

June 6, 2017
Regular Meeting of the Board:nf

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, June 6, 2017, at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
David Green
Sue Lawton
Kathy McDonald
Harkirat Singh
Rick Williams

Member present electronically:

Brad MacDonald

Member absent: (apologies received)

Nokha Dakroub

Student Trustee:

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
Ted Byers, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Paul Da Silva, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, 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
Nina Jaiswal, Acting Superintendent of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional and Equity 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

Administration:

Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Stubbings, Acting Superintendent of Education
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
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.

On behalf of trustees and the Leadership team, Chair McDougald welcomed Director of Education-Designate, Peter Joshua, to the meeting. She reported that Peter Joshua will assume office on July 17, 2017. He is currently the Executive Superintendent of Leadership and Learning at the Hamilton-Wentworth DSB, and has a 27-year career in education. Chair McDougald noted that Peter Joshua is a graduate of Peel DSB elementary and secondary schools.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Item 6.1 a) Retirements (Addendum circulated)

Item 7.3 Late request to delegate: Jotvinder Sodhi re Student Safety and Removal of Transportation to Walnut Grove Public School (added)

Item 9.5 Notice of Changes to Board By-laws (revised report circulated)

Item 9.6 Notice of Appointment of Two Trustees to the We Rise Together Advisory Council (added)

Resolution No. 17-160 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by David Green

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

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2/3rds' majority

3. Special Presentation to Student Trustee

Chair McDougald recalled that Student Trustee Ranbir Singh was not present at the previous meeting when a special presentation was made to student trustees to recognize them for their work during the year. She thanked Student Trustee Singh for his leadership and involvement in bringing the student voice to the Board table, and congratulated him on being awarded a TD Bank Community Leadership scholarship, which is valued at approximately \$70,000. Student Trustee Singh expressed appreciation for the honour of being chosen by TD Bank for the scholarship and he thanked the Board for its support. Chair McDougald and Director of Education, Tony Pontes, presented Student Trustee Singh with a personalized pen set.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**5. Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, May 17, 2017
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, May 18, 2017**

Resolution No. 17-161 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, held May 17, 2017, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, held May 18, 2017, be approved.

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6. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

7. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.17-162 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following item, be received:

1. Retirements

Fatma Alibashev	Jonquil Foster	Warren Seale
Susan Bernstein	Greg Hobbs	Donna Stanton
Rosemary Carey	Sian Leyshon	Richard Stouffer
Lise Clement Godin	Lorraine MacKenzie-Butler	Beverley Tass
Kathy Derma	Maureen Maika	David Jack
John Dowkes	Donald Martin	
Sue Fleming	Antonio Pascual	

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9. Delegation of Stan Taylor re Year-Round Mathematics

Delegating from notes which were provided to the administration, Stan Taylor noted that his delegation is to request a rescission of the Board's decision not to engage with him on the topic of year-round mathematics. He expressed his objection to the decision, and stated that he disagreed with the Board's position that the topic has been thoroughly reviewed and no further discussion is warranted.

Stan Taylor recalled that he has delegated the Board and the Instructional Programs/ Curriculum Committee on several occasions, requesting a change to the delivery of mathematics instruction from the current semester format to a year-long approach. Referring to reports prepared by the Board evaluating year-round mathematics, he asked trustees to review his critiques of the reports. He spoke of extra costs to implement year-round mathematics, which will have to be paid through the school's budget, and he commented on the difficulties he faced in attending and participating at school council meetings. Stan Taylor remarked that improvements in Grade 9 EQAO results are a measure of success of mathematics instruction from Grades 1 to 9. He expressed the opinion that the focus on EQAO is problematic as it ignores the seven or 12 month gap between Grades 9 and 10 sequential mathematics courses, the removal of which is the core principle of his advocacy. He referred to studies conducted by the Seneca York University Centre for Mathematics and Science which revealed that one-third of students sampled failed in their first year mathematics course. In concluding his delegation, he asked that the topic of year-round mathematics delivery be re-evaluated. Janet McDougald indicated that a response to the delegation will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

10. Delegation of Sandy Dhillon re Cancellation of Transportation to Walnut Grove Public School from September 2017

Sandy Dhillon delegated the Board on behalf of parents and students who have been affected by the cancellation of transportation to Walnut Grove Public School, effective September 2017. Her notes were provided to the administration.

