

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 8, 2019 at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair	Will Davies
Sue Lawton, Vice-Chair	David Green
Carrie Andrews	Brad MacDonald
Susan Benjamin	John Marchant
Robert Crocker	Kathy McDonald
Nokha Dakroub	Balbir Sohi

Student Trustees:

Laura Oris-Naidenova, Student Trustee South
Amanpreet Chonkrian, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Lawrence De Maeyer, 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, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
John Hartzema, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer
Nina Jaiswal, Superintendent of Education
Peter Joshua, Director of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Matthew McCutcheon, Superintendent of Education
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Carla Pereira, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent, Human Resources Support Services
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent of Education
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Cameron welcomed everyone back and extended best wishes for 2019.

Resolution No. 19-18 moved by Susan Benjamin
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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3. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, November 20, 2018
Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board, December 3, 2018
Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Board, December 3, 2018
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, December 11, 2018**

Resolution No. 19-19 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held November 20, 2018, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board, held December 3, 2018, be approved;
3. That, the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Board, held December 3, 2018, be approved;
4. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held December 11, 2018, be approved.

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5. Written Questions

Trustee McDonald submitted the following questions:

“Please provide if possible:

The number of violent incidents in high schools and whether they are linked with suspension and expulsion.

A report on the number of suicides in Peel DSB for the past 10 years.”

6. Notices of Motion and Petitions

Trustee K. McDonald submitted the following notice of motion:

“Whereas, the Executive Committee meetings serve as a coordination and planning forum for upcoming meetings for the Peel DSB;

And whereas, as long as quorum is not achieved, in an effort to increase transparency;

Be it resolved that, Trustee Committee Chairs be invited to every Executive Committee meeting when the Committee that they chair is on the agenda, and that they be allowed to participate in the full meeting if they so desire.”

7. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.19-20 moved by David Green
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Sonia Atanassova	Rukhsana Khan	Terryl Portigal
David Brace	Carol-ann Kuchmak	Jawshan Redha
Jennifer Cave-Williams	Maria Lavega	Ragini Singh
Pauline Channer	Angela Lewis	Mark Smerdon
Gregory English	Sylvan Mohamed	Janice Souva
George Fotopoulous	Lorna O’Hearn	Don Vest
Catherine Irving	Rosetta Payne	

1. Good News (2018-2019 Parent Reaching Out Grants for Schools)

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7. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

Referring to Item 6.2, 2018-2019 Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for Schools, trustees expressed appreciation that these grants will continue to be available to schools and that a number of schools will benefit from programs supported by these grants. A trustee acknowledged the work of Catherine Soplet on PRO grants.

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Resolution No.19-20 carried

8. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, November 20, 2018

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held November 20, 2018, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 19-21 moved by John Marchant
seconded by Sue Lawton

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Superintendent's Report; Introduction to Cochlear Implants, BAHA and Classroom Management (oral); Update re Supports and Resources: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD); New Release from the Ministry of Education about New Legislation re Access to Service Animals; Letter from Upper Grand District School Board's SEAC re Amending the Education Act; Letter from Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board re Recent Changes to Funding for Special Education.

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9. Vocational and Autism Spectrum Disorder Programs at Glenforest Secondary School - Update

Randy Wright, Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, stated that the recommendation is for redirection of all incoming Grade 9 Vocational (VOC) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) students residing in Glenforest Secondary School boundary to West Credit Secondary School, effective September 2019. In addition, all VOC and ASD students currently attending Glenforest Secondary School be given the option to remain as Glenforest Secondary students currently accommodated at Glenforest South location, or to attend West Credit Secondary School, beginning September 2019. Randy Wright recalled closure of the former Gordon Graydon Secondary School approved by the Board, on January 24, 2017, which included relocation of the VOC and ASD programs to Glenforest Secondary School. He explained that the reason for the recommendations is due to the delays in renovation and construction of the addition required to accommodate these students at Glenforest Secondary School. He noted that staff have been working with the Ministry of Education to secure the necessary approvals to commence construction work since May 2017, however, the Ministry's Approval to Proceed is still awaited.

