

## **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 23, 2018 at 19:45 hours.

Members present:

Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Carrie Andrews	Brad MacDonald
Stan Cameron	Kathy McDonald
Robert Crocker	Rick Williams
David Green	

Members absent: (apologies received)

Nokha Dakroub  
Janet McDougald, Chair  
Harkirat Singh

Student Trustee present:

Khushpal Pawar, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services  
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services  
Ted Byers, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services  
Liz Cook, Acting Superintendent of Education  
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education  
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education  
Lawrence De Maeyer, Acting 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 of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services  
Poleen Grewal, Associate Director, Instructional and Equity Support Services  
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Leadership Development and School Support Services  
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer  
Nina Jaiswal, Superintendent of Education  
Peter Joshua, Director of Education  
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education  
Matthew McCutcheon, Acting Superintendent of Education  
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant  
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education  
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent of Education

Administration: (Continued)

Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education  
Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent of Education  
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services  
Darren Van Hooydonk, Acting Superintendent of Education

Nicole Fernandes Board Reporter

**1. Open Session**

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

In the absence of Chair McDougald, Vice-Chair Nurse chaired the meeting. Item 7.1, Delegation of Antonia Palmer re Safety of Kiss and Ride Areas in Schools, was added to the agenda.

Resolution No. 18-29 moved by David Green  
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 declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, December 19, 2017  
Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, January 8, 2018  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, January 9, 2018**

A trustee queried whether amendments she had requested to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee), January 9, 2018, will be made. Vice-Chair Nurse clarified that the Board Reporter will review the meeting notes.

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**4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, December 19, 2017  
Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, January 8, 2018  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, January 9, 2018 (Continued)**

Resolution No. 18-30 moved by Stan Cameron  
seconded by Sue Lawton

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held December 19, 2017, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held January 8, 2018, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held January 9, 2018, be approved.

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**5. Written Questions**

There were no written questions.

**6. Petitions**

Trustee Green submitted a petition signed by over 100 parents from the Lakelands neighbourhood of Brampton requesting a grandfather clause that will allow students who were at Kingswood Drive Public School prior to December 31, 2017 to remain at the school until Grade 5 and to ensure busing to and from the Lakelands Area. Any new residents moving into the area from January 1, 2018 should be directed to Arnott Charlton Public School. Trustee Green asked that the response to the petition be drafted after he meets with Planning staff and administration.

**7. Notices of Motion**

Trustee McDonald presented the following notice of motion:

“Be it resolved that all in committee meetings and public meetings of the Peel District School Board be recorded electronically so that an audio recording may be accessible, available and archived.”

**8. Special Section for Receipt**

Resolution No.18-31 moved by Robert Crocker  
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Susan Barberio	Brian Dean	Susan Slack
Mary Cantera	Sukhvinder Dhaliwal	Teri Teixeira
Manjit Chadha	Sylvia Durance	
Wendi Crake	Anita Garramone	

2. Good News (Mississauga Schools Supporting Local Food Drives)

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A trustee referred to Item 8.2 and spoke appreciatively of the significant amount of food donated by a number of schools in December 2017 to Eden Food for Change's food drive campaign. He commented that this is a snapshot of the work done by schools in donating to causes, and is to be celebrated.

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Resolution No.18-31 ..... carried

**9. Delegation of Antonia Palmer re Safety of Kiss and Ride Areas in Schools**

Antonia Palmer delegated the Board from speaking notes which were provided to the administration. She stated that she is a parent of three children, and has recent experience with Kiss and Ride and drop and pick-up areas in four different schools.

Expressing her views on current challenges with regard to safety and possible recommendations, Antonia Palmer spoke about buses arriving late or not at all, which can be harmful especially during the winter, and stated that notices on the STOPR website are often inaccurate. She commented that this can erode trust, and families then drive their children to and from school. Highlighting the lack of parent/driver education about Kiss and Ride rules, she remarked that communication about the program is usually included only in school newsletters which are often not seen by parents. She remarked that parents and drivers do not receive formal training and are not required to understand the rules. Antonia Palmer noted that careless and distracted driving pose safety concerns, and she referred to space constraints at some schools that do not allow for good organization of Kiss and Ride areas. She added that snow or ice, and visibility are also concerns. She explained the importance of effective teacher supervision and understanding between parents and teachers in these situations.

**9. Delegation of Antonia Palmer re Safety of Kiss and Ride Areas in Schools (Continued)**

Antonia Palmer offered some suggestions to increase safety in Kiss and Ride areas, including: requirements on the number of volunteers to operate the Kiss and Ride areas; implementation of proper training and education; review of all Kiss and Ride areas; continued support of walking programs to reduce the number of vehicles on school property; reviewing the commitment of bus operators. Antonia Palmer responded to questions of clarification from trustees, and indicated that she has not contacted the City in this regard. Chair Nurse confirmed that a response to the delegation will be provided at the Regular Meeting of the Board on February 12, 2018.

