

February 11, 2014
Regular Meeting of the Board:ma

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 11, 2014 at 19:45 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Sue Lawton
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Brad MacDonald
Stan Cameron	Harinder Malhi
Beryl Ford	Jeff White
David Green	Rick Williams
Steve Kavanagh	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Meredith Johnson

Student Trustee:

Sahil Sharma, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education
Ted Byers, Superintendent of Education
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Mark Keating, Chief Information Officer
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Marion Smith, Executive Assistant
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education
Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent
Joy Uniacke, Superintendent of Education
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

The Open Session commenced with the singing of O'Canada.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Item 6.4 Copy of a letter to the MPP for Brampton West from the School Council at David Suzuki Secondary School requesting his support for a change to the funding formula for the Special Education High Needs Amount (HNA) (added)

Item 8.1 Response to Delegation by Clive Thurston on behalf of the Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA), the Mechanical Contractors Association of Ontario (MCAO), the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) and the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario (ECAO), regarding the Board's Procurement Practice for Construction Services (withdrawn)

Item 12.1 OPSBA Fast Report: Volume 26, No. 5 (added)

Resolution No. 14-47 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Rick Williams

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Special Presentation by the Co-Chairs of the 2013 United Way Campaign

Superintendent of Education, Jan Courtin, expressed appreciation for the commitment and hard work of the Peel DSB's 2013 United Way Campaign Committee, and, in particular, Dana Sheahan, United Way Chair, Nina Jaiswal, Vice-Chair, Raj Chandegra and Pam Tomasevic in their liaison roles with the United Way.

The Chair and Vice-Chair provided further details of the campaign. The total amount raised in Peel was \$249,373. They thanked the Board of Trustees, Superintendent Courtin, Sharon Caldwell of the North Field Office, and Saba Khan, Vice Principal, David Leeder Middle School, for their support and commitment to the Campaign. The winners of various awards were announced. Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School and Whiteoaks Public School, received the Inspire Award for going above and beyond in their support of the campaign. Roberta Bondar Public School, received the Recognition Award for its commitment to the campaign and, in keeping with past practice, will receive a breakfast prepared by the Director of Education. The Harold Brathwaite Award which recognizes a school for embracing the spirit of the United Way Campaign was awarded to Larkspur Public School. Daniela Merenda from the Board's North Field Office was also recognized for her online auction which helped the North Field Office raise over \$9000. A video presentation followed, depicting the various fundraising events and activities held during the campaign.

3. Special Presentation by the Co-Chairs of the 2013 United Way Campaign (Continued)

President and CEO of United Way of Peel Region, Shelley White, thanked the Board of Trustees, the leadership team, all staff and volunteers in Peel for their dedication and generosity towards the United Way Campaign. She also expressed thanks to Brian Woodland, Director of Communications and Community Relations Support Services, and Anne-Marie Brown, Communications Officer for their support with communications, James Duffield, Manager-Finance, and Christine Beal, Controller of Finance Support Services, for the finance support including the tracking of donations. Shelley White spoke with appreciation about the successful partnership with Peel and the many initiatives that help children and families in need. She highlighted the work being done by Peel Student President's Council (PSPC) which has raised \$500 towards the campaign, and she expressed thanks to Justine Lee, current Prime Minister of PSPC.

On behalf of the Board, Chair McDougald congratulated the schools receiving awards and expressed appreciation to the Committee for its leadership and dedication to the United Way Campaign. She commented that although the Campaign was challenging, staff and students responded with generosity and she stated that all the hard work and effort put into the campaign will go towards creating better opportunities and equity for students and families in need.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**5. Minutes of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting, January 22, 2014
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, January 28, 2014**

Resolution No. 14-48 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting, held January 22, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held January 28, 2014, 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. 14-49 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements:

Bob Bond	Jane Lifchis	Fatima Snieder
James Duffield	Ann McInall	Lorraine Toma-Jones
Elmer Flores	Cathy Morrison	John Watson
Raymond Kaake	Graham Samuels	Kristen Westenberger

2. Copy of a letter to the Minister of Education from the Renfrew County DSB in support of the Peel DSB Chair's letter regarding the allocation of funding for Special Education High Needs Amount (HNA)
3. Copies of letters from Brampton Caledon Community Living to the MPPs for Bramalea-Gore-Malton, Brampton Springdale, Brampton West and Dufferin-Caledon requesting their support for equity and fairness in the funding of Special Education for Peel Region, in particular, the High Needs Amount (HNA)
4. Copy of a letter to the MPP for Brampton West from the School Council at David Suzuki Secondary School requesting his support for a change to the funding formula for the Special Education High Needs Amount (HNA)

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9. Response to Delegation by Jas Mahal and Student Asim Nazir re the Boundary Change for David Suzuki Secondary School

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on January 28, 2014, Jas Mahal delegated the Board regarding the boundary change for David Suzuki Secondary School.

