

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 Monday, May 12, 2014 at 19:55 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Sue Lawton
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Brad MacDonald
Stan Cameron	Rick Williams
Beryl Ford	
Meredith Johnson	
Steve Kavanagh	

Members absent: (apologies received)

David Green
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White

Student Trustees:

Sahil Sharma, Student Trustee North
Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller of Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent of Education
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Poleen Grewal, Superintendent of Education
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Mark Keating, Chief Information Officer
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education

Administration: (Continued)

Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Joe Weinberg, Controller of Facilities and Environmental Support Services
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.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair McDougald welcomed newly-appointed Controller of Finance Support Services, Tania Alatishe-Charles, and Controller of Facilities and Environmental Support Services, Joe Weinberg, and provided brief information on their professional background.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 6.1 a) Retirements (Addendum circulated)
- Item 6.4 Letter from the Chair to Immigration Watch Canada (added)
- Item 7.1 Delegation by David Loveridge, Director of Public Works, on behalf of the Town of Caledon regarding school bus transportation in Caledon East (withdrawn)
- Item 9.6 Request for Leave of Absence – Jeff White, Trustee (added)
- Item 9.7 Request for Leave of Absence – Harinder Malhi, Trustee (added)
- Item 12.5 OPSBA Fast Report: Vol. 26, No. 15 (added)

Resolution No. 14-100 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Sue Lawton

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

Later in the meeting, with the approval of the mover and seconder and two-thirds majority of trustees, Item, 10.2, School Uniforms Pilot Project, was added to the agenda.

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. 14-102 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements:

Stephanie Alexander	Chuck Hammill	Don Scallen
Jeffrey Baker	Georgina Haswell	Martina Schroer
Christine Bellerose	Joan Hayhoe	Usha Sethi
Linda Booty	Patricia Hopwood-Jones	Donald Shattuck
Christine Buckerfield	Sheila Hudson	Nancy Simpson
Paul Caplin	Susan Johnson	Pauline Smith
Johanna Castillo-Zarubica	Veronica Jurkovic	Jill Solski
Carol Chapman	Linda Kwant	Linda Standish
Maria Cheung	Pauline La Rocca	Barb Steed
Jean Chorostecki	Carol Laderoute	John Stegeman
Dennis Dack	Hana Mach	Patricia Stellick
Donna Davis	Karen McGibbon	Ross Struthers
Neil Douglas	Judy Mendaglio	Lynn Wagner
Marie Fawcett-Carter	Maureen Moore	Carl Wahlstrom
Dawn Finnegan	Natalia Mysakowec	Val Watts
Margaret Furness	Keith Onions	Wendy Wilson
Brenda Gallino	Susan Onslow	Wendy Wiseman
Michael Gauley	Lorraine Pace	Paul Woodley
Jill Gaynor	Lachlan Peck	Donna Caruso Lisi
Vina Genge Moraes	Trudy Prescott	Linda Galen
Leslie Godlington-Kemp	Ash Ramsing	Jeanne Gray
Joan Hamilton	Jim Roe	

2. Good News (Hubert Brard, Instructional Coordinator, recipient of the Ontario Association for the Support of Physical and Health Educators' System Leader Advocacy Award; Judy Mendaglio, Curriculum Head – Mathematics, John Fraser Secondary School, recipient of the Ontario Association for Mathematics Education Award for Exceptional and Creative Teaching in Secondary Mathematics; Peel's Terry Fox Foundation Top Fundraisers – William G. Davis Senior Public School, Hazel McCallion Senior Public School, David Leeder Middle School, Humberview Secondary School)

8. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

- 3. Police Appreciation Week: May 11-17, 2014
- 4. Letter from the Chair to Immigration Watch Canada

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Referring to Item 8.2, Good News, Chair McDougald congratulated Hubert Brard, Judy Mendaglio and the schools named as top fundraisers by Peel's Terry Fox Foundation. Noting that May 11 to 17, 2014 is Police Appreciation Week, she spoke positively about the partnership and collaboration between the Board and the police, and invited trustees to express their appreciation to members of the police force.

A trustee thanked the Chair for the letter to Immigration Watch Canada, Item 8.4, and expressed shock and aversion to the flyer distributed by the group. Chair McDougald indicated that the group's mailing address is not easily accessible, and she explained that the purpose of the letter is to demonstrate to the Peel community and the public that the Board strongly disagrees with the message contained in the flyer.

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Resolution No. 14-102 carried

9. Response to Delegation by Faroek Hanif and Sunit Patel re Boundary Change for Springdale Public School

Resolution No. 14-103 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the Response to the delegation by Faroek Hanif and Sunit Patel regarding boundary change for Springdale Public School (Regular Meeting of the Board, April 7, 2014), be received.