Sandy Dhillon requested that the Board and the Student Transportation of Peel Region continue busing for all Walnut Grove Public School students from Gore Road, Pannahill Drive, Skyvalley Drive, Strathdale Road, and Degrey Drive, affected by the cancellation. Providing background information, she noted that parents received a notice three weeks ago about the cancellation, which will affect approximately 350 students, who will now be required to walk a pathway and bridge beside a man-made pond to school. She spoke of safety and security issues related to construction activity on Degrey Drive, notice that the pathway will not be maintained by the City during the winter, exit from the pathway directly on to the road, and the distance some younger students will be required to walk to school. Sandy Dhillon asked the Board to guarantee that the pathway will be cleared during the winter months, and fencing placed alongside the pond. Responding to a trustee's questions of clarification, she noted that the pathway and bridge have been constructed during the past two years, and the pathway is approximately 450 meters in length. Janet McDougald reported that a response to the delegation will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

11. Delegation of Jotvinder Sodhi re Student Safety and Cancellation of Transportation to Walnut Grove Public School

In his delegation, Jotvinder Sodhi used a PowerPoint presentation which was provided to the administration. He welcomed Director-Designate Joshua, and he expressed appreciation for the positive interactions between the community and trustees and administration. Indicating that he is representing the Home Owners Welfare Association of residents of Pannahill Drive in Wards 7 and 8, he stated that the focus of his delegation is on student safety. He noted that parents' main concern, based on past experience, is that the roads and pathways are not cleared on time during winter months. Requesting the Board to revisit the decision to cancel transportation, Jotvinder Sodhi remarked on safety concerns due to lack of parent supervision, no fencing around the pond, children playing near the pond, and a downhill slope which may be dangerous in winter. In addition, he noted that the school is more than twenty minutes walking distance for students from the community, who have to walk through seven intersections with no crossing guards. Chair McDougald confirmed that a response to the delegation will be brought to the June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board.

12. Response to Petition from Religion out of Public Schools (ROOPS) re Discontinuation of Religious Congregations and Faith Clubs in Peel DSB

Resolution No. 17-163

moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that the response to the petition from Religion out of Public Schools (ROOPS) re Discontinuation of Religious Congregations and Faith Clubs in Peel DSB (Regular Meeting of the Board, May 29, 2017), be received.

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13. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, May 17, 2017

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, held May 17, 2017, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 17-164 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Carrie Andrews

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 – June, July, August and September 2017; Kindergarten Program Document 2016; Kindergarten Communication of Learning; Start With a Smile; Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates 2017-2018.

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14. Notice of Appointment of Two Trustees to the Count Me in Peel Student Census Steering Committee

Resolution No. 17-165 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved that two trustees be appointed to the Count Me in Peel Student Census Steering Committee at the Regular Meeting of the Board, on June 19, 2017, and remain on the Committee until the census has been implemented. (APPENDIX I)

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15. Notice of Changes to Peel District School Board By-Laws

Notice of By-law changes are to be given at one Regular Meeting of the Board, and proposed amendments are to be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board. Proposed changes to By-laws E-4, Date of Committee Meetings, E-7, Open/Closed Meetings, E-15, Attendance of Members at Committees, G-3, Delegations, G-10, Public Question Period, and G-13, Petitions, will be brought to the June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Resolution No. 17-166 moved by David Green
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the report of Notice re Changes to Peel District School Board By-Laws, be received

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16. Notice of Appointment of Two Trustees to the We Rise Together Advisory Council

Resolution No. 17-167 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved that two trustees be appointed to the We Rise Together Advisory Council at the Regular Meeting of the Board, on June 19, 2017, and remain on the Committee until the task has been completed. (APPENDIX II)

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17. Report of the Regional Learning Choices Programs (RLCP) Committee

The summary of discussions arising from the meeting of the Regional Learning Choices Program Committee, held on May 23, 2017, was perused by trustees. In response to a question of clarification, Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash, noted that the update report on the Specialist High Skills Major program included dispersal of financing to schools, eligibility of equipment charged as program costs, sequence of courses, and co-op requirements. He explained that completion of the mandatory co-op requirement has been an obstacle to some students receiving the red seal on the SHSM diploma. Scott Moreash reported that SHSM programs will continue to commence from Grade 11, and changes will include a program expectation that the co-op component is completed earlier in the program.