9. Vocational and Autism Spectrum Disorder Programs at Glenforest Secondary School – Update (Continued)

Controller Wright clarified that construction will begin only after Approval to Proceed is received from the Ministry. He advised that the renovation and new addition will not be ready by September 2019, as the work will take approximately 12-18 months to complete. As an interim measure, staff have identified sufficient temporary accommodation at West Credit Secondary School, which is the only school offering similar programs south of Highway 401, to provide alternative program support and classroom space until the renovated Glenforest Secondary School is ready for occupancy. A trustee thanked all staff involved for their work to ensure that this project comes to fruition and for proposing viable options for students and families.

Resolution No. 19-22 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that effective September 2019,

1. All in-coming Grade 9 students in the Vocational (VOC) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) programs residing in the Glenforest Secondary School boundary be redirected to West Credit Secondary School, and
2. All current students in the VOC and ASD programs attending Glenforest Secondary School be given the option to remain as Glenforest Secondary School students currently accommodated at the Glenforest South location, or attend West Credit Secondary School.

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10. Response to Trustee K. McDonald’s Questions regarding Student Assessment

Trustee McDonald thanked Adrian Graham, Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, for the responses to her questions.

Resolution No. 19-23 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the response to Trustee K. McDonald’s Questions regarding Student Assessment, be received.

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11. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations

Trustee Green reminded trustees that the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) will be holding a Public Education Symposium on January 24 – 26, 2019. He advised that the symposium includes a session on Negotiations, and he encouraged trustees to register and attend the symposium.

12. Comments or Questions from Trustees

Trustee Green expressed appreciation for a package and card received from Christian Fellowship group and staff at the Board over the holiday season, as well as greetings received from a Federation group.

13. Public Question Period

Catherine Sopleit wished trustees a Happy New Year. Referring to the Item on 2018-2019 Parent Reaching Out Grants for Schools (Item 7.2 of these Minutes), she stated that Parent Reaching Out Grants distributed among 148 schools, now make it a dollar a scholar. She commented positively on the large number of volunteers and parent leaders involved in running projects in these schools, and she expressed the hope that the Ministry of Education will appreciate the value of these grants as seen in student success, when they prepare their report in August. Chair Cameron responded.

14. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 19-24 moved by Balbir Sohi
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), December 11, 2018; Education Funding Update; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), December 11, 2018; Resignations; Retirements; Secondary Principal Appointment; Secondary Vice-Principal Assignment and Appointment, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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15. Adjournment

Resolution No. 19-25 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (19:55 hours).

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January 8, 2019
Regular Meeting of the Board:lf

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – JANUARY 8, 2019

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair	Will Davies
Sue Lawton, Vice-Chair	David Green
Carrie Andrews	Brad MacDonald
Susan Benjamin	Kathy McDonald
Robert Crocker	John Marchant
Nokha Dakroub	Balbir Sohi

Student Trustees:

Amanpreet Chonkrian, Student Trustee North
Laura Oris-Naidenova, Student Trustee South

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), December 11, 2018

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held December 11, 2018, be approved.

3. Education Funding Update

That, the update report re Education Funding, 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), December 11, 2018

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held December 11, 2018, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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

5. Secondary Principal Appointment

That, the following secondary principal appointment, effective February 1, 2019, be received:

Tyler McLeod from Vice-Principal at Rick Hansen Secondary School to Principal at Cawthra Park Secondary School

6. Secondary Vice-Principal Assignment and Appointment

That, the following secondary vice-principal assignment, effective February 1, 2019, be received:

Paris Vassel from Vice-Principal at Port Credit Secondary School to Vice-Principal at Rick Hansen Secondary School

That, the following secondary vice-principal appointment, effective February 1, 2019, be received:

Heather Howald from Teacher at The Woodlands School to Vice-Principal at Port Credit Secondary School