

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 24, 2017, at 19:40 hours.

Members present: (apologies for lateness received)

Janet McDougald, Chair	Sue Lawton
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Brad MacDonald
Carrie Andrews	Kathy McDonald
Stan Cameron	Harkirat Singh (20:10)
Robert Crocker	Rick Williams
David Green	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Nokha Dakroub

Student Trustees:

Omar Baboolal, Student Trustee South
Ranbir Singh, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Acting Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Coordinating Superintendent
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Adrian Graham, Superintendent of Education
Poleen Grewal, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer
Nina Jaiswal, Acting Superintendent of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent of Education
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education, Early Years

Administration: (Continued)

Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
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, and the acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 6.1 Retirements (Addendum circulated)
- Item 7.1 Request to Delegate: Diana Stanikic re Lunchroom Supervision for Students in Portables (added)
- Item 7.2 Request to Delegate: Shamir Chennessery re Religious Accommodation Operating Procedure (added)
- Item 8.1 Response to Delegation of Shelly Min Wang re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools
- Item 8.2 Response to Delegation of Tianlei Zhang re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools
- Item 8.3 Response to Delegation of Lalita Sirnaik re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools
- Item 9.4 Final Staff Report – Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools (replacement pages circulated)

Resolution No. 17-40 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by David Green

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 Meeting, December 19, 2016
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017**

Resolution No. 17-41 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held December 19, 2016, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held January 10, 2017, 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.17-42 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Craig Bennett
Irene Bobrowsky
Stephen Davis
Brenda Jarvie

Alan Jones
Hazel Mason
Gillian Mohorovich
Tony Pontes

Jill Robinson
Anita Salaytah
Pat Tistechok

2. Good News (Trustee Rick Williams is the recipient of the 2017 African Canadian Achievement Award for Excellence in Politics)

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7. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

Referring to Item 7.1, Chair McDougald congratulated staff retiring and extended best wishes on their retirement. Regarding the retirement of Superintendent of Education, Hazel Mason, on behalf of the Board, Chair McDougald thanked her and wished her well in her retirement. Chair McDougald outlined Superintendent Mason's 36 year career with the Peel DSB, as a teacher, vice-principal, principal and superintendent of education, and she expressed appreciation for Superintendent Mason's leadership, passion for innovation in education, and her ability to simplify issues. Trustees speaking commented that Superintendent Mason has been a champion for students and a strong advocate for marginalized students.

Reporting on the retirement of Director of Education, Tony Pontes, Chair McDougald thanked him for his 39 year career with the Peel DSB, which began in 1978 as a Mathematics teacher, then as vice-principal, principal and superintendent of education, and culminated in his appointment as Director of Education in 2010. She highlighted his leadership roles provincially with the Ontario Public Supervisory Officers' Association and the Council of Ontario Directors of Education. Chair McDougald commented on Director Pontes' sincere support and profound caring for students and staff of the Board, and she congratulated and wished him well on his retirement. Each trustee took turns speaking, commenting appreciatively on the qualities of Director Pontes, including his leadership, honesty and empathy, professionalism and eloquence, respectful consensus building, and extraordinary problem solving skills. They thanked him for his contributions to student success in Peel.

On behalf of the Board, Chair McDougald congratulated Trustee Williams on receiving the 2017 African Canadian Achievement Award for Excellence in Politics (Item 7.2). She spoke of the role of a trustee, and she expressed appreciation for the advocacy work done by Trustee Williams in the community.

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Resolution No.17-42

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8. Request to Delegate: Diana Stanikic re Lunchroom Supervision for Students in Portables

Diana Stanikic was not present to delegate the Board.

9. Delegation of Nayana Subramanian re Religious Accommodation Operating Procedure

Nayana Subramanian delegated the Board in place of Shamir Chennessery, who was unable to attend the meeting. Her meeting notes were provided to the administration. Reporting that her child is enrolled in the Peel DSB, she stated that her delegation is with regards to religious accommodation in Peel schools, and that many in the audience supported her viewpoints.