A trustee reported on concerns expressed in the community about the need for the Board to accommodate 67 students at David Suzuki Secondary School, and she asked for the number of Grade 9 students expected at the school in September 2014. Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, responded with details about the anticipated number of students expected at the school in September 2014, and a redirection of approximately 135 students to Brampton Centennial Secondary School. He noted that a clearer picture will be available as the new school year approaches. Further to the trustee's question about the number of Grade 12 graduating students, Controller Wright advised that data can be gathered and provided to the trustee. He indicated, however, that even with the redirection of students, in all probability, David Suzuki Secondary School will be over the 1850 cap by September 2014. He also clarified that Ministry rated capacity and existing number of portables at a school are factors that determine an enrolment cap. Responding to the trustee's request for boundary changes to be brought earlier to the attention of the community, Controller Wright indicated that an earlier submission of the Annual Planning Document is being considered.

9. Response to Delegation by Jas Mahal and Student Asim Nazir re the Boundary Change for David Suzuki Secondary School (Continued)

Chair McDougald commented on the delegation's inference about being disadvantaged in accessing the regional programs due to the timing of the letter advising about the boundary change. She expressed concern that a boundary change resulting in their child having to attend Brampton Centennial Secondary School could be the reason for a parent now wanting to access a regional program. Chair McDougald stated that regional programs were created to offer choices for students to pursue their interests in learning, and not to avoid attending a particular school. She advised that strong commitment to a program is essential, and confirmed that the Board maintains the high quality of all its programs.

Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash, reiterated the Chair's comments about commitment from students who wish to participate in the regional programs. He reported that comprehensive information, including registration dates, was disseminated to the community well in advance of the deadline, to provide students and parents the opportunity to make informed choices.

Another trustee expressed positive comments about Brampton Centennial Secondary School and emphasized the need for more appreciation and support from the community.

Resolution No. 14-50 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the Response to Delegation by Jas Mahal and Student Asim Nazir re the Boundary Change for David Suzuki Secondary School, be received.

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10. Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee

Resolution No. 14-51 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that Fauzia Reza be appointed as the alternate representative for Autism Ontario – Peel Chapter on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

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14. Question Period

Trustee Lawton reported on the Economic Development Day conference that she and Director of Education, Tony Pontes, attended that was hosted by the Mississauga Youth Advisory Committee of which student trustee, Trevor Sookraj, is Chair. Trustee Lawton indicated that the conference was well attended by public sector professionals, City Councilors, as well as Mayor Hazel McCallion, and many Peel students.

Trustee Ford pointed out that the Retirement Dinner and Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting have been scheduled on the same day, June 11, 2014.

Trustee Nurse reported on the local version of the opening ceremonies of the Olympics, organized by Brampton Northwest Connects, where approximately 18 Brampton Catholic and Public schools were represented, and she commented positively on the collaboration between boards.

15. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 14-55 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part A), January 28, 2014; Graduation Rates 2012-2013; Staffing Timelines (oral); Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting, January 27, 2014; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), January 28, 2014; Resignations; Retirements, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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16. Adjournment

Resolution No. 14-56 moved by Harinder Malhi
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:45 hours).

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – FEBRUARY 11, 2014

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Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Stan Cameron
Beryl Ford
David Green
Steve Kavanagh

Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White
Rick Williams

Member absent:

Meredith Johnson

Student Trustee:

Sahil Sharma, Student Trustee North

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), January 28, 2014

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held January 28, 2014, be approved.

3. Graduation Rates: 2012 – 2013

That, the report re Graduation Rates: 2012 – 2013, be received.

4. Staffing Timelines

That, the oral report re Staffing Timelines, be received.

Part B (not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

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**2. Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board, January 27, 2014
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
January 28, 2014**

1. That, the Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board, held January 27, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), held January 28, 2014, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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