

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, January 13, 2015 at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

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

Student Trustees:

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

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance 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
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
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
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent of Education
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
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
Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent

Administration:

Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental 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

Chair McDougald referred to the notice of appointment of a trustee to the Mississauga Public Library Board (Item 9.7). She requested that trustees waive the requirement for notice and that the Board deal with the appointment this evening.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Item 3.1 Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, November 18, 2014
(replacement page circulated)
Item 9.7 Appointment of One Trustee to the Mississauga Public Library Board (added)
Item 12.2 OPSBA Fast Report: Vol. 27, No.1 (added)

Resolution No. 15-20 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Rick Williams

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.

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- 4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, November 18, 2014
Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board, December 1, 2014
Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Board, December 1, 2014
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, December 9, 2014
Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, December 16, 2014**

Resolution No. 15-21 moved by David Green
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, held November 18, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board, held December 1, 2014, be approved;
3. That, the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Board, held December 1, 2014, be approved;
4. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held December 9, 2014, be approved;
5. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, held December 16, 2014, be received.

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5. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

6. Notices of Motion and Petitions

Trustee Cameron submitted a petition signed by Grades 5 and 6 students of Belfountain Public School, requesting the Board to consider the options of using renewable energy and inviting Board staff to visit Belfountain Public School to consider their ideas on the use of solar power, wind power, and geothermal energy, to help improve the environment.

7. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 15-22 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Peter Belanger
Ann Campbell-Shaver
Corinne Clifton
Linda Craig

Dianne Devin
Althea Forrester
Photini Grapsas
Sharyn Holloway

Philip Li
Antoinetta Rizza
Debbie Sutton

7. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

2. Copy of letter from Ruth Tisdale, Chair, Thames Valley District School Board to Michael Barrett, President, Ontario Public School Boards' Association asking OPSBA and member boards to support raising awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and its impact on student achievement and well-being.

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8. Response to the Delegation by Helen Jarvis regarding transportation for Nelson Mandela Public School Students

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 25, 2014, Helen Jarvis delegated the Board requesting that the Board continue to provide busing for children to Nelson Mandela Public School.

Vice-Chair Nurse referred to a walking route that runs through a park in the area of Nelson Mandela Public School and inquired whether long walking routes are used to calculate busing distances when they are not cleared during the winter months. Controller of Corporate Support Services, David Neale, advised that if the City indicates that the path has been closed, it will not be used as a busing distance.

Resolution No. 15-23 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Response to the Delegation by Helen Jarvis re transportation for Nelson Mandela Public school, be received.

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9. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, November 18, 2014

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held November 18, 2014, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 15-24 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Kathy McDonald

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Special Presentation: Using Assistive Technology to Augment a Child's Communication; EQAO Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics 2013-2014 - Primary Division (Grades 1-3), Junior Division (Grades 4-6), Grade 9 Mathematics, and Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test; Partnering for Change (oral); Letter from Grand Erie DSB re School Health Support Services; Letter from Durham Catholic DSB re Mandatory Special Education Qualifications; The Riverwood Conservancy: Enabling Garden 2014-2015.

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10. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, December 16, 2014

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held December 16, 2014, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 15-25 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Carrie Andrews

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

1. Election of SEAC Chair and Vice-Chair

Barbara Byers was elected Chair and Shelley Foster was elected Vice-Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee for 2014-2015.

2. Reports / Information Received

Ontario Special Needs Strategy; Letter from Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board re Issues with Regulation 274; Letter from the Provincial Parent Association Advisory Committee re Results from the 2014 SEAC Survey; Community Living Ontario re 6th Annual Commence Conference, February 11 and 12, 2015 in Toronto.

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11. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, January 7, 2015

At a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, held January 7, 2015, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 15-26 moved by David Green
seconded by Stan Cameron

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

1. Reports /Information Received

Status Reports on Hillside Public School, Elmcrest Public School, Willow Glen Public School, and Homelands Senior Public School; Application Status Update; Tender Activity Reports for September 25, 2014 to October 24, 2014 and October 27, 2014 to November 25, 2014; Vandalism Report for October 2014.

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12. Appointment of Two Trustees to the French Second Language Advisory Committee

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on December 9, 2014, notice was given that two trustees will be appointed to the French Second Language Advisory Committee at the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair McDougald called for nominations.

Trustee Nurse nominated Kathy McDonald
Trustee Green nominated himself

There being no further nominations, Chair McDougald announced that Trustee McDonald and Trustee Green are elected to the French Second Language Advisory Committee.

13. First Quarterly Financial Reports as at November 30, 2014

Chair McDougald advised that this is a quarterly report which tracks expenditures in relation to department budgets and last year's expenditures. She added that some categories in the budget may appear overspent because of initial spending that is meant to cover the full year's expenses, but fall within the budget as the year progresses.

Resolution No. 15-27 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the First Quarterly Financial Reports as at November 30, 2014, be received.

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14. Appointment of One Trustee to the Mississauga Public Library Board

Chair McDougald advised that, in the past, the Board has appointed a community member to represent the Peel District School Board on the Mississauga Public Library Board. This year the Mississauga Library Board has asked the Board to consider appointing a trustee representative for the four year term, ending November 30, 2018.

Trustee Andrews nominated Nokha Dakroub.

There being no further nominations, Trustee Dakroub was declared as trustee representative to the Mississauga Public Library Board. Chair McDougald noted that although an alternative representative is not appointed, support if needed can be discussed.

15. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 15-28 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following reports, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 31
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 27, No. 1

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16. Question Period

Trustee Sookraj asked whether addition of the issue of consent to the sex education curriculum would further delay its implementation in schools for September 2015 and mentioned that students from the Gay Straight Alliance in secondary schools were looking forward to the release, given that the current sex education curriculum is outdated. Director Pontes indicated that there has been no indication of delay.

