkirat Singh

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Superintendent's Report (oral); Special Education Plan Development – Action Plan; Teaching Assistants (TA) Allocation Process (oral); Professional Development for Teaching Assistants (TAs).

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12. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 16-61 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 28, No. 3

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13. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Student Trustee Singh reported that she and Student Trustee Chaudhuri attended the events hosted by the Ontario Student Trustees' Association in Ottawa over the past weekend. She highlighted the activities and speakers at the events, and she spoke of the feedback received on student mental health supports at the Student Wellness Summit, which will be forwarded to the administration.

Chair McDougald indicated that the Board is midway through its United Way campaign, and that United Way Liaison, Superintendent of Education, Hazel Mason, reports that the campaign is going well, but there is room for improvement. Chair McDougald stated that the donations are for a worthy cause and have positively changed the lives of students and families in Peel. She encouraged everyone to donate, as well as to encourage others to donate.

14. Public Question Period

Catherine Sopleet referred to the resolution passed at the December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board to sign the petition requesting the House of Commons to reopen the 2010 Federal Poverty Reduction Plan. Providing an update report, she stated that a deputation was made to the City of Mississauga on January 20, 2016 and the matter was raised to endorse the petition. The City will now ask the Region of Peel, on February 25, 2016, to also consider endorsing the petition. Catherine Sopleet indicated that the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon will then be asked to sign the petition to reopen the 2010 Federal Poverty Reduction Plan.

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Nokha Dakroub
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Carrie Andrews	Brad MacDonald
Robert Crocker	Harkirat Singh

Members absent: (apologies received)

Stan Cameron
David Green
Kathy McDonald
Rick Williams

Student Trustee:

Arunoshi Singh, Student Trustee North

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), February 2, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), February 9, 2016

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), held February 2, 2016, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held February 9, 2016, be approved.

3. Football North Inc. Program at Clarkson Secondary School

That, the report re Football North Program at Clarkson Secondary School, be received.

4. Immunization Update

That, the oral update report re Immunization, be received.

5. Day of Pink

That, the oral report re Day of Pink, be received.

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), February 9, 2016

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held February 9, 2016, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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

5. Elementary Principal Appointments and Assignments

That, the following elementary principal appointment, effective February 24, 2016, be received:

Sue Eckel from Acting Principal at Corliss Public School to Principal at Corliss Public School

That, the following elementary principal assignment, effective March 21, 2016, be received:

Judy Barron from Principal at Grenoble Public School to Principal at Fallingdale Public School

That, the following elementary principal appointments, effective March 21, 2016, be received:

Christina Brulotte from Vice-Principal at SouthFields Village Public School to Principal at Burnt Elm Public School

Sumitra Lad from Vice-Principal at Beryl Ford Public School to Principal at Grenoble Public School

5. Elementary Principal Appointments and Assignments (Continued)

That, the following elementary principal appointment, effective May 2, 2016, be received:

Lindsay Avery from Vice-Principal at Cheyne Middle School to Principal at Worthington Public School

That, the following elementary principal assignments, effective September 1, 2016, be received:

Jane Fraser from Principal at Elmcrest Public School to Principal at Trelawny Public School

Linda Lee from Principal at Springfield Public School to Principal at Whiteoaks Public School

Robert Stancu from Principal at Willow Glen Public School to Principal at Springfield Public School

6. Elementary Vice-Principal Appointments and Assignments

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointments, effective February 24, 2016, be received:

Adam Bell from Acting Vice-Principal at Forest Glen Public School to Vice-Principal at Forest Glen Public School

Cara Hughes from Acting Vice-Principal at Agnes Taylor Public School to Vice-Principal at Agnes Taylor Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal assignments, effective March 21, 2016, be received:

Christine Roy from Vice-Principal at Barondale Public School to Vice-Principal at Brian W. Fleming Public School

Penny Middleton from Vice-Principal at Brian W. Fleming Public School to Vice-Principal at Barondale Public School

Jennifer Stegeman from .5 Vice-Principal at Fernforest Public School, and .5 Vice-Principal at SouthFields Village Public School, to Vice-Principal at SouthFields Village Public School

6. Elementary Vice-Principal Appointments and Assignments (Continued)

Gurmeet Gill from Vice-Principal at Burnt Elm Public School to .5 Vice-Principal at Fernforest Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at SouthFields Village Public School

Joseph Pileggi from .5 Vice-Principal at Beryl Ford Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Larkspur Public School to Vice-Principal at Beryl Ford Public School.

Datress Ricketts from Vice-Principal at Brandon Gate Public School to Vice-Principal at Ridgewood Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment, effective March 21, 2016, be received:

Kelly Freitas from Instructional Coach at the North Field Office to Vice-Principal at Burnt Elm Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment, effective March 29, 2016, be received:

Stacy Moonsammy from Teacher at Ray Lawson Public School to Vice-Principal at Brandon Gate Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment, effective May 2, 2016, be received:

Adnan Shahbaz from North Field Office to Vice-Principal at Cheyne Middle School