

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board, held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 18:20 hours.

Members present:

David Green, Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Janet McDougald
Suzanne Nurse
Rick Williams

Trustees also present:

Sue Lawton

Administration:

Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services
(Executive Member)
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. **Approval of Agenda**

PB-01, moved by Rick Williams, that the agenda be approved.

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2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. **Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, October 7, 2014 Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (Annual Planning Document), October 20, 2014**

PB-02, moved by Janet McDougald:

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held October 7, 2014, be approved;

**3. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, October 7, 2014
Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Physical Planning and Building
Committee (Annual Planning Document), October 20, 2014 (Continued)**

2. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (Annual Planning Document), held October 20, 2014, be approved.

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4. Status Report on Hillside Public School, Elmcrest Public School, Willow Glen Public School, and Homelands Senior Public School

Controller of Facilities and Environmental Support Services, Joe Weinberg, stated that the report outlines the status of the Hillside Public School project and modifications associated with the other related school sites. He noted that the award of contract to Percon Construction Inc. was approved by the Board in November 2014 for student occupancy by September 2015. At the time, building approvals from the City of Mississauga, and Approval to Proceed from the Ministry of Education, had not been received. Joe Weinberg stated that to-date the situation remains unchanged. He provided details of the conditional permit, as outlined in the report, and noted that staff are responding to requests for additional information from the City, with the expectation that final municipal approvals will be granted. Joe Weinberg indicated that Ministry requests for additional information are also being responded to in order to obtain Approval to Proceed. He noted that, at the same time, the Board's submission for School Capital Consolidation (SCC) Funding for Hillside Public School is being reviewed by the Ministry, and approval is expected in late January 2015. Due to these delays, the occupancy date at Hillside Public School has been postponed to September 2016. The contractor has erected a hoarding at the site and staff have negotiated with Percon Construction Inc. to withhold construction without penalty.

Superintendent of Education, Early Years, Wendy Dowling, reassured the Committee that these circumstances provided an opportunity for staff to discuss the transition of the three schools. A plan was developed and communicated through parent information sessions with all three school communities. Superintendent Dowling provided details of the instructional implications for 2015 – 2016 school year, noting that: students currently attending Willow Glen or Elmcrest K-5 will remain in their respective schools for an additional year; grade six and seven students currently attending Hillside Public School at the Homelands location will remain at Homelands Senior Public School for an additional year; Hillside Public School will remain a Grade 6-8 school, but Grade 6 classes will be located at Elmcrest and Willow Glen Public Schools respectively for the 2015-2016 school year; staffing at each school will continue to be determined by student enrolment. Wendy Dowling indicated that feedback on this plan from staff and the community has been positive.

4. Status Report on Hillside Public School, Elmcrest Public School, Willow Glen Public School, and Homelands Senior Public School (Continued)

Indicating that this might be the opportune time to schedule meetings with the newly appointed mayors, Board Chair McDougald queried delays the Board is experiencing in obtaining approvals. Controller Weinberg explained that the Ministry is reviewing two applications simultaneously - application to proceed and application for SCC funding, and that the Ministry has assured a response later this month. Controller Wright stated that municipal staff have been cooperative, and responsive to requests for urgency. He clarified that delays experienced in Brampton and Caledon were with the conservation authority in regard to water resources. A trustee supported the suggestion to schedule meetings with the newly appointed mayors, noting that there have been complaints from several residents in Caledon about inadequate service.

PB-03, moved by Stan Cameron, that the Status Report on Hillside Public School, Elmcrest Public School, Willow Glen Public School, and Homelands Senior Public School, be received.

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5. Application Status Update

Controller Wright reported that the 14 development applications for the months of September, October and November 2014 have been included in the projections for new schools. He noted that each application provides the anticipated yield of students, and stated that, in future, the estimated number of students would also be included.

PB-04, moved by Sue Lawton, that the Application Status Update report, be received.

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6. Tender Activity Reports

PB-05, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the Tender Activity Reports for September 25, 2014 to October 24, 2014 and October 27, 2014 to November 25, 2014, be received.

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7. Vandalism Report

Responding to a trustee's query, Controller of Corporate Support Services, David Neale, clarified that the total loss indicated in the report is the actual cost for window replacement. He also indicated that damages under \$100 are not reported.

PB-06, moved by Robert Crocker, that the Vandalism Report for October 2014, be received.

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8. Question Period

Trustee Cameron asked about the Board's application to the Ministry for funding improvements at Herb Campbell Public School, and additions at SouthFields Village Public School. Controller Wright advised that approval of the funding application for Herb Campbell Public School is expected by the end of January 2015, along with the confirmation for funding for School Consolidation Capital (SCC) Program. He noted that funding for additions at SouthFields Village Public School is expected by the Fall of this year. To address accommodation pressures that may arise at SouthFields Village Public School in September 2015 due to this delay, Controller Wright advised that, in the interim, the current Alloa Public School will be maintained until the replacement school is ready for occupancy. He indicated that the Board will also consider other viable means of accommodating students.

Trustee Cameron asked about enrolment pressures for Mayfield Secondary School. Controller Wright responded that a new secondary school is being proposed, and Ministry approval will be sought.

Board Chair McDougald enquired about the deductible for insurance claims. Controller Neale clarified that the deductible is \$50,000 and noted that the losses reported are relatively low. He also spoke about the quick reaction to vandalism incidents, with extra patrolling, etc. Controller Neale further advised that records are maintained on total amount spent annually due to vandalism. Janet McDougald requested a yearly report be brought to the Board around budget to track expenses due to vandalism.

9. Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

10. Adoption of the In Committee Report

PB-07, moved by Rick Williams, that the report of the In Committee Session re: 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; Proposed Trail Connection at Brampton Centennial Secondary School; Ministry of Education – Revised Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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11. Adjournment

PB-08, moved by Carrie Andrews, that the meeting adjourn (18:50 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary