

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 24, 2015 at 19:40 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Sue Lawton
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Brad MacDonald
Stan Cameron	Kathy McDonald
Robert Crocker	Harkirat Singh
Nokha Dakroub	Rick Williams
David Green	

Member absent: (apology received)

Carrie Andrews

Student Trustees:

Paul Okundaye, Student Trustee North
Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent of Education
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Poleen Grewal, Superintendent of Education
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Mark Keating, Chief Information Officer
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Administration: (Continued)

Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

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

2. Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

Item 12.1 OPSBA Fast Report: Volume 27, No. 5

Resolution No. 15-56 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Harkirat Singh

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, February 3, 2015
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, February 10, 2015**

Resolution No. 15-57 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held February 3, 2015, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held February 23, 2015, be approved.

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5. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

6. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

7. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 15-58 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements:

Zoe Horning
Lynn Lavallee
Christine Peacock

2. Good News (2015 Loran Scholar Award Recipients: Chloe Batista and Abeera Shahid; Honourable Mention Award Recipients: Walid Herzallah and Alice Zhou).

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Referring to the Good News item, a trustee congratulated the Loran Scholar Award recipients and praised the good work done by staff to support student achievement. Chair McDougald also acknowledged the efforts of the students who have received this outstanding award.

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Resolution No. 15-58 carried

8. Response to Trustee Questions From the January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board re Secondary French Immersion

Chair McDougald and trustees commended the work of staff involved in preparing the report. Referring to the busing cost based on current enrolment, Chair McDougald inquired about the annual cost per student. It was clarified that the cost will be approximately \$ 500 per student. Chair McDougald noted that the report indicates that six private buses are funded by parents of Mayfield Secondary School for students who do not qualify for busing. She commented that it will be helpful if the Ministry allows some flexibility for school boards to charge for busing. Stating that, lack of busing should not stand in the way of providing education, she expressed the hope that the Ministry will consider the circumstances and provide guidelines.

9. Deferred Motion: 2012 Secondary French Immersion Review – Transportation Eligibility (Continued)

The mover of the motion thanked the administration for the report. He spoke of equity of access to the French Immersion (FI) program at Humberview Secondary School, which is on the east side of the Region of Peel boundaries, for Caledon students living on the west side of their municipality, with no Board transportation. He explained that there is no public transit in the Town of Caledon, while students in Mississauga and Brampton can access their French Immersion site through use of public transit. The trustee stated that because all the elementary FI students in Caledon attending Herb Campbell Public School live within Mayfield Secondary School boundary, they will receive busing, subject to Busing Policy # 39, to their home secondary school, provided they do not to pursue FI studies at Humberview Secondary School. He referred to the report, which indicates that of the 100 students currently studying FI at Humberview Secondary School, only five came from Herb Campbell Public School, and noted that FI students who would be eligible for busing already receive busing under the recommendation. The trustee pointed out that when the administration has concerns regarding financial impact, the recommendation includes the phrase “subject to budget”, which is not indicated in this recommendation. In view of providing equity of access for these students to attend a program offered far away from where they live, and in the absence of public transit, he asked trustees to support the recommendation.

A trustee recalled that within the recommendations of the French Immersion Review – 2012 there was a recommendation that the Board encourage municipalities to review their public transportation models with a view to expanding school day specific run services in order to facilitate student access. In view of a meeting scheduled with Board administration and the Mayor of Caledon on March 31, 2015, the trustee asked that the recommendation be deferred until after this meeting takes place.

Resolution No. 15-61 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that Resolution No. 15-40, be deferred to a Regular Meeting of the Board after March 31, 2015, pending a meeting with Board administration and the Mayor of the Town of Caledon.

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Chair McDougald confirmed that a meeting between Board staff and the Mayor of Caledon, is scheduled for March 31, 2015. A trustee expressed concern about deferral of the recommendation for over a month, which could impact the decision to bus students in September 2015. Director Pontes agreed, stating that by March 31, 2015 staffing allocations would have been made, students would have chosen their schools, and deferral would mean that the recommendation would have to be considered for 2016-2017 school year. Discussions ensued and trustees’ questions of clarification were responded to regarding: whether busing could start in December 2015; if busing is provided can students amend their program choices; provision of busing is only for those students who have already registered in the FI program, it would not increase enrolment in the FI program in Caledon this year.

9. Deferred Motion: 2012 Secondary French Immersion Review – Transportation Eligibility (Continued)

Speaking to the deferral, a trustee stated that he has also received requests from his community seeking transportation for regional programs and French Immersion in Brampton. He suggested that, in order to be fair to all students, the matter be deferred until after the discussion with the Mayor of Caledon. Responding to further questions of clarification from trustees, Associate Director Moreash advised that today is the last date to make changes in enrolment. He explained that if a student chooses to leave a regional program at one school and move to FI at Humberview Secondary School, it affects the enrolment of the regional program causing staffing problems. Chair McDougald commented that extending transportation for September 2015 can be discussed at budget time.