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9. Delegation of Nayana Subramanian re Religious Accommodation Operating Procedure (Continued)

In her delegation, Nayana Subramanian asked the Board as to what steps have been taken to ensure that children of different faiths and ethnic groups are not made to feel segregated or like second class citizens, and requested assurances that monitoring sermons will not impact scholastic activity. She expressed the opinion that exclusive treatment for one group can increase the feelings of segregation, hurt the principles of an inclusive society, and alter perceptions and values based on particular religious beliefs. Requesting that the sermons be published on the Peel DSB website, the delegation noted that the Board has provided assurances that there are no negative effects or undue hardship to anyone as a result of religious accommodation. She asked about the feedback received to support these assurances. Nayana Subramanian concluded her delegation by stating that the Region of Peel is culturally rich, and communities should focus on improvement of publicly funded spaces and not seek exclusivity.

Chair McDougald confirmed that the response to the delegation will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board. She clarified that an operating procedure (OP) details the process of implementing a Board Policy, and does not cover governance issues. She stated that the OP on Religious Accommodation takes into consideration requirements for accommodation contained in the Ontario Human Rights Code as well as the Education Act. She noted that the matter of religious accommodation has been dealt with by the Board in a manner similar to students needing accommodations to avoid a negative impact on their learning.

10. Response to Delegation of Shelly Min Wang re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools

Resolution No. 17-43 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Shelly Min Wang re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools (Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017), be received.

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11. Response to Delegation of Tianlei Zhang re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools

Resolution No. 17-44 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Tianlei Zhang re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools (Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017), be received.

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12. Response to Delegation of Lalita Sirnaik re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools

Resolution No. 17-45 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Lalita Sirnaik re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools (Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017), be received.

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13. Response to Delegation of Gayathri Iyer and Kavoori Krishnakumar re Religious Accommodation Operating Procedure

Resolution No. 17-46 moved by David Green
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Gayathri Iyer re Religious Accommodation Operating Procedure (Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017), be received.

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14. Response to Delegation of Zoya Alam re Religious Accommodation Operating Procedure

Resolution No. 17-47 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Zoya Alam re Religious Accommodation Operating Procedure (Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017), be received.

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15. Response to Delegation of Eric Brazau re Cultural and Religious Diversity in a Multicultural Canada

Resolution No. 17-48 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Eric Brazau re Cultural and Religious Diversity in a Multicultural Canada (Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017), be received.

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16. Response to Delegation of Ron Banerjee re Religious Prayer

Resolution No. 17-49 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Ron Banerjee re Religious Prayer (Regular Meeting of the Board, January 10, 2017), be received.

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17. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, December 19, 2016

Chair McDougald congratulated Shelley Foster and Sue Lawton on being appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). On behalf of the Board, she thanked Barbara Byers for her leadership and commitment to the Committee during her tenure as Chair of SEAC from 2007 to 2016.

Resolution No. 17-50 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the information about the Special Education Advisory Committee's receipt of the following items, 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 2016 - 2017.

2. Reports / Information Received

Superintendent's Report (oral); Updated Special Education Advisory Committee Member List; October Report Data; Special Education Plan Development – Section C: Service Delivery Models by Exceptionality – Language Impairment.

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18. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, January 19, 2017

Chair McDougald noted that Trustee Williams chaired the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee for eight years, and she thanked him for his leadership. She extended best wishes to Kathy McDonald, who was elected as Chair of the Committee for the 2016-2017 term.