**10. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, December 19, 2017**

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held December 19, 2017, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 18-32 moved by Kathy McDonald  
seconded by Sue Lawton

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

**1. Election of SEAC Chair and Vice-Chair**

Shelley Foster was elected Chair and Sue Lawton was elected Vice-Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee for 2017 - 2018.

**2. Reports / Information Received**

Superintendent's Report; Updated Special Education Advisory Committee Member List; October Report Data; SEAC Collective Priorities; Professional Learning for Special Education Staff.

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**11. Notice of Motion re Bill 193, Rowan's Law**

Resolution No. 18-33 moved by Robert Crocker  
seconded by Sue Lawton

Whereas, on December 14, 2017, the government introduced Bill 193, Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), that would, if passed, provide the framework to govern concussion prevention, detection, management and awareness in amateur competitive sport and schools, and will require "sports organizations" to implement the following:

- a) Annual review of concussion awareness resources by athletes, parents/guardians of athletes under 18 years of age, coaches, and any other positions, such as officials, as prescribed by regulation;
- b) Establish a remove-from-sport protocol for athletes suspected of having sustained a concussion;

**11. Notice of Motion re Bill 193, Rowan's Law (Continued)**

- c) Establish a return-to-sport protocol for athletes who have sustained a concussion, or who are suspected of having sustained a concussion;
- d) Establish a concussion code of conduct;

And whereas, the proposed legislation would proclaim a "Rowan's Law Day" to be held every year on the last Wednesday of September to promote concussion awareness, management and prevention;

And whereas, if the Bill is passed in its current form, further requirements and implementation details would be set out in regulation;

And whereas, proposed regulations would be developed through consultation with the sport, education, community sectors and partners, and some examples of regulations that may be considered include:

- a) Prescribing activity in connection with amateur sport for the purpose of the definition of "sport organizations", prescribing age requirements or restrictions for any/all elements of the provisions of the proposed Bill;
- b) Prescribing requirements about the review of concussion awareness resources and concussion codes of conduct;
- c) Prescribing requirements for removal-from-sport and return-to sport protocols;

And whereas, if passed, the ministry would engage with school boards and other partners on policy changes and potential regulations;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Peel District School Board write a letter to the Premier and the Honourable Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and copied to OPSBA and Peel MPPs, urging speedy passage of Bill 193, Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety).

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The mover of the motion, Trustee Crocker, reported that Bill 193, Rowan's Law, has received assent from all three parties. He briefly noted background information pertaining to the review undertaken by the Rowan's Law Advisory Committee, and the recommendations which, if passed, will become law. He requested trustees' support for his motion to write a letter to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, with copies to OPSBA and Peel MPPs urging speedy passage of the Bill.

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Resolution No. 18-33

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**12. Ontario Public School Boards' Association – OPSBA Connects**

Resolution No. 18-34 moved by Rick Williams  
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the following report be received:

- OPSBA Connects – January 15, 2018

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**13. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations**

Trustee Green referred to recent discussions on busing and shortage of school bus drivers across Ontario. Reporting on a meeting he had with Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill, and Controller of Corporate Services, Thomas Tsung, he advised that the Board will be commencing an RFP process for a new contract for student transportation.

Student Trustee Pawar reported that, on December 18, 2017, he participated in the Youth Mental Health and Addiction Champion initiative as a champion. He thanked Trustees Cameron and Crocker for their attendance. On December 28, 2017 Peel students participated in distributing care packages. He indicated that, on January 5, 2018, Rise of Diversity hosted the Rise Conference. Peel students undertook research for the event, and a report will be published.

**14. Comments or Questions from Board Members**

Trustee Crocker reported that he continues to receive calls regarding busing issues. He recounted an email from a principal about one bus route where the bus is habitually late, does not arrive, or misses stops. He commented that this is stressful, particularly for secondary students during examinations, and for special education students. Trustee Crocker suggested that bus companies hire drivers from local neighbourhoods, or pay premiums to drivers on routes that are difficult to fill. Controller Thomas Tsung confirmed that bus companies are actively recruiting and STOPR is attempting to find solutions to report updated bus times. Trustee McDonald indicated that she received a complaint regarding a bus, which had been consistently late, arriving early at the stop but not waiting until the children arrived. Controller Tsung will follow up.

Trustee McDonald invited all to attend the film premiere of “Youth and Homelessness”, being held tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. She then thanked the Principal, staff and students at Ridgeview Public School for their generous donations to help a needy family.

