

February 26, 2019
Regular Meeting of the Board:lf

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, 2019 at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair	David Green
Sue Lawton, Vice-Chair	Brad MacDonald
Carrie Andrews	John Marchant
Susan Benjamin	Kathy McDonald
Robert Crocker	Balbir Sohi
Will Davies	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Nokha Dakroub

Student Trustees:

Laura Oris-Naidenova, Student Trustee South
Amanpreet Chonkrian, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Harjit Aujla, Acting Superintendent of Education
Liz Cook, Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Lawrence De Maeyer, Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Associate Director, School Support Services
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Adrian Graham, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
John Hartzema, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Nina Jaiswal, Superintendent of Education
Peter Joshua, Director of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Matthew McCutcheon, Superintendent of Education
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Janice Mueller, Acting Executive Assistant
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Carla Pereira, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent of Human Resources Support Services
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education

Administration: (Continued)

Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent of Education
Joy Uniac, Superintendent, Social/Emotional Learning and Early Years
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Darren Van Hooydonk, Superintendent of Education
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 19-42 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that the agenda, be approved.

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3. Special Presentation re Black History Month by Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary School

Chair Cameron described Black History Month as a time to celebrate the contributions of all black Canadians towards a culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous country. He reported on events at Peel DSB's annual Spotlight on Black Heritage celebration on February 7, 2019, which included a display of artworks, presentations and workshops to learn about rich cultural traditions and accomplishments of black Canadians. Students of Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary School presented information on Black History Month celebrations at their school. Heaven, a student, stated that the events showcased African heritage, music, food, poetry, etc., which provided students the opportunity to learn about black culture and background. Chanté spoke about being inspired by black fire fighters and pursuing her dream of becoming the first black fire fighter chief. Jahdon read his poem 'Arrow', and spoke about confidence building opportunities at his school such as, participating in the dance team, choir and clubs, as well as inspiring others and carrying on the legacy of people like Martin Luther King, to combat racism.

Melissa Kent, Teaching Assistant for Special Needs, acknowledged the work and leadership of Principal Alison Irvine to support Black History Month. Principal Irvine expressed gratitude for the work of staff, and support of the Board. Chair Cameron and trustees speaking thanked the presenters for their presentation, as well as for the activities held at their school, and encouraged them to continue the good work.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**5. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, January 15, 2019
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, January 22, 2019
Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, February 4, 2019
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, February 13, 2019**

Resolution No. 19-43 moved by John Marchant
seconded by David Green

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, held January 15, 2019, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held January 22, 2019, be approved;
3. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held February 4, 2019, be received;
4. That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, held February 13, 2019, be approved.

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6. Written Questions

Trustee Crocker submitted the following questions from parents of Thomas Street Middle School:

“If a school council was to raise funds to purchase window air-conditioning units, will there be any issues with directing funds towards these units instead of following the Board’s purchasing policy? Is there a policy that addresses this?”

Similar to a snow day, has the Board considered implementing a cancellation of a school day due to extreme heat warning, perhaps over 32° Celsius?

As well as classes, buses are also impacted by the heat and while the buses are equipped with heat, they are not equipped with air-conditioning. What is the Board’s opinion or policy about air-conditioning for school buses? Is it viewed as a luxury, or a need, or not a concern as buses are not board property?”

7. Notices of Motion and Petitions

Trustee Crocker delivered the following notice of motion:

“Be it resolved that, Peel District School Board revise Policy 39, Transportation, Clause 6, with the addition of:

When all buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, all Peel District School Board schools and offices will be closed.

When buses are cancelled in some areas due to inclement weather, Peel District School Board schools and offices in those areas will be closed.”

8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.19-44 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Jane Caswell	Janet Mason	Valerie Strickler
Phillip Dellio	Maureen Murphy	Carol Suhay
Halyna Dytyniak	Brenda Nixon	Nancy Westwood
Margaret Gahagan	Monica Patille	
Joanne Hines	Ann Shuttleworth	

2. Peel Lunchroom Supervisor Appreciation Day – March 1, 2019

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Referring to the retirement of Superintendent of Education, Jeff deFreitas, brought to the Board on February 13, 2019, trustees expressed appreciation for his work, for his calm and caring demeanour, and ability to resolve issues. Trustees wished him well in his retirement.

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Resolution No.19-44 carried

9. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, January 15, 2019

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held January 15, 2019, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 19-45 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Sue Lawton

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; SEAC Orientation: Information; Focus on Poverty: Action Plan; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Part 3; Communications: Learning Disabilities' Association of Peel Region – Winter 2019 Group Programs.

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10. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, February 4, 2019

At a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, held February 4, 2019, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 19-46 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Balbir Sohi

Resolved, that the information about the Physical Planning and Building Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes of September 21, 2018; Enrolment Cap Update – Aylesbury, Dolson and Tribune Drive Public Schools; Enrolment Cap Update – Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School; Application Status Update; Tender Activity Report for October 24, 2018 to January 21, 2019; Vandalism Reports for September and October 2018.