A trustee spoke of equity and suggested an amendment to the recommendation, to indicate that if public transportation becomes available, school busing will cease. Chair McDougald offered the opinion that, discussions would take considerable time, making it unlikely to have public transit in place by the deadline of September 2015.

Speaking to the deferral, the mover of the motion expressed disappointment, stating that the recommendation was brought to the Board almost a month ago and a decision was expected today. He stated that he is not in favour of deferring the recommendation as he does not anticipate a positive outcome from the meeting. He requested trustees to support students in accessing the FI program.

Chair McDougald clarified the process for approval or deferral of the motion. She expressed her intention to meet with City Councils for Mississauga, Brampton and Town of Caledon. Responding to a question by Vice-Chair Nurse, Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, Jeff deFreitas, explained that if a student left the IB program to enroll in FI, the vacant IB spot could not be filled as admission to the IB program closed on February 20, 2015.

Speaking to the deferral, Trustee Lawton clarified that the intention is for the Town of Caledon to support the cost of busing the students to Humberview Secondary School. There is no expectation that the Town immediately provide public transit. **She added that there are families in her community who have difficulty in transporting their children to programs outside their area, but they bear the cost of public transit to enable their children access to programs.

Resolution No. 15-61 carried

Resolution No. 15-40 deferred
(to a Regular Meeting of the Board after March 31, 2015)

**Note: At the March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board, the minutes were amended as follows:

“She added that there are some families who have difficulty transporting their children to programs outside their area, whether there is public transport or not, but they bear the cost of public transit to enable their children access the programs.”

13. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 15-65 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 27, No. 4
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 27, No. 5

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14. Question Period

Vice-Chair Nurse congratulated Trustee David Green on being awarded the Community Leadership Award at an event hosted by Peel United Cultural Partners, at Pearson Convention Centre, over the weekend.

Trustee McDonald asked about the protocol for students who are not immunized in the event of a measles outbreak. Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash, advised that in case of infectious disease, the case is reported to Peel Health who provides direction for next steps. He advised that all Peel students should follow the immunization process, but in Peel schools and under certain circumstances, some students are permitted to attend school if not immunized.

Trustee McDonald reported that a parent had commented on how well the sidewalks to school have been cleared of snow. She expressed appreciation for the work done by custodial staff to ensure that school sidewalks are cleared.

15. Public Question Period

Sumera Naqvi, a parent, inquired about the revised sex education component of the Physical Education and Health curriculum, the role of the Board, its authority with regard to the curriculum, and whether the Board must abide by the rules of the Ministry. She asked whether the revised curriculum has been finalized and the possibility of amendments. She questioned the procedure for community consultation and asked whether trustees can object to the process used by the Ministry. Sumera Naqvi queried whether there will be workshops and training for teachers who will be teaching sensitive material in the syllabus to very young students. She inquired about prior notification to parents with regard to class schedules and the right to opt out of the sex education class. Sumera Naqvi stated that there is ambiguity in the community with respect to the changes in the curriculum. She requested a copy of the revised curriculum for each Grade and asked about access to the content of the curriculum for review by the community. Chair McDougald responded.

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18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 15-68 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (22:05 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Members present:

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Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub
David Green

Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Kathy McDonald
Harkirat Singh
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

Carrie Andrews

Student Trustees present:

Paul Okundaye, Student Trustee North
Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

PART A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), February 3, 2015 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), February 10, 2015

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), held February 3, 2015, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held February 10, 2015, be approved.

3. Graduation Rates 2013 - 2014

That, the report re Graduation Rates 2013 - 2014, be received.

4. Update on the Health and Physical Education Curriculum

That, the update report on the Health and Physical Education Curriculum, be received.

PART B (Not Including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agendas amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), February 10, 2015

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), held February 10, 2015, 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. Parkholme School: Supporting Students with Developmental Disabilities at the Secondary Level in Inclusive and Enabling Environments

1. That, in 2015 – 2016, three classes move from Parkholme School to Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary School;
2. That, in 2016 – 2017, two classes move from Parkhome School to Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary School, two classes move from Mayfield Secondary School to Sandalwood Secondary School, and two classes move from Parkholme School to Brampton Centennial Secondary School;
3. That, in 2017 – 2018, three classes move from Parkholme School to Brampton Centennial Secondary School;
4. That, no sooner than 2017 -2018, all satellite and resource classes associated with Parkholme and Applewood Schools will begin a phased approach to convert to district programs.

6. Negotiations Update

That, the update report re Negotiations, be received.

7. Guidance and Library Staffing

That, the report re Guidance and Library Staffing, be received.