Trustee McDonald reported on a message she received from a parent regarding a truck docking depot that is opening across from Wilfrid Laurier Public School. She stated that there is an Ontario Municipal Board meeting, and she asked whether the Board has input into the process. Vice-Chair Nurse indicated that staff will look into the matter.

**14. Comments or Questions from Board Members (Continued)**

Trustee Green spoke about a presentation, "Coming Together", being held on January 25, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. He suggested that some staff attend as there may be helpful information.

**15. Public Question Period**

Aarti Brown referred to the petition submitted by Trustee Green (Item 6 of these Minutes), and expressed concern about boundary changes for Kingswood Drive Public School that are effective September 2018. She stated that a letter was sent home notifying parents about the change without any prior discussion. Reporting that the letter was in English, she explained that many parents in her community do not have working knowledge of English. She suggested that, when sending home information about such changes, letters be translated into different languages. She also asked that there be prior consultation with the community before boundary changes are made. Aarti Brown confirmed that an information meeting was held on January 11, 2018. She stated that she had spoken to her MPP, who advised her that she can also delegate the Board. Chair Nurse, Trustee Green, and the administration responded.

**16. In Committee Session**

Resolution No. 18-35 moved by David Green  
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the Board move into In Committee Session in order to complete the In Committee Agenda (20:45 hours).

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The Board reconvened in Open Session on a motion by Trustee Andrews (21:25 hours) to adopt the In Committee report.

**17. Adoption of the In Committee Report**

Resolution No. 18-36 moved by Stan Cameron  
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 9, 2018; Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations' Student Transfer Policy Update; Municipal and Provincial Election Guidelines; Director's Report: Bus Driver Shortage – Wage Increase Advocacy Campaign; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), January 9, 2018; Resignation of Superintendent; Resignations; Retirements; Superintendent Assignments; Elementary Principal Assignment; Secondary Principal Assignment; GTA Prep – Update; Director's Report: Security at Board Meetings (oral); Question Period, and Executive Compensation, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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**18. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 18-37

moved by David Green  
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:25 hours).

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..... Chair ..... Secretary

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## **RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – JANUARY 23, 2018**

Members present:

Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair  
Carrie Andrews  
Stan Cameron  
Robert Crocker  
David Green

Sue Lawton  
Brad MacDonald  
Kathy McDonald  
Rick Williams

Members absent: (apologies received)

Nokha Dakroub  
Janet McDougald, Chair  
Harkirat Singh

Student Trustee:

Khushpal Pawar, 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 9, 2018**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held January 9, 2018, be approved.

#### **3. Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations' Student Transfer Policy Update**

That, the update report re Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations' Student Transfer Policy, be received.

#### **4. Municipal and Provincial Election Guidelines**

That, the report re Municipal and Provincial Guidelines, be received.

#### **5. Director's Report**

##### **1. Bus Driver Shortage – Wage Increase Advocacy Campaign**

That, the Director's Report re Bus Driver Shortage – Wage Increase Advocacy Campaign, be received.

**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), January 9, 2018**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held January 9, 2018, be approved.

**3. Resignation of Superintendent**

That, the resignation of Louise Sirisko, Superintendent of Education (currently seconded to the Ministry of Education), effective January 14, 2018, be received.

**4. Resignations**

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

**5. Retirements**

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

**6. Superintendent Assignments**

That, the following superintendent assignments, effective January 24, 2018, be approved:

Liz Cook from Acting Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Bramalea, Chinguacousy and North Park Families of Schools to Superintendent of Education for the schools in Bramalea, Chinguacousy and North Park Families of Schools

Darren Van Hooydonk from Acting Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Cawthra Park, Port Credit and T.L. Kennedy Families of Schools to Superintendent of Education for the Schools in Cawthra Park, Port Credit and T.L. Kennedy Families of schools

**7. Elementary Principal Assignment**

That, the following elementary principal assignment, effective February 12, 2018, be received:

Claudine Scuccato from Principal at Castlebridge Public School to Coordinating Principal of Modern Learning (Acting) in Curriculum Instruction Support Services

**8. Secondary Principal Assignment**

That, the following secondary principal assignment, effective February 12, 2018, be received:

Susan MacLellan from Principal at Judith Nyman Secondary School to Principal of Alternative Programs in Alternative Programs

**9. GTA Prep - Update**

That, the update report re GTA Prep, be received

**10. Director's Report**

**1. Security at Board Meetings**

That, the Director's oral update report re Security at Board Meetings, be received.

**11. Executive Compensation**

That, the recommendation contained in the above-noted report, be approved.