

February 26, 2013
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 26, 2013 at 19:50 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Steve Kavanagh
Stan Cameron	Sue Lawton
Beryl Ford	Harinder Malhi
David Green	Jeff White
Meredith Johnson	

Members absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair (on Board business)
Rick Williams

Student Trustee:

Linda Bui, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Poleen Grewal, Acting Superintendent of Education
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
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

Administration: (Continued)

Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
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 singing of O'Canada.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

Item 6.3 Open Letter from the Minister of Education

Item 6.4 Copy of a Letter to the Minister of Education from the Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB requesting that a mandatory course on special education issues be put in place in all faculties of education in the province of Ontario

Item 6.5 Letter from the Chair to the Premier of Ontario re collective bargaining

Item 11.2 OPSBA Fast Report: Volume 25, No. 8

Resolution No. 13-73 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the agenda as amended, be approved.

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Special Presentation by Central Peel Secondary School re Black History Month

Janet McDougald welcomed staff and students from Central Peel Secondary School who gave a special presentation in recognition of Black History Month. Rainford Cornish, Teacher at Central Peel Secondary School, thanked community volunteers who assisted in the presentation, and introduced Kerry Lee Crawford, radio announcer from G98.7 FM. Kerry Lee Crawford stated that he has volunteered with the school on the 'Love Project' initiative whose central theme is that love has no colour. He remarked that the project highlights how people can be strong enough, wise enough and free enough to stand for peace. Students from Central Peel Secondary School then performed an original skit written by them.

3. Special Presentation by Central Peel Secondary School re Black History Month (Continued)

Following the presentation, a trustee expressed appreciation for the work being done in Central Peel Secondary School, and thanked the superintendent of education, school administration, staff, students and volunteers. He acknowledged the presence of several volunteers in the audience, and stated that he was looking forward to the presentation of the skit on March 28, 2013 to community schools.

4. Special Presentation by the Co-Chairs of the 2012 United Way Campaign

Superintendent of Education, Jan Courtin, reported that the 2012 United Way Campaign at Peel has been different but successful. She spoke appreciatively of the work done by the Board's campaign Committee Chair, Norm Black, and the campaign team who were enthusiastic and tireless in raising funds for the United Way. She thanked Director of Education, Tony Pontes, and Board Members for their generous contributions and, with PowerPoint slides, she highlighted details of Peel's campaign committee, activities at some schools, strategies used in fundraising, and nominations for awards.

Norm Black reported on this year's campaign, noting that, for the first time, an online donations process was used which not only helped in reaching more employees, but also in collecting data. Efforts were made to reach out to the communities through school councils, and Peel's campaign was nominated for three United Way Spirit Awards. Norm Black explained that the Board and United Way share a significant and stronger partnership that is marked by a giving community. He thanked those involved in the campaign, including Director Pontes, Superintendent Courtin, Jim Duffield, Manager of Finance – Special Projects for his help with online donations, Saba Khan, Vice-Principal of Morton Way Public School, for her help with today's presentation, former Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Pam Tomasevic, for her leadership and support, and Raj Chandengra of the United Way. Co-Chair of Peel's United Way Campaign, Dana Sheahan, reported that a number of schools received certificates and recognitions. She noted that Roberta Bondar and Whiteoaks Public Schools, The Woodlands School, and Special Education Support Services will receive breakfasts from Director Pontes. The Harold Brathwaite United Way Recognition Award winner was Roberta Bondar Public School, and runner-up was Macville Public School. Glenforest Secondary School was the winner of a Youth Spirit award.

Chief Executive Officer of United Way, Shelley White, introduced Raj Chandengra, and she commended Peel's generous support of the United Way. She congratulated the Board on receiving United Way's Joint Union Management Campaign Award, and for raising \$220,000 for United Way. She noted that over the 18 years' partnership, Peel DSB has raised more than \$3.78 million for United Way, and she remarked that this partnership is helping to build a community where children will thrive, enhance their physical and mental well-being, and reach their potential. She thanked the co-chairs and members of the campaign committee, trustees, staff and students for their commitment to United Way.

5. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**6. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, January 29, 2013
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, February 12, 2013**

Trustee Ford noted that she had been marked incorrectly in the Attendance section of the In Committee Resolutions of the Regular Meeting of the Board, February 12, 2013. The Minutes will be amended.

Resolution No. 13-74 moved by Jeff White
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, held January 29, 2013, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held February 12, 2013, as amended, be approved.

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7. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

8. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

9. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 13-75 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Anna Marie Beeton	Marilyn Morgan
Martha Haynes	Richard Pathak
Deborah Jackson	Ann Peddie
Janice Koltun	Zlata Proudlock
Ewa Lesiak	Janet Robertson
Rosanna Moody	Frances Service

2. Good News (Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Recipients – Dave Badovinac, Beryl Ford, and Carol Suhay; Peel DSB awarded United Way's Joint Union Management Campaign Award)

9. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

3. Open Letter from the Minister of Education
4. Copy of a Letter to the Minister of Education from the Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB requesting that a mandatory course on special education issues be put in place in all faculties of education in the province of Ontario
5. Letter from the Chair to the Premier of Ontario regarding collective bargaining

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With regard to the Good News item, Chair McDougald congratulated Trustee Beryl Ford, Dave Badovinac, and Carol Suhay on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and she commended those involved in Peel's 2012 United Way Campaign on receiving United Way's Joint Union Management Campaign Award.

