

January 8, 2013
Regular Meeting of the Board:ma

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Peel District School Board, held in the Board Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Steve Kavanagh
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Stan Cameron	Brad MacDonald
Beryl Ford	Harinder Malhi
David Green	Jeff White
Meredith Johnson	Rick Williams

Student Trustees:

Linda Bui, Student Trustee North
May Zou, Student Trustee South

Administration:

Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Poleen Grewal, Acting Superintendent of Education
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Mark Keating, Chief Information Officer
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education
Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

The Open Session commenced with the singing of O'Canada.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair McDougald congratulated Scott Moreash on his appointment as Associate Director, Instructional Support Services, and Shirley-Ann Teal on her appointment as Coordinating Superintendent, effective January 2013, and welcomed them to their new roles.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Item 9.5 Notice of Motion: Trustee Ford re Bill 115 – Putting Students First Act
(revised motion circulated)

Item 10.1 Safety in Peel Schools - oral report (added)

Item 10.2 Aboriginal Community Consultation (added)

Item 11.2 OPSBA Fast Report: Volume 25, No. 1 (added)

Resolution No. 13-15 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

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(2/3 majority)

3. Special Presentation: Peel School Presidents' Council Executive

Shaiyan Khan, Prime Minister of the Peel School Presidents' Council (PSPC), introduced the other members of the Executive who were present this evening, indicating that each member would provide an update on the goals and initiatives of the PSPC since September 2012.

Tracy Wang, Executive Director, reported on Connections!, an annual leadership conference hosted at the H.J.A. Brown Education Centre. This year approximately 100 student council members from across the Region of Peel participated in the event. Tracy Wang also provided details of the Student Senate, a networking initiative to provide learning and support to student council members.

Justin Lee, Minister of Corporate Affairs, spoke about A Night for Action, an annual talent event that raises funds for charities. This year the show raised over a thousand dollars which will be used to support small farmers in India with efficient farming and irrigation systems.

Shaiyan Khan reported on PSPC's goal to establish a united council which will facilitate communication between student councils of other boards. He spoke about seeking sponsors to support a scholarship that will motivate student participation in the organization and in the community. He also noted PSPC's active involvement in various initiatives of the United Way.

7. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 13-17 moved by Harinder Malhi
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements:

Dorell Davis	Victoria Guiomar	Dennis Pelshea
Arlene Dennis	Helena Hill	Carol Snyder
David Evans	Katherine McLeod	Peggie Strileski

2. Good News – Peel’s Rhodes Scholars

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On behalf of the Board, Chair McDougald extended congratulations to Ayodele Odutayo, a 2006 graduate of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Turner Fenton Secondary School, on being named a Rhodes Scholar for 2013. She also congratulated Aswini Vasanthakumar, a graduate of the IB program at Turner Fenton Secondary School in 2000, on being named a Rhodes Scholar in 2005.

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Resolution No. 13-17 carried

9. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, November 20, 2012

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held November 20, 2012, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 13-18 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Brad MacDonald

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Authorization of Member’s Absence; Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA); Open Minds Healthy Minds (oral); Updated Special Education Advisory Committee Member List; EQAO Results by Exceptionality; Draft Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Calendar 2012-2013; Student Health 2011: Measuring the Health of Peel’s Youth; Kerry’s Place Autism Services announced the launch of a new website; Letter to Minister John Milloy from SEAC Chair, Near North District School Board

**9. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee,
November 20, 2012 (Continued)**

1. Reports / Information Received (Cont'd)

re concerns about cutting Special Services at Home Funding for special needs students beyond the age of 18; Letter regarding resignation from SEAC of Deanna Henderson, Easter Seals Ontario; Letter to Deanna Henderson from Janet McDougald regarding resignation of the Easter Seals Ontario's representative to SEAC; Letter regarding nomination of Jennifer Knight, Easter Seals Ontario as the representative to SEAC; Letter to Jennifer Knight from Janet McDougald to confirm the representative for Easter Seals Ontario to SEAC; Response to Written Question re SEAC Contact Information on Board Website.

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**10. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee,
November 28, 2012**

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, held November 28, 2012, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 13-19 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the information about the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – November 2012; Supporting 21st Century Teaching and Learning in the Peel District School Board; Demonstrating Learning in New Ways: New Tools for Student Engagement; Supporting Student Achievement and Success in New Ways: BYOD; Instructing in New Ways: Flipped Classroom; Learning Content in New Ways: The Role of Textbooks; Accessing Content in New Ways: Assistive Technology; Demonstrating Citizenship in New Ways: Digital Citizenship; The Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement; Ministry of Education Memorandum: Revocation of Policy/Program Memoranda.

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Trustee MacDonald retired from the meeting at 20:00 hours.

11. Administrative Summary of Bill 115 – Putting Students First Act

Director of Education, Tony Pontes, indicated that the above-noted report provides an overview of Bill 115. He stated that, although the Minister of Education has stated the Government’s intention to rescind the Bill, the actions taken as a result of Bill 115 will continue to be in force. Chair McDougald highlighted the additional unanticipated cost to Peel of \$7 million in its budget for 2012 – 2013, and uncertainty whether repeal of the Bill will mitigate some of that cost.