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18. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, January 19, 2017 (Continued)

Resolution No. 17-51 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the following recommendations arising from the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee meeting, held January 19, 2017, be approved:

1. Elementary French Immersion Review: Terms of Reference

That, the following Elementary French Immersion Review Terms of Reference, be approved:

- a) To plan for the sustainability of a high quality French Immersion program
- b) To maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of delivery and instruction of the French Immersion program
- c) To ensure that students throughout the Board have equitable access to the French Immersion program
- d) To ensure that the French Immersion program is effective
(Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

2. Amalgamation of PAS West and PAS South

That, Peel Alternative School West and Peel Alternative School South be amalgamated to the Peel Alternative School South site. (Appendix II, as attached to the Minutes)

3. Reports / Information Received

Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – January and February 2017; Caledon Cougars Basketball Association Program – Humberview Secondary School; Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) 2016 Summer Learning Program – Camp SAIL; Report of the Regional Learning Choices Programs (RLCP) Committee.

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19. Final Staff Report – Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T.L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools

Resolution No. 17-52 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved:

1. That, effective June 2018, Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School close;
2. That, effective September 2018, the Vocational (VOC) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Programs be relocated from Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School to Glenforest Secondary School;

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3. That, effective September 2017,

- a) Students residing within the existing Glenforest Secondary School Enhanced Learning Program (ELP) boundary entering Grade 9 ELP, be directed to The Woodlands Secondary School or Lorne Park Secondary School;
- b) Students enrolled in the Enhanced Learning Program at Glenforest Secondary School and entering Grade 10 – 12, be given the option to attend The Woodlands Secondary School or Lorne Park Secondary School. Students who do not exercise this option for 2017 will complete their secondary education at Glenforest Secondary School;

c) The ELP boundary for The Woodlands Secondary School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Highway 407 and Highway 401
then east along Highway 401 to Winston Churchill Boulevard
then north along Winston Churchill Boulevard to the City of Brampton and City of Mississauga border
then east along the City of Brampton and City of Mississauga border to Hurontario Street
then south along Hurontario Street to Highway 401
then east along Highway 401 to the Region of Peel boundary
then south along the Region of Peel boundary to Dundas Street East
then west along Dundas Street East, continuing along Dundas Street West to Mavis Road
then south along Mavis Road to the north lot line of 2670 Pollard Court
then west along the north lot line of 2670 Pollard Court, continuing west along the north lot line of Pollard Court and Pollard Drive to the west lot line of 2566 Pollard Drive
then south along the west lot line of 2566 Pollard Drive, continuing south in a straight line to the Queensway West
then west along the Queensway West, continuing in a straight line to the Credit River
then south along the Credit River to the Queen Elizabeth Way
then west along the Queen Elizabeth Way to Winston Churchill Boulevard
then north along Winston Churchill Boulevard to Highway 403
then west along Highway 403 to Highway 407
then north along Highway 407 to the point of commencement.

d) the ELP boundary for Lorne Park Secondary School be as follows:

Part A

Commencing at the intersection of Winston Churchill Boulevard and the Queen Elizabeth Way
then east along the Queen Elizabeth Way to the Credit River
then north along the Credit River to the Queensway West
then east along the Queensway West to the west lot line of Damien Way
then north along the west lot line of Damien Way, continuing in a straight line to the north lot line of 2566 Pollard Drive

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then east along the north lot line of 2566 Pollard Drive, continuing east along the north lot line of Pollard Drive and Pollard Court to Mavis Road
then north along Mavis Road to Dundas Street West
then east along Dundas Street West, continuing along Dundas Street East to the Region of Peel boundary
then south along the Region of Peel boundary to Lake Ontario
then west along the shore of Lake Ontario to the Region of Peel boundary
then north along the Region of Peel boundary to Winston Churchill Boulevard
then north along Winston Churchill Boulevard to the point of commencement.

Part B

Commencing at the intersection of the Region of Peel boundary and Highway 403
then east along Highway 403 to Winston Churchill Boulevard
then south along Winston Churchill Boulevard to Dundas Street West
then west along Dundas Street West to the Region of Peel boundary
then north along the Region of Peel boundary to the point of commencement.