Trustee Dakroub inquired about changes to the sex education and health curriculum, as she has received concerns regarding the consultation process and how the provincial government selects community members for consultation. Chair McDougald indicated that parents who participated in the survey were selected by the Ministry. Responding to Chair McDougald's request for clarification, Scott Moreash recollected that, schools and principals were not part of the consultation process, the principal did not select a community member for responding to the Ministry's survey. He advised that the Ministry selected representatives from school councils, and communication went directly from the Ministry. He added that in some cases there was miscommunication and there was no time to provide input. Tony Pontes commented that school councils were to provide input, but it was not intended that principals would select the representative for providing input. He stated that approximately 4000 school councils' representatives may have completed the survey and that there may have been consultations with faith leaders and agencies. **

**Note: At the January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board, the minutes were amended as follows:

"Chair McDougald provided clarifying information regarding the response provided by the administration with respect to the survey and consultation that the Ministry required on the sex education component of the revised Health and Physical Education curriculum. She stated that the Ministry had created the survey and directed school boards to have one parent from each school complete the survey. Chair McDougald indicated that the Board initially asked school principals to identify a member of their school council to answer the survey, and subsequently recommended that the school council chair complete the survey. The parent was provided with the link to the Ministry website which included a password, and which required the parent to fill out the survey online and submit it within the deadline. Chair McDougald stated that the minutes will be amended to include the clarifying information to ensure accuracy for the record."

16. Question Period (Continued)

Trustee McDonald spoke of community concerns regarding lack of transparency and trust in the consultation process on the sex education curriculum. She asked about the Board's position and the possibility of addressing the issue with the Ministry, even though the survey has been completed. She inquired about the possibility of a formal response or letter to the Ministry. Chair McDougald agreed that the Ministry's process did not seem transparent and inclusive. She outlined the usual process of school councils discussing issues and developing a petition to the Ministry, which did not appear to have taken place in this case, as school council representatives were directly asked to fill out the survey. She noted that Trustee Singh has also reported concerns from the community regarding the sex education curriculum. Chair McDougald commented that the curriculum is likely completed and ready to be released as the deadline for input was November 30, 2014. Vice-Chair Nurse also reported on community concerns regarding this issue of the sex education curriculum, noting that the Ministry may use the same practice in future and should be made aware that the process was not transparent and collaborative. Trustee Dakroub suggested that the proposed letter to the Ministry include recommendations for a better process. Trustee Green suggested contacting the MPP and offered to raise the issue at the OPSBA Regional Meeting as well as to initiate discussions on the consultation process followed by the Ministry. He will bring feedback to the Board. Trustee MacDonald indicated his disappointment in the Ministry's consultation process on the sex education curriculum and supported writing a letter in that regard. Following trustees' comments, Chair McDougald stated that a letter will be sent by the Board to the Ministry of Education emphasizing the need for a more transparent and inclusive consultation regarding the sex education curriculum. She requested staff to prepare a draft letter which will be brought back to the next Regular Meeting of the Board on January 27, 2015.

Trustee Cameron thanked the administration for their work on improving the teacher fill rate which is at almost 100%.

Trustee Williams inquired whether the Board has received a survey regarding whether Remembrance Day should be a holiday and the Board's position on the issue. Chair McDougald advised that the Board has not received a survey but information may be available on the government's federal website.

17. Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

18. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 15-29 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), December 9, 2014; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), January 7, 2015; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), December 9, 2014; Recommendations of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, December 15, 2014; Resignations; Retirements; Elementary Vice-Principal Appointment; Trustee Expenses (oral), and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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19. Adjournment

Resolution No. 15-30 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:10 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – JANUARY 13, 2015

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub

David Green
Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Kathy McDonald
Harkirat Singh
Rick Williams

Student Trustees:

Paul Okundaye, Student Trustee North
Trevor Sookraj, 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), December 9, 2014

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held December 9, 2014, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), January 7, 2015

That, the following recommendations resulting from the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee) meeting, held January 7, 2015, be approved:

1. Proposed Trail Connection at Brampton Centennial Secondary School

That, a permanent easement be granted to the City of Brampton for a pathway connection that would link to an existing trail network, subject to a satisfactory easement agreement. (Appendix 1, as attached to the minutes)

2. Reports / Information Received

Tender Activity Reports for September 25, 2014 to October 24, 2014, and October 27, 2014 to November 25, 2014; Request for Proposals – Elementary School Repeat Designs; Ministry of Education – Revised Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline.

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),
December 9, 2014**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), held December 9, 2014, be approved.

**3. Recommendations of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee,
December 15, 2014**

That, the following recommendations arising from the the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee meeting, held December 15, 2014, be approved:

1. Terms of Reference

That, the revised Terms of Reference of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, be approved. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

2. Reports / Information Received

Acronyms; Contract Development Process, Collective Bargaining and the Negotiations Process; Negotiations 2014 Update and Ontario Public School Boards' Association Bargaining Bulletins #8, #9 and #10 re Collective Bargaining Process; Human Resources Overview; Teacher Evaluations; Teacher Hiring Regulation; Grievance/Arbitration Summary.

4. Resignations

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

5. Retirements

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

6. Elementary Vice-Principal Appointment

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment, effective January 19, 2015, be received:

Patricia MacFarlane from Teacher at Levi Creek Public School to .5 Vice-Principal at Sawmill Valley Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Brookmede Public School

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7. Director's Report

1. Trustee Expenses

That, the oral report re Trustee Expenses, be received.