Resolution No. 17-168 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the report of the Regional Learning Choices Programs (RLCP) Committee, be received.

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18. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations

Trustee Crocker reported on a meeting of the FNMI Education Advisory Circle held yesterday, when ideas were discussed regarding curriculum. A workshop featuring Niigaan Sinclair, Professor at the University of Manitoba, was held yesterday at the Central Board Office, and a presentation was given by media personality, Jesse Wenthe, to Grade 12 Rick Hansen Secondary School students on Indigenous issues in Canada.

19. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Trustee Crocker commented that schools are increasingly involved in social justice causes. He reported that the graduating class of Rick Hansen Secondary School donated the proceeds of their graduation breakfast, approximately \$900, to the Food for Change Program.

19. Comments or Questions from Board Members (Continued)

Trustee McDonald remarked that the presentation by Niigaan Sinclair was excellent, and a good learning experience. She stated that Vice-Chair Nurse, Trustee Crocker, and she visited Peel Alternate School – Central and she highlighted the genuine enthusiasm of the administrators, teachers and office managers at this facility, and their sincere belief in their students.

Trustee Singh reported that an inter-school Kabaddi tournament will be held tomorrow, with two school boards participating, including seven Peel schools. He thanked the Ministry of Education for their letter of support for the tournament.

Trustee Green expressed appreciation for the achievements of the Central Peel Secondary School junior cricket team who were the winners of the ROPSSAA tournament. He stated that he was proud of the team members and he thanked the parents for their support. He reported that he has been notified that some team members will be chosen to travel to England and the Caribbean.

Student Trustee Singh thanked Board members for their support, and he spoke of his learning experiences as a student trustee.

Trustee Lawton noted that, on June 2, 2017, Bristol Road Middle School band played at Barondale Public School to demonstrate the music program at the Middle School. She spoke about the First Annual Mary Samuel Legacy: Arts and Equity Showcase, which was held in the Board Room and Atrium at the Central Board Office. She reported that Mary Samuel's brother and sister drove from Nova Scotia to attend the Showcase, on invitation from the Board.

Trustee Cameron thanked Executive Assistant, Janice Mueller, for her work in updating trustees' calendars with all Board and Committee meeting dates.

Vice-Chair Nurse remarked that her visit to the Peel Alternative School – Central was a remarkable experience. She stated that there are not many schools such as this in the Province, and she questioned the rationale to apply Section 274 when hiring teachers for this facility. Chair McDougald suggested a further discussion on this, and potentially writing a letter to the Minister of Education on the subject.

20. Public Question Period

Porba, a parent from the Walnut Grove Public School community referred to the notice received from the Board that students from his neighbourhood will not be bused to school effective September 2017. He stated that he has two children, one of whom will be bused for one more year and the other will have to walk to school alone. He indicated that this will be difficult for his family. He asked for a guarantee that the pathways will be cleared of snow in the winter, and he spoke of the intersections that have no crossing guards. Chair McDougald responded.

21. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 17-169 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Rescission of Resolution No. 17-108; Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee), held May 18, 2017; Resignations; Retirements; Director's Report re Hiring for Associate Director Positions, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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22. Adjournment

Resolution No. 17-170 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:00 hours).

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – JUNE 6, 2017

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

Members present electronically:

Nokha Dakroub
Brad MacDonald

Student Trustee:

Omar Baboolal, Student Trustee South

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

2. Rescission of Resolution No. 17-108

That, Resolution No. 17-108, be rescinded.

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee), May 18, 2017

That, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board (In Committee), held May 18, 2017, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

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4. Retirements

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

5. Director's Report

1. Hiring for Associate Director Positions

That, the Director's oral report re Hiring for Associate Director Positions, be received.