4. That, effective September 2018, the International Business and Technology (IBT) and Graphic and Design Management (GDM) Programs be relocated from Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School to T.L. Kennedy Secondary School.
(APPENDIX I)

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Jane Mason, former Superintendent of Education, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation of the final staff report on the Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary Schools. Providing contextual information, she reported on timelines of the PAR, which commenced with an initial staff report on April 12, 2016. Following meetings of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC), public meetings, presentation of an ARC report to the Director, and public delegations at the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board, Jane Mason noted that final staff report with recommendations is being brought today for Board approval. She highlighted representation on the ARC, and she reported on the work of the Committee which included discussions on inventory of space and instructional program location options, reviewing feedback from the public, and developing alternate options and supporting rationales. Jane Mason advised that all the alternate options put forward by ARC were supported by staff and reflected in the final staff report recommendations.

Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, noted that declining secondary enrolment in South Mississauga with too few students spread among many schools made it increasingly difficult to timetable and provide high quality instructional programs, resulting in less program choices for students. He reported that public delegations were heard at the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board, and responses to the three delegations were received at today's meeting. Controller Wright reviewed the recommendations in detail, which included closing Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School in June 2018, moving programs to make efficient use of space, and increasing the range of programs and courses, thereby improving educational options and opportunities for students.

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Outlining future considerations, Controller Wright reported that the Continuing and Adult Education Centre will move from the Elm Drive location to Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School, so that the school site can be retained for future population growth in the community. This will also enable the Elm Drive location to become the site of a new K-Grade 8 school to accommodate enrolment growth in the City Centre. Next steps were highlighted regarding capital improvements, including additions, renovations and site improvements at Glenforest Secondary School, internal renovations at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School, transition planning, and timelines for implementation.

Trustees' questions of clarification were responded to by the administration. Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash, clarified that there will be opportunities for students of the International Business and Technology (IBT) program to integrate with regular program students at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School for some courses, such as Physical Education. This opportunity was not available at Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School as there were no regular program students at the school. He advised that the administration is examining whether the vocational programs offered currently meet the needs of students, and some changes and innovations to courses may be considered. Controller Wright confirmed that the Board has applied for consolidation funding for school capital improvement, and that there will be savings through closure of Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School.

A trustee expressed appreciation for the report and recommendations, and she thanked everyone involved in this PAR, including staff and members of the Accommodation Review Committee, particularly the parent representatives who volunteered significant time and effort. She commented that the well informed and thoughtful decisions of ARC were based on improving programs and opportunities to achieve student success. Chair McDougald noted that a pupil accommodation review is a difficult matter for community and staff of affected schools. Providing historical information on Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School, she reported that the school opened in 1957, and will leave an excellent legacy of learning and extracurricular activities. Chair McDougald explained that programs had been introduced to address declining enrolment, and a boundary change was approved a few years ago to direct the few remaining regular program students to Cawthra Park Secondary School. Thanking the community, parents and staff of Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School, she stated that the school will be retained to house the adult learning program, but there is a possibility that future development in the community will result in enrolment growth to support a secondary school at the site. .

Resolution No. 17-52

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20. Notice of Motion: Student Trustee Baboolal re Requesting that the Ministry of Education Include Information on the Political Process and Roles and Responsibilities of School Board Officials and Student Representatives in the Civics Curriculum

Resolution No. 17-53 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Stan Cameron

Whereas, school boards are institutions designed to help students; yet few students know of their purpose, procedures, or sphere of influence, and how they can interact with them to create meaningful change, and

Whereas, a more informed, educated and aware population of students can then become more engaged with policy and provide more of a student voice, and

Whereas, an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of trustees, student trustees, the Director of Education, and any persons elected to represent students, would allow students to better understand process, identify these individuals within their own community, and provide access to those who represent them,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Peel District School Board write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that comprehensive information about the political process at a board level, and roles and responsibilities of school board officials and student representatives, be added to the Civics curriculum.

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Student Trustee Omar Baboolal stated that most students are unaware of the influence and roles and responsibilities of school board officials and student trustees. Indicating that this knowledge will be empowering, he remarked that the addition to the Civics curriculum, as outlined in the motion, will have a positive impact on student learning. Trustees speaking expressed support for the motion.