A trustee referred to the letter from Chair McDougald to the Premier of Ontario regarding collective bargaining (Item 9.5), and stated that it was a good synopsis of the issues facing school boards, in particular the by-passing of school boards in collective bargaining, which needed to be brought to the attention of Premier Kathleen Wynne.

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Resolution No. 13-75

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10. Delegation by Susan Hamann re Sustainable Extracurricular Activities for Secondary School

Susan Hamann delegated the Board from speaking notes, a copy of which was later provided to the administration.

Susan Hamann stated that she is delegating as a parent who is concerned about the lack of stability with regard to extra-curricular activities, and is speaking on behalf of all families, particularly those who cannot afford outside enrichment programs, such as art, music, dance, sports, etc. She remarked that the resumption of extra-curricular activities is still uncertain, given that there is no information from the elementary teachers' union, and notwithstanding that secondary school teachers are now being encouraged by their union to resume extra-curricular activities. Susan Hamann reported that she is a member of her child's school parent council, and the impact of the withdrawal of extra-curricular activities is evident. She explained that she had offered to volunteer her services for extra-curricular activities, but was told that, regardless of her criminal record check and her experience as a teacher, she could not volunteer due to the terms of the school's insurance policy and Board policy. She reported on extra-curricular activities at a Toronto DSB school managed by volunteers.

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10. Delegation by Susan Hamann re Sustainable Extracurricular Activities for Secondary School (Continued)

Susan Hamann proposed that discussions be initiated to create a sustainable extra-curricular activities program in Peel that can continue with or without teacher volunteers. She requested the Board to explore the opportunity to create a base of qualified and appropriately screened volunteers. Examples of such volunteers are: teachers in training; undergraduates with experience in working with young students; older secondary school students; parents; retired or working professionals. Susan Hamann stated that principals and / or teachers can be mentors or overseers of these activities. She provided suggestions to solicit and coordinate the placement of such volunteers, including: send letters home; liaise with teacher education programs; place calls in appropriate news publications. In conclusion, she requested the Board to look into a sustainable program that will work for the betterment of all students.

11. School Year Calendars: 2013-2014

Resolution No. 13-76 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the 2013 - 2014 School Year Calendar for all schools, including Roberta Bondar Public School, Ray Lawson Public School, and Roy McMurtry School, be approved (APPENDIX I).

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12. Transportation for Grades 9-12: Resolution No. 11-120 re 2013-2014 Change to Eligibility Distances

Trustees perused the above-noted report and the administrative recommendation to consider Resolution No. 11-120 prior to the end of February 2013 in order to facilitate any changes that may be required to busing schedules. Chair McDougald suggested a 'friendly amendment' be made to change the recommendation to a notice to rescind Resolution No. 11-120. Resolution No. 11-120 states:

"Resolved that, as recommended by the Joint Ad Hoc Transportation Committee, subject to budget review, the transportation eligibility distances for Grades 9-12 be harmonized at 3.8 km as of the 2013-2014 school year."

A trustee remarked that a notice to rescind the Resolution will not be a friendly amendment. The Chair explained that a notice to rescind will allow Resolution No. 11-120 to be brought back to the March 26, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board. She advised that the coterminous board is also considering a rescission of its resolution, and is awaiting Peel's decision in this regard. She stated that she would also like trustees to consider aligning Peel's transportation eligibility distances with that of the coterminous board.

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17. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 13-78 moved by Meredith Johnson
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), February 12, 2013; Negotiations Update (oral); Safety in Peel Elementary Schools; Registration Process – Grade 1 French Immersion; Surplus Properties; Balanced School Day Schedule; Peel Academy for International Students; System Closure; Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), January 29, 2013; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), February 12, 2013; Resignations; Retirements; Elementary Principals Appointments and Assignments; Elementary Vice-Principals Appointments and Assignments; Secondary Vice-Principal Assignment; Job Abandonment (oral), and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 13-79 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:05 hours).

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Stan Cameron
Beryl Ford
David Green
Meredith Johnson

Steve Kavanagh
Sue Lawton
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White

Members absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair (on Board business)
Rick Williams

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), February 12, 2013

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part A), held February 12, 2013, be approved.

3. Negotiations Update

That, the oral update report on Negotiations, be received.

4. Safety In Peel Elementary Schools

That, the Board apply to the Ministry of Education for full funding under the expanded “Safe Welcome Program” to support the locking of front doors in elementary schools of the Peel District School Board (Appendix I).

5. Registration Process – Grade 1 French Immersion

That, the report re Registration Process – Grade 1 French Immersion, be received.

6. Surplus Properties

That, approval be provided to seek the Minister of Education's approval to offer the Lisgar Secondary School and Inder Heights sites on the open market (Appendix II).

7. Director's Report

That, the Director's Report re Balanced School Day Schedule, Peel Academy for International Students, and System Closure, be received.

Part B (Not Including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
January 29, 2013
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
February 12, 2013**

1. That, the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held January 29, 2013, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held February 12, 2013, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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

5. Elementary Principals Appointments and Assignments

That, the following elementary principal appointments, effective February 27, 2013, be received:

Craig Cooper from Acting Principal at Mountain Ash Middle School to Principal at Mountain Ash Middle School

Claudine Scuccato from Acting Principal at Madoc Drive Public School to Principal at Madoc Drive Public School

5. Elementary Principals Appointments and Assignments (Continued)

That, the following elementary principal appointment, effective March 1, 2013, be received:

Nik Papaioannou from Vice-Principal at Castlemore Public School to Principal at Brandon Gate Public School

That, the following elementary principal assignments, effective March 18, 2013, be received:

Mei Rideout from Principal at Eastbourne Public School to Principal at Harold F. Loughin Public School

Christine Parr from Principal at Brian W. Fleming Public School to Principal at Trelawny Public School

That, the following elementary principal appointments, effective March 18, 2013, be received:

Luke Mahoney from Vice-Principal at Glenhaven Senior Public School to Principal at Brian W. Fleming Public School

Stephanie Cassey from Vice-Principal at Sir Winston Churchill Public School to Principal at Eastbourne Public School

That, the following elementary principal assignment, effective April 2, 2013, be received:

Jane Kempe from Principal at Nahani Way Public School to Principal at McHugh Public School

That, the following elementary principal appointments, effective April 2, 2013, be received:

Yonnette Dey from Principal at Tumpane Public School, Toronto District School Board to Principal at Mount Royal Public School

Kelly Kawabe from Vice-Principal at Claireville Public School to Principal at Macville Public School

That, the following elementary principal appointment, effective May 1, 2013, be received:

Zbigniew Anuszkiewicz from Vice-Principal at Camilla Road Senior Public School to Principal at Camilla Road Senior Public School

That, the following elementary principal appointment, effective September 1, 2013, be received:

Jennifer Robinson from Vice-Principal at Beryl Ford Public School to Principal at Red Willow Public School

That, the following elementary principal assignment, effective September 1, 2013, be received:

Kathryn Turp from Principal on leave to Principal at Nahani Way Public School

6. Elementary Vice-Principals Appointments and Assignments

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment, effective February 27, 2013, be received:

Trixie Vasilakos Kyritsis from acting Vice-Principal at Fallingbrook Middle School to Vice-Principal at Fallingbrook Middle School

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointments, effective March 18, 2013, be received:

Tara Day-Orzechowski from Resource Teacher, Special Programs Support Services to Vice-Principal at Conestoga Public School

Mateja Drinovac from Teacher at Fletcher's Creek Senior Public School to .5 Vice-Principal at Carberry Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Massey Street Public School

Meena Grewal from Teacher at Credit Valley Public School to Vice-Principal at Glenhaven Senior Public School

Deborah Solomon from Resource Teacher, North Field Office to .5 Vice-Principal at Esker Lake Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Somerset Drive Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal assignments, effective March 18, 2013, be received:

Sumeeta Chhina from .5 Vice-Principal at Carberry Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Massey Street Public School to Vice-Principal at Carberry Public School

Felicia Hiscock from Vice-Principal at Carberry Public School to Vice-Principal at Sir Winston Churchill Public School

Catherine Rakosy from Vice-Principal at Parkholme School to .5 Vice-Principal at Sunny View Middle School and .5 Vice-Principal at Mount Royal Public School

Radha Tulsi from .5 Vice-Principal at Sunny View Middle School and .5 Vice-Principal at Mount Royal Public School to Vice-Principal at Castlemore Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment, effective April 2, 2013, be received:

Laura Ferrill from Resource Teacher, North Field Office to Vice-Principal at Claireville Public School

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

That, the following elementary vice-principal assignment, effective May 1, 2013, be received:

Tracy Tait from Vice-Principal at Plum Tree Park Public School to Vice-Principal at Camilla Road Senior Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment, effective May 1, 2013, be received:

Haemalya Parasram from Teacher at Churchill Meadows Public School to Vice-Principal at Plum Tree Park Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal assignment, effective September 1, 2013, be received:

Sumitra Lad from .5 Vice-Principal at Lougheed Middle School and .5 Vice-Principal at Great Lakes Public School to Vice-Principal at Beryl Ford Public School

7. Secondary Vice-Principals Assignment

That, the following secondary vice-principal assignment, effective March 18, 2013, be received:

Patricia Holm from Vice-Principal at Conestoga Public School to Vice-Principal at Parkholme School

8. Job Abandonment

That, the oral report re Job Abandonment, be received.