Responding to a trustee’s question, Director of Education, Tony Pontes clarified that the regulation regarding hiring of Long Term Occasional teachers based on seniority, and the memorandum which provides criteria for the selection and effective use of diagnostic assessments, which were a part of Bill 115, will in all likelihood remain in force, even if the Bill is repealed. He also explained that some sections in the Bill have caused significant resistance because they put restrictions on what are considered to be democratic rights.

Resolution No. 13-20 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Jeff White

Resolved, that the Administrative Summary of Bill 115 – Putting Students First Act, be received.

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12. Notice of Motion: Trustee Ford re Bill 115 – Putting Students First Act

Indicating that the original Notice of Motion submitted to the Board on December 11, 2012, was developed prior to the Minister of Education stating the Government’s intent to repeal Bill 115, Trustee Ford explained the need to revise some of the wording in the original notice to more appropriately meet the needs of the current situation, as follows:

Resolution No. 13-21 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

“Whereas, given the impact and implications of Bill 115 on the Peel District School Board,

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the Board send a letter to the Minister of Education, with a copy to all public school board Chairs, supporting the Minister’s stated intention to repeal Bill 115 and requesting that all unfunded costs to boards of Bill 115 be reimbursed.”

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A trustee expressed support for the revised motion. He highlighted the fact that Bill 115 takes away the local bargaining right of employees, and the Board’s right to negotiate important contracts with its employees. He commented on the government’s failure to arrive at successfully negotiated agreements with the unions. He noted that Bill 115 allows no voice to boards and bargaining agents if negotiations are not completed by December 31, 2012. The trustee expressed the need for the government to revert to the earlier practice when employers negotiated contracts with their employees. He commented that it would be helpful if the government could provide budgets in advance to allow school boards to plan ahead, create their own budgets, and develop appropriate contracts with their employees.

12. Notice of Motion: Trustee Ford re Bill 115 – Putting Students First Act (Continued)

Stating her support for the notice of motion, Chair McDougald commented on the responsibility entrusted to her by the community as a democratically elected school board representative, to do what is best for the children and neighbourhoods in Peel.

Janet McDougald stated that 83% of the Board's budget which is spent on employee salaries and benefits, forms a sizable part of the budget, and she indicated that, allowing the government to make inroads now would be tantamount to giving up the Board's negotiating responsibility. Chair McDougald highlighted the need for the Board to defend its right to responsible negotiation in the interests of public education, public representation and democracy.

Chair McDougald advised that the letter to the Minister of Education will be developed and brought back to the Board for review at a future board meeting.

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Resolution No. 13-21 carried

13. Board Meeting Schedule: Update January 2013 – June 2013

At the meeting on December 11, 2012, the Board approved the change of practice for holding board meetings on second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, in order to accommodate holy days that are identified as significant in the Board's Holy Days and Holidays Calendar, effective January 1, 2013. Director of Education, Tony Pontes, stated that it was subsequently brought to his attention by a number of trustees that the change had resulted in some conflicts to appointments made earlier in the school year. As such, he suggested that the Board maintain its usual practice and that the change in practice to accommodate significant holy days takes effect from the 2013 – 2014 school year.

Chair McDougald noted that the updated board meeting schedule involves three dates, one in March and two in May, 2013, and that it allows trustees to honour the commitments they had made earlier in the year.

Resolution No. 13-22 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the Board Meeting Schedule: Update January 2013 – June 2013, be approved (APPENDIX I).

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14. Resolution re Signing Officers

Resolution No. 13-23 moved by Meredith Johnson
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the following be named officers of the Board with authority to sign on behalf of the Board, in accordance with Board By-laws and the Statutes of Ontario:

Chair	Janet McDougald
Vice-Chair	Suzanne Nurse
Director of Education and Secretary of the Board	Tony Pontes
Associate Director – Operational Support Services and Treasurer of the Board	Carla Kisko
Associate Director – Instructional Support Services	Scott Moreash

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15. First Quarterly Financial Reports as at November 30, 2012

The First Quarterly Financial Reports show Peel's actual costs to November 30, 2012 versus the budget used in the 2012 – 2013 Estimates submission to the Ministry of Education. Chair McDougald commented that departments have been requested to continue to maintain frugality over the remaining period of the school year in view of the funding challenges the Board faces this year with the budget.

Resolution No. 13-24 moved by David Green
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved, that the First Quarterly Financial Reports as at November 30, 2012, be received.

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16. Safety In Peel Schools

Associate Director, Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash reported on questions and concerns received from the community about safety at Peel's schools in the aftermath of the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. He noted media reports quoting the Minister of Education saying that all doors, including front doors in Ontario schools are locked. This incorrect information was retracted promptly by the Minister. The Minister also made an announcement regarding funding of approximately \$ 10 million to enhance the security measures at schools across Ontario.

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – JANUARY 8, 2013

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Stan Cameron
Beryl Ford
David Green
Meredith Johnson

Steve Kavanagh
Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White
Rick Williams

Student Trustees:

Linda Bui, Student Trustee North
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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 11, 2012

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part A), held
November 27, 2012, be approved.

3. Negotiations Update

That, the oral update report on Negotiations, be received.

4. Extracurricular Activities in Schools

That, the oral report re Extracurricular Activities in Schools, be received.

PART B (Not Including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

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**2. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, November 15, 2012
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
December 11, 2012**

1. That, the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, held November 15, 2012, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), held December 11, 2012, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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