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11. Proposed School Year Calendars 2019-2020

In accordance with the Education Act and Regulation 304 (School Year Calendar), school boards are required to prepare, adopt and submit to the Ministry of Education, on or before March 1st of each year for modified calendars, and on or before May 1st of each year for the regular calendar, the school year calendars to be followed in the next school year. The calendar is not official until approved by the Ministry. Superintendent of Leadership Development and School Support Services, Mark Haarmann, advised that the calendars have been prepared in consultation with all stakeholders, including the coterminous board.

11. Proposed School Year Calendars 2019-2020 (Continued)

Responding to questions from trustees, Mark Haarmann indicated that Ministry can make changes to the proposed calendar and that the Ministry approval is expected at the end of May 2019. Chair Cameron noted that the 2019-2020 calendars are not final until Ministry approval is received.

Resolution No. 19-47 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the proposed school year calendars for all schools, including Roberta Bondar Public School, Ray Lawson Public School, Tony Pontes Public School and Roy McMurtry School for 2019-2020, be approved. (APPENDIX I)

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12. Update on Black History Month Activities

Director of Communications and Community Relations Support Services, Carla Pereira, stated that the report briefly outlines the activities taking place at various schools in Peel, to celebrate black history. She advised that Communications department will prepare a summary of events highlighting Spotlight on Black Heritage, which will be posted on websites. A trustee acknowledged the increase in efforts towards celebrating Black History Month in Peel schools and he expressed appreciation for the work done by principals and staff. Responding to a question from another trustee, Carla Pereira confirmed that in order to accommodate more students, attempts will be made to find a larger venue when rescheduling the February 6, 2019 event.

Resolution No. 19-48 moved by David Green
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the update report on Black History Month Activities, be received.

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13. Ontario Public School Boards' Association – OPSBA Connects

Resolution No. 19-49 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Balbir Sohi

Resolved, that the following reports, be received:

- OPSBA Connects – February 5, 2019
- OPSBA Connects – February 19, 2019

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14. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations

Trustee Andrews reported that on February 22-23, 2019, she and Trustee Green had attended the Ontario Public School Boards' Association's (OPSBA), Board of Directors meeting. She highlighted the upcoming expiration of collective agreements, and encouraged trustees to attend the Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium to be held on April 4-5, 2019. Trustee Andrews advised that Trustee McDonald was elected as member of the Education Program Work Team, and that Student Trustee Oris-Naidenova had submitted an article from a student's perspective which can be viewed online.

15. Comments or Questions from Trustees

Student Trustee Chonkrian reported on school tours with Chair Cameron at Lincoln M. Alexander and Judith Nyman Secondary Schools. She commented on the positivity and extra-curricular programs at the schools which provide opportunities and can have life-long impact on students. Student Trustee Chonkrian recounted her experience at the second OSTA-AECO conference in Ottawa, working with over 90 student trustees to advocate for student voice. The event included a vision document that will be sent to the provincial government to address issues on funding, equity and student well-being. She thanked the board for providing student trustees this opportunity to serve students better.

Student Trustee Oris-Naidenova supported the sentiments of Student Trustee Chonkrian. She spoke positively about the professional development session at OSTA-AECO in Ottawa and expressed her intent to advocate for students at the Board and provincial level. She praised the work done to create awareness during Black History Month.

Trustee McDonald reported on a Black History Month event that she had attended at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, and a discussion with two of their trustees. She suggested reaching out to colleagues at the coterminous board to share their perspective and engage in collaborative work. It was noted that in terms of transportation there is an ad hoc Joint Transportation Committee set up with STOPR and the coterminous board. Trustee McDonald clarified that her suggestion is not related solely to transportation. She described an event she had attended that was hosted by University Health Network, which involved various Toronto hospitals and rehabilitation centres, where speakers addressed topics such as, being an ally, stereotyping, stopping hate, personal journeys, and collectively putting ideas into practice in the healthcare system. The trustee also described her visit to Judith Nyman Secondary School and she spoke about the awards ceremony to honour recipients, which demonstrated that all learners thrive in a nurturing environment.

Trustee Marchant reminded trustees to register for It's a Family Affair conference, to be held on March 30, 2019, hosted by the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC). The registration deadline is March 8, 2019.

Trustee MacDonald recalled his visit to Clarkson Secondary School, along with Chair Cameron and Student Trustee Oris-Naidenova. He spoke appreciatively about the fundraising initiatives at the school which support cancer and the local school community.

15. Comments or Questions from Trustees (Continued)

Trustee Sohi spoke about Black History community events she attended. She expressed appreciation for being part of a system that works towards celebrating each individual and thanked everyone for their work.

Trustee Green reported on his visit to Ottawa two weeks ago, for a Black History Month event at the invitation of the Prime Minister. He expressed pride at the work done by Peel DSB in terms of addressing diversity and the progress made in this area. Narrating an anecdotal incident, he remarked that racism still exists and needs to be dealt with when it arises.

16. Public Question Period

There were no questions.

17. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 19-50 moved by Will Davies
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 22, 2019; Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), February 4, 2019; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), February 4, 2019; Naming of New Schools; Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board, January 14, 2019; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), January 22, 2019; Minutes of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, January 30, 2019; Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), February 13, 2019; Recommendations of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, January 30, 2019; Resignations; Retirements; Elementary Principal Appointment; Elementary Vice-Principal Appointment; Superintendent Appointments, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 19-51 moved by John Marchant
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:40 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair	David Green
Sue Lawton, Vice-Chair	Brad MacDonald
Carrie Andrews	Kathy McDonald
Susan Benjamin (18:05)	John Marchant
Robert Crocker	Balbir Sohi
Will Davies	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Nokha Dakroub

Student Trustees:

Amanpreet Chonkrian, Student Trustee North
Laura Oris-Naidenova, Student Trustee South

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), January 22, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held January 22, 2019, be approved.

3. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), February 4, 2019

That, the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), held February 4, 2019, be received.

4. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), February 4, 2019

That, the following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), held February 4, 2019, be approved:

1. Sale of Lands and Transfer of Easements to the Region of Peel – Erindale Secondary School

- i) That, sale to the Region of Peel of approximately 332 m² (3,573.62 ft²) of land for a daylight triangle to accommodate a new 3-metre multi-use path at the northeast corner of Erin Mills Parkway and Dundas Street West, be approved.
- ii) That, transfer to the Region of Peel of a permanent easement of approximately 30 m² (322.92 ft²) for a traffic light at the Erindale Secondary School west entrance, be approved.
- iii) That, transfer to the Region of Peel of a permanent easement of approximately 1,488 m² (16,016.7 ft²) for a West Trunk Sewer connection, be approved. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

2. Sale of Lands and Transfer of Easements to Metrolinx – Britannia Farm / H.J.A. Brown Education Centre

- i) That, sale to Metrolinx of Parts 1 and 2 comprised of approximately 54.5 m² (586.63 ft² / 0.013 acres) of land, be approved.
- ii) That, transfer to Metrolinx of Parts 5, 6, 7 and 8 as permanent easements of approximately 522.2 m² (5,620.91 ft² / 0.132 acres) of land, be approved.
- iii) That, transfer to Metrolinx of Parts 3 and 4 as temporary easements of approximately 255 m² (2,744.80 ft² / 0.064 acres) of land, be approved. (Appendix II, as attached to the Minutes)

3. Reports / Information Received

Former Elmcrest Public School Site – Status Update; Tender Activity Report for October 24, 2018 to January 21, 2019.

5. Naming of New Schools

- 1. That, the new school, currently known as Vales of Humber #1 Public School, to be located at 100 Martin Byrne Drive in Brampton, be named Buckam Singh Public School.
- 2. That, the new school, currently known as Mount Pleasant #11 Public School, to be located at Queen Mary Drive or Remembrance Road in Brampton, be named Malala Yousafzai Public School. (The municipal address for the school has not yet been assigned/confirmed.) (Appendix I)

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board, January 14, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Discipline Committee Meeting of the Board, held January 14, 2019, be received.

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), January 22, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held January 22, 2019, be approved.

4. Minutes of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, January 30, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, held January 30, 2019, be received.

5. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), February 13, 2019

That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, held February 13, 2019, be approved.

6. Recommendations of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, January 30, 2019

That, the information about the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Health Promotion Attendance Support Program; Health and Safety Incident Reporting; Targeted Hiring: Special Programs Under the Code; Community Outreach Worker (oral); Grievance/Arbitration Update.

7. Resignations

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

8. Retirements

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

9. Elementary Principal Appointment

That, the following elementary principal appointment, effective March 18, 2019, be received:

Devi (Haemalya) Parasram from Vice-Principal at Settler's Green Public School to Principal at Nelson Mandela Public School

10. Elementary Vice-Principal Appointment

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment, effective March 18, 2019, be received:

Shauna Sarjeant from Teacher at Aylesbury Public School to Vice-Principal at Settler's Green Public School

11. Superintendent Appointments

That, the following superintendent of education appointment, effective March 1, 2019, be approved:

Harjit Aujla from Acting Superintendent of Education for the Mississauga, Rick Hansen and the Woodlands Families of Schools, to Superintendent of Education for the Mississauga, Rick Hansen and the Woodlands Families of Schools

That, the following superintendent of education appointment, effective March 18, 2019, be approved:

Dana Sheahan from Principal at Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School to Acting Superintendent of Education for the Brampton Centennial and David Suzuki Families of Schools