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Resolution No. 17-53 carried

21. Rescission of Part of Resolution No. 15-67 re Parkholme School: Supporting Students with Developmental Disabilities at the Secondary Level in Inclusive and Enabling Environments

Resolution No. 17-54 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that that the following portion of Resolution No. 15-67 (Regular Meeting of the Board, February 24, 2015), pertaining to Parkholme School: Supporting Students with Developmental Disabilities at the Secondary Level in Inclusive and Enabling Environments, be rescinded:

Part 6.3. That, in 2017 – 2018, three classes move from Parkholme School to Brampton Centennial Secondary School.

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22. Parkholme School: Supporting Students with Developmental Disabilities at the Secondary Level in Inclusive and Enabling Environments – Update and Addendum

Resolution No. 17-55 moved by David Green
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved:

1. That, in September 2017, three classes move from Parkholme School to Jean Augustine Secondary School.
2. That, in September 2018, one of the three satellite classes currently at Brampton Centennial, be relocated to Jean Augustine Secondary School. (APPENDIX II)

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23. Policy #72 – Trustee Honoraria

Resolution No. 17-56 moved by David Green
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that revised Policy #72, pertaining to trustee honoraria for the period December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017, be approved. (APPENDIX III)

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24. International Education Program Update

Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Leadership Development and School Support Services, presented relevant background information regarding Peel Schools for International Students, including registration process, assessments of students, and recommendations on schools and course selection. She reported on support provided by the Finance department with respect to collection and record keeping of tuition fees, and the Leadership Development and School Support Services departments with regarding to hiring, document development, etc. She noted that staffing for the International Program is covered by student fees.

Pooja Singh, International Student Recruitment Coordinator, highlighted resources and supports to ensure that students succeed personally and academically, such as, orientation and peer mentoring sessions, English as a Second Language support, focusing on schools that afford cultural exchanges, and experiences in clubs, activities and student councils. Reviewing enrolment data, Pooja Singh stated that the program continues to grow steadily in response to recruitment efforts and relationship building in target markets. It is expected that, by February 2017, there will be over 300 students in the International Education program. Cathy Patterson, Coordinating Principal, International Education program, spoke of the distribution of international students in secondary schools and stated that the percentage of these students in each secondary school is carefully considered in order to ensure a rich English-language immersion program. Students are enrolled in Clarkson, Applewood Heights, and Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary Schools, and a fourth school location in Mississauga or Brampton is being explored.

24. International Education Program Update (Continued)

Cathy Patterson reviewed information in the presentation regarding the countries of origin of the international students, and indicated that future target markets include Europe and South America. She provided a comparative analysis of the number of international students in neighbouring boards. Outlining formal and informal partnerships, she highlighted the partnership with University of Toronto Mississauga and Sheridan College to provide mentoring programs, workshops, and early assistance from admission counsellors, and with 271 Group of Private Schools to provide a steady flow of international students for Grades 11 and 12.

The administration responded to trustees' questions of clarification, including: exploring partnerships in the Caribbean for international students; Peel students benefit from exposure to global cultures and friendships; aggregating students in specific schools facilitates more effective use of services and community-building; decision yet to be made regarding fee structure for elementary international students; no students with special needs are enrolled in the program; students in the program are not offered admission into regional programs. Thanking the presenters, Chair McDougald indicated that the Board looks forward to future update reports, and is interested in participating in discussions, including with regard to the fee structure for elementary international students.

Resolution No. 17-57 moved by David Green
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that update report re International Education Program, be received.

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25. Ontario Public School Boards' Association – OPSBA Connects

Resolution No. 17-58 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the following report be received:

- OPSBA Connects – January 9, 2017

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26. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations

Trustee Singh reported on discussions at the recent OPSBA Central West meeting, which included topics such as child and student well-being, labour relations, reconciliation for First Nations students, etc. He stated that the next meeting will be held on April 8, 2017.

27. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Vice-Chair Nurse thanked Board administration, parents and families who attended the public forum on the We Rise Together Action Plan, especially Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Secondary School, Poleen Grewal, who led the community consultation, and Chair McDougald, and Director Pontes. She stated that more than 200 persons attended and the conversation was frank and genuine, and well received by the community. Chair McDougald reported that community members were pleased with the number of teaching staff present. She suggested a discussion on attracting more parents, particularly males, to participate in this initiative. Trustee McDonald also commented on the noticeable teacher presence, and she stated that the meeting was very positive. She thanked Director Pontes for his enthusiasm for the initiative. Trustee Green asked that Peel contact information be provided to enable community members or agencies to offer suggestions or input on the action plan. Confirming that there is a dedicated telephone number, Superintendent Grewal, asked that the members or agencies email her.

28. Public Question Period

Donna Skells, Chair of Glenforest Secondary School Council and member of the Accommodation Review Committee, referred to the Final Staff Report on the Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T.L. Kennedy, The Woodlands and Lorne Park Secondary (Item 19 of these Minutes). She stated that, while she agreed with the recommendations, she wanted information as to their implementation. She communicated the concerns of some parents of Glenforest Secondary School regarding traffic congestion, which will increase with the redirection of programs to the school, and limitations with the bus lane. She asked whether there are alternate ways to ease traffic congestion, and she requested that the final architectural plans for improvements to the school be presented to the school council so that parents and residents are aware of the plans. Donna Skells then spoke about the addition of 12 classrooms and asked whether more classrooms will be added before September 2017, if enrolment is greater than capacity. Chair McDougald and Controller Wright responded.

Vikas, whose child is a Peel DSB student, spoke about religious accommodation. He commented on the inclusive spirit of Canadian society, and he questioned the direction taken by the Board which, in his opinion, is appeasement of a particular community. He stated that he wants the school to be an inclusive, and not segregated, space for his child. Chair McDougald responded.

Jeetesh Bhatt referred to the report on religious accommodation that was received at the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board. He asked several questions regarding: whether praying at home or in a faith centre has less value than praying in school; whether workplaces provide similar accommodations; specific language in the Ontario Human Rights Code requiring accommodation to pray in school; harms to students if they do not pray in school; why some audience members do not stand during the singing of the Canadian anthem. Chair McDougald responded.

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The Chair declared the unruly behaviour of several members of the audience to be out of order, and she called a halt to Public Question Period.

29. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 17-59 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), January 10, 2017; Negotiations Update; Director’s Report re Trustee Information Sessions (oral), and Raising Awareness About Homelessness (oral); Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), January 10, 2017; Retirements, Retirement of Superintendent; Director’s Report (oral) regarding Peel Children’s Aid Society (CAS); Retirement of Director of Education, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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30. Adjournment

Resolution No. 17-60 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (22:45 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

January 24, 2017
Regular Meeting of the Board:nf

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – JANUARY 24, 2017

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
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
Harkirat Singh

Student Trustees:

Omar Baboolal, Student Trustee South
Ranbir Singh, Student Trustee North (18:10)

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 10, 2017

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held January 10, 2017, be approved.

3. Negotiations Update

That, the update report re Negotiations, be received.

4. Director's Report

1. Trustee Information Sessions

That, the oral report re Trustee Information Sessions, be received.

2. Raising Awareness About Homelessness

That, the oral report re Raising Awareness About Homelessness, 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 10, 2017

1. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held January 10, 2017, be approved.

3. Retirements

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

4. Retirement of Superintendent

That, the letter re Retirement of Superintendent of Education, Hazel Mason, effective March 31, 2017, be received.

5. Director's Report

1. Peel Children's Aid Society (CAS)

That, the Director's Report (oral) regarding Peel Children's Aid Society, be received.

6. Retirement of Director of Education

That, the letter from Tony Pontes, Director of Education, regarding his retirement, effective August 31, 2017, be received