

March 26, 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, March 26, 2013 at 19:45 hours.

Members present:

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

Member absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald

Student Trustees:

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

Administration:

Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
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
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services

Administration: (Continued)

Marion Smith, Executive Assistant
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education
Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
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

Item 10.1, Use of Volunteer Supervisors for Extracurricular Activities in Peel Schools, was moved from the agenda of the In Committee Session to the Open Session of this meeting. A trustee suggested that the item be deferred to the next Regular Meeting of the Board on April 9, 2013. Providing rationale for this request, the trustee referred to By-law D-6, Delivery of Material/Agenda with respect to the provision of notice, and she also expressed a concern about proposed operating procedure being in conflict with the terms and conditions of employment of Principals and Vice-Principals outlined in Policy/Program Memorandum 152 (PPM 152) of the Ministry of Education. She explained that PPM 152 recommends consultation with the Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association when roles and responsibilities are being altered.

Speaking to the request for deferral, another trustee expressed disagreement with the view that proposed operating procedure will be in conflict with the terms and conditions of employment outlined in PPM 152. He stated that proposed operating procedure will provide an opportunity for parents to volunteer in Peel schools.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 7.2 Late Request to Delegate: Vinay Saini and Anil Khanna re Schools in the Springdale Community (added)
- Item 10.1 Use of Volunteer Supervisors for Extracurricular Activities in Peel Schools (deferred to the Regular Meeting of the Board, April 9, 2013)
- Item 11.3 OPSBA Fast Report: Volume 25, No. 11 (added)

Resolution No. 13-80 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Special Presentation: Mississauga Public Library Board's Chair Brad Hutchinson And Vice-Chair Harry Hastilow re the Library's Activities and Initiatives

Chair McDougald welcomed the Vice-Chair of the Mississauga Public Library Board, Harry Hastilow. Conveying regrets from Brad Hutchinson, Library Board Chair, Harry Hastilow acknowledged the presence of Betty Mansfield, Acting Director of Library Services, in the audience.

Using a slide presentation, Harry Hastilow updated the Board on the various activities and services of the library, including: baby time literacy program for teen moms; English conversation classes; citizenship preparation classes; dial a story; the lego club. With the increased focus on 21st Century skills and technology, Harry Hastilow described the upgrade of facilities to accommodate improved wireless access; ability to download e-books; communication through digital screens, and electronic reader boards. He spoke of the new library cards designed specifically for children, teens and adults. Reporting on the library's partnerships, Harry Hastilow drew attention to: the Robotics Club offered at Rick Hansen Secondary School; the Summer Reading Club with TD Canada Trust; the Sheridan Computer Resource Centre at the Sheridan Library in partnership with Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services. Harry Hastilow highlighted the close collaboration with local school boards, which is a key priority for the library. He provided details of future plans which include: introduction of a self check-out system, on-line payment of fines; replacement of 420 public use computers; construction of the new Woodlands Library and designing a new library in the Meadowvale Community Centre; hiring a new Director of Library Services. Harry Hastilow noted the relevance of libraries, indicating that they are a vital resource, integral to improvement in the quality of life in the community.

Chair McDougald thanked Harry Hastilow for the update report on the changes being implemented in keeping with 21st Century technology and needs, and expressed appreciation for the work and support being provided by the libraries. She extended her thanks for the new library at Port Credit, and encouraged the continuation of partnerships with various stakeholders to help children understand the importance of literacy, reading and learning.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

- 5. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building committee Meeting, February 5, 2013
Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, February 19, 2013
Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board, February 20, 2013
Minutes of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting,
February 20, 2013
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, February 26, 2013**

Resolution No. 13-81 moved by Jeff White
seconded David Green

Resolved:

- a) That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building committee Meeting, held February 5, 2013, be received;
- b) That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held February 19, 2013, be received;
- c) That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board, held February 20, 2013, be approved;
- d) That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting, held February 20, 2013, be received;
- e) That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held February 26, 2013, 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. 13-82 moved by Meredith Johnson
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements:

Lionel Alexander	Bruce Bookbinder	Diane Flannagan
Fawazia Ali	Anne Cameron	Joanne Fugar
Carole Anderson	Cheryl Clarke	Giuseppe Fusca
Kathy Anderson	Catherine Cole Crowe	Donald Gidley
Susan Atherton	Thomas Crane	Sue Gittings
Anne Ball	Mary Ferri	Ann Goldenberg

8. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

Marilyn Henwood	Carlene Monson	Lillian Shery
Pat Johnston	Victoria Moore	Audrey Sinclair
Heidelinde Kaszuba	Laurie Morgani	Aida Soliman
Angela Keipert	Steve Paas	Jacques Soucie
Theresa Kerr	Gwen Paul	Barb Stedman
Jean Kisson-Singh	Melissa Piecyk	Patricia Sullivan
Catherine Kitchen	Debra Powell	Marie-Anne Tate
Heather Kozak	Douglas Prince	Dave Taylor
Rod Kuehn	Maureen Round	Phyllis Wilson
Helen Kunert	Sue Sheffer	Tiina Woods
Kelvin Law	Bert Seucharan	Luba Yarmo

2. Good News – Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF)
2013 Marion Drysdale Award Winners
3. Letter of appreciation to Chairs and Directors from the Minister of Education for ongoing commitment to Ontario's publicly funded education system
4. Letter to the Minister of Community and Social Services from the District School Board of Niagara regarding the impact of the Ministry's new policies and processes to obtain supports for adult or transitioning developmentally challenged students
5. Letter to Directors regarding the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants process for 2013 - 2014

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Referring to Item 8.4, Chair McDougald advised that a letter, co-signed by her and the Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee, Barbara Byers, is being sent to the Minister of Community and Social Services, regarding the impact of the Ministry's new policies and processes to obtain supports for adult or transitioning developmentally challenged students.

Citing Item 8.5, Parents Reaching Out grants process for 2013 - 2014, Chair McDougald drew attention to the deadline of May 21, 2013 for submission of applications. She also referred to "Spark", an event designed to help school councils generate ideas to boost parent involvement, and spoke about assistance being provided to support parents in the application process for the PRO grants.

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Resolution No. 13-82

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9. Delegation by Catherine Sopleet re the 2012 – 2013 Parent Reaching Out Grants

Catherine Sopleet updated the Board on the progress made with respect to the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants for the 2012 – 2013 school year. A copy of her notes was later provided to the administration.

9. Delegation by Catherine Soplet re the 2012 – 2013 Parent Reaching Out Grants
(Continued)

Catherine Soplet expressed appreciation for the request made by the Ministry of Education on March 21, 2013, for parent grant applications for the 2013 – 2014 academic year, well in advance of the provincial budget being announced. She also noted that, as requested, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association has raised awareness about the grants in public schools. She then asked the Board to review and affirm that outcomes of PRO grants deliver the Youth Action Plan for 2012, and to request the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to acknowledge how the outcomes of these grants effect progress on the Youth Action Plan, and that this be recorded in the annual report of the Youth Action Plan. Catherine Soplet requested the Board to also review and update its Report on Poverty Reduction Strategy 2010, to reflect how the Peel DSB is achieving the aims and objectives of the Youth Action Plan. She spoke about the benefits accruing from PRO grants in the area of literacy, public health, and crime rates. She reported on a deputation to the City of Mississauga, when, referring to the Crime Prevention Framework and the fact that literacy lowers crime rates, the City of Mississauga was asked to consider its role in helping residents place PRO grants in schools.

Chair McDougald thanked Catherine Soplet for her involvement and dedication to support student success, and advised her that the Board will review its Poverty Reduction Strategy and update it, if necessary. She also indicated that a response to the delegation will be provided at the April 9, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board.

10. Delegation by Vinay Saini and Anil Khanna re Schools in the Springdale Community

Anil Khanna indicated that he is delegating the Board regarding the proposed townhouse development in the Springdale community. A copy of his notes, outlining concerns raised by the community, was provided later to the administration.

Anil Khanna spoke about overcrowding in schools in the Springdale neighbourhood, and the concerns raised about the proposed townhouse development in the vicinity, despite the current space constraints. He reported that plans about the proposed development were made known at a public meeting of the City of Brampton on March 4, 2013, and he noted that, during the meeting, City staff had indicated that the Board's report confirmed feasibility of the project. Commenting that, perhaps some relevant issues were overlooked in the Board's report, Anil Khanna listed questions and concerns raised by the community, including: are the new schools being considered for current housing or proposed development; classes currently held in the foyer of a school due to lack of classroom space; infrequency of gym class, and classes held jointly; lack of a music classroom; increased portables at schools. Anil Khanna commented on the need for a simultaneous increase in facilities along with capacity, for children to have adequate play areas, and for increased parking at the school. He referred to the additional 38 homes already constructed in the vicinity of Sunny Meadow boulevard and Father Tobin road, and the probability of a Provincial mandate to allow basement apartments. Anil Khanna requested that space issues, facilities and amenities for students be addressed when discussing implementation of the Full Day Kindergarten program in elementary schools. In conclusion, he asked the board to reconsider its report in light of the concerns raised.

10. Late Request to Delegate: Vinay Saini and Anil Khanna re Schools in the Springdale Community (Continued)

Trustees speaking expressed thanks to the delegation for outlining the community's concerns. Referring to a concern raised about classes held in the foyer of the school, a trustee requested that this be addressed in the response to the delegation. Chair McDougald noted that the questions raised relate to capital funding, which is used to address growth issues in schools, and create safe places for all Peel students. She advised that a response to the delegation will be provided at the Regular Meeting of the Board on April 9, 2013.

11. Response to Delegation by Susan Hamann re Extracurricular Activities

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on February 26, 2013, Susan Hamann delegated the Board regarding development of a sustainable extracurricular activities program for students.

Resolution No. 13-83 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the Response to Delegation by Susan Hamann regarding Extracurricular Activities, be received.

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12. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, February 19, 2013

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held February 19, 2013, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 13-84 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Special Presentation re Overview of Transition Planning for the Development Services of Ontario Central West Region (DSO); Special Presentation re iPad Project (oral); Special Presentation re Learning Disabilities Association (oral); Accessibility Plan January 2013 to December 2017; Peel Children and Youth Initiative re Free Money for Your Child's Education; Letter to Ministers Laurel Broten and John Milloy from SEAC Chair, Durham District School Board re Issues with Development Services of Ontario Agency (DSO).

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13. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, February 20, 2013

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, held February 20, 2013, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 13-85 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Beryl Ford

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 – February 2013; 21st Century Teaching and Learning Chiclet; English as a Second Language (ESL) Students in the Peel District School Board: How Are They Defined and How Are They Funded?; English as a Second Language (ESL) and English Literacy Development (ELD) Program: Case Studies of Effective Practice; Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Kindergarten to Grade 12, and 34 Credit Threshold; Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum 155: Diagnostic Assessment in Support of Student Learning; Ministry of Education Memorandum re Release of Revised Course Descriptions and Course Codes for Revised Curriculum Policy Documents.

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14. Rescission of Resolution No. 11-120 re Transportation Eligibility Distances for Grades 9-12

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held on February 26, 2013, the Board received Notice to Rescind Resolution No. 11-120, which was approved at the March 8, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board. The recommendation for implementation was subject to budget review.

Trustees speaking expressed support for the rescission. It was noted that the recommendation to implement the revised eligibility distances for Grades 9-12 was subject to budget, which in the current climate, is not expected to identify increases in funding. Echoing sentiments of support, a trustee indicated that it would be fiscally unwise to incur additional costs during these times of austerity. A trustee commented on funding being better spent in the classroom, and suggested caution about raising expectation within the community about a service that the Board may not able to provide. In response to Chair McDougald's query about estimated costs to effect the change in distance eligibility, Controller of Transportation and Corporate Support Services, David Neale, indicated an approximate cost of \$650,000.

14. Rescission of Resolution No. 11-120 re Transportation Eligibility Distances for Grades 9-12 (Continued)

Resolution No. 13-86 moved by Jeff White
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the following Resolution No. 11-120, pertaining to transportation eligibility distances for Grades 9-12, be rescinded:

“Resolved that, as recommended by the Joint Ad Hoc Transportation Committee, subject to budget review, the transportation eligibility distances for Grades 9-12 be harmonized at 3.8 km as of the 2013-2014 school year” (APPENDIX I).

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15. Peel District School Board Policy #81 – Voluntary, Confidential Self-Identification Policy for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students

Chair McDougald stated that Peel DSB Policy #81 has been reviewed extensively by staff and the Trustee Review Committee. Noting that voluntary self-identification by First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students is a Ministry initiative, a trustee expressed thanks to all staff involved, and acknowledged the significant contribution made by Instructional Coordinator, Ian Pettigrew, and the FNMI Education Advisory Circle.

Resolution No. 13-86 moved by Jeff White
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved that, the Peel District School Board Policy #81 – Voluntary, Confidential Self-Identification Policy for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students, be approved (APPENDIX II).

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16. Second Quarterly Financial Reports as at February 28, 2013

The Second Quarterly Financial Reports show Peel's actual costs as at February 28, 2013 versus the budget used in the 2012 – 2013 Revised Estimates submission to the Ministry of Education. Chair McDougald commented that senior staff have been requested to continue to look for efficiencies over the remaining period of the school year, and to reconsider projects that can be deferred, in view of the funding challenges the Board faces with the budget this year.

Resolution No. 13-88 moved by David Green
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved that, the Second Quarterly Financial Reports as at February 28, 2013, be received.

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17. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 13-89 moved by Harinder Malhi
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following reports, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 25, No. 9
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 25, No. 10
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 25, No. 11

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18. Question Period

Trustee Green, invited trustees to attend the OPSBA Regional Meeting on April 6, 2013, at the Halton District School Board.

19. Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

20. Adoption of In Committee Report

Resolution No. 13-90 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), February 5, 2013; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), February 26, 2013; Negotiations Update (oral); Ray Lawson Public School – Grant of Easement to the Region of Peel; Defibrillators in Peel Secondary Schools (oral); Ministry Initiative re Locking of School Doors (oral); Status of Board Events: 25 Year Club, Stellar, Retirement Dinner; Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), February 20, 2013; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), February 26, 2013; Recommendations of the Audit Committee, March 21, 2013; Resignations; Retirements; Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act: Record of Employees' 2012 Salaries and Benefits; and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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21. Adjournment

Resolution No. 13-91 moved by Harinder Malhi
seconded by Rick Williams

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

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – MARCH 26, 2013

Members present:

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

Steve Kavanagh
Sue Lawton
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald

Student Trustees:

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

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), February 5, 2013 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), February 26, 2013

Moved by Janet McDougald:

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), held February 5, 2013, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held February 26, 2013, be approved.

3. Negotiations Update

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

4. Ray Lawson Public School – Grant of Easement to the Region of Peel

That, the Board grant a permanent easement of approximately 229.02 m² (2,465.23 ft²) at Ray Lawson Public School to the Region of Peel for a ditch and cross culvert to accommodate the widening of Mavis Road, subject to a satisfactory easement agreement.

5. Defibrillators in Peel Secondary Schools

That, the oral report re Defibrillators in Peel Secondary Schools, be received.

6. Ministry Initiative re Locking of School Doors

That, the oral report re Ministry Initiative re Locking of School Doors, be received.

7. Status of Board Events: 25 Year Club, Stellar, Retirement Dinner

That, the oral report re Status of Board Events for 25 Year Club, Stellar, Retirement Dinner, be received.

Part B (not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B),
February 20, 2013
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
February 26, 2013**

1. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), held February 20, 2013, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held February 26, 2013, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Audit Committee, March 21, 2013

That, the following recommendations arising from the Audit Committee meeting, held March 21, 2013, be approved:

1) External Audit Services Contract

That, Deloitte be appointed as external auditors for a five year term, with the option for a sixth year, commencing April 1, 2013, with a total all inclusive fixed fee of \$617,059 (including taxes).

2) Reports / Information Received

The Committee received the following reports / information: Work Plan Update; Internal Audit Reports for Castlebridge Public School, Darcel Avenue Public School, Dorset Drive Public School, Eastbourne Drive Public School, Elmcrest Public School, Folkstone Public School, Homelands Senior Public School, Kindree Public School, Maple Wood Public School, Owenwood Public School, Ray Underhill Public School, Red Willow Public School, Riverside Public School, and Willow Glen Public School; Regional Internal Audit Plan - Status Update.

4. Resignations

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

5. Retirements

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

6. Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act: Record of Employees' 2012 Salaries and Benefits

That, the report re Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act: Record of Employees' 2012 Salaries and Benefits, be received.