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Stating that the letter has been sent to the delegation, and the community is aware of the deferral, Chair McDougald emphasized that the delay in implementing the boundary change is for one year only, until September 2015.

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Resolution No. 14-103 carried

10. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, May 6, 2014

A trustee asked whether Ministry approval has been received with regard to renovations at Huttonville Public School, Woodlands Secondary School, and Streetsville Secondary School, and expressed the hope that approval is received before June 12, 2014. Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, confirmed that approval has not yet been received, and that the Ministry is being contacted regularly in this regard.

10. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, May 6, 2014
(Continued)

Resolution No. 14-104 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the following recommendations of arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, held May 6, 2014 be approved:

1. Enrolment Cap at Eldorado Public School (K – 8) and Re-direction to Copeland Public School and Huttonville Public School

That, a cap of 1,100 students and/or a maximum of 47 classes at Eldorado Public School, be approved. (Students exceeding the maximum number of 1,100 students and/or 47 classes of students be directed to Copeland Public School for K-5 and Huttonville Public School for Grades 6-8). (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

2. Report on Tenders: Credit Valley 5 #1 Public School

That, the tender, in the amount of \$11,816,410 including HST, for the construction of Credit Valley 5 #1 Public School, be awarded to Remo General Contracting Limited. (Appendix II, as attached to the Minutes)

1. Reports / Information Received

Status Report: Relocatable Classroom Modules (RCM's); Education Development Charges (EDC) By-law – Update; Temporary Accommodation Plan – Ross Drive Public School; Major Capital Project Status 2014-2015 – Update; Application Status Update; Schedule of Physical Planning and Building Committee Meetings 2014-2015; Tender Activity Report, March 24, 2014 to April 25, 2014; Vandalism Report for February 2014.

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11. Appointment of Two Trustees and Two Alternates to the OPSBA Board of Directors: June 2014 – June 2015

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held April 7, 2014, the Board approved that Peel DSB appoint two trustees and two alternates to serve on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association for the June 2014 – June 2015 period. These appointments will be subject to the Peel DSB's decision on OPSBA membership for 2014-2015.

Chair McDougald called for nominations.

Trustee MacDonald nominated Trustee Ford as Alternate
Trustee Kavanagh nominated Trustee Williams as Director
Trustee Johnson nominated Trustee Nurse as Alternate

16. School Uniforms Pilot Project

Chair McDougald reported that trustees had received an email last week regarding the proposed pilot project on implementation of school uniforms at Central Peel Secondary School. She advised that a letter will be sent to parents and guardians regarding the implementation and expectations, and a press release made so that the school community is aware of the project.

A trustee asked about the existing policy on school uniforms and the process for implementing the pilot project. Chair McDougald explained that a Uniform Policy Review Committee was established with trustee representation. The committee discussed the concept of introducing a pilot project at a school where the wearing of school uniforms is supported by staff, students, and the community. Central Peel Secondary School expressed an interest in participating in this pilot. Chair McDougald acknowledged that the recommendation to make an exception to the policy, in order to implement the pilot project as proposed by the Uniform Policy Review Committee, was not brought to the Board.

The trustee remarked that moving ahead with the implementation of a project that is an exception to a policy, is an infringement of his privilege as a Board Member, and raises the question of validity of other policies. He asked the Chair to rule that the implementation of the pilot project is a violation of policy, and that a revised policy be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board for approval. The Chair responded that the Committee acted appropriately in proposing a pilot project, and agreed that privilege of Board Members was by-passed. She explained that implementing the pilot project will allow the Board to evaluate its success and learn from this new experience, before recommending modifications to the existing policy on school uniforms. Chair McDougald reported that Central Peel Secondary School undertook a survey of its community and is willing to test and provide good insight into the concept, to help arrive at a more user-friendly policy on school uniforms.

The trustee then asked for a comprehensive report on the pilot project, commenting that the consultation and dialogue should have included all trustees. Chair McDougald confirmed that the administration will bring an in-depth report on the school uniform pilot project to the next Regular Meeting of the Board. She noted, however, that the community is already aware of the project, and she expressed regret for not having sought Board Members' approval. She agreed that there will be no press release at this time. Another trustee stated that all Board Members were aware that the Uniform Policy Review Committee was exploring the potential for school uniforms. She expressed the opinion that trustees were also aware that the Committee had completed its task and that a pilot project was recommended.

Director of Education, Tony Pontes, also expressed regret for not seeking Board approval for an exception of policy. He confirmed that a report will be brought to the May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board, and that the press release will be delayed.

Resolution No. 14-108

moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the oral report re School Uniforms Pilot Project, be received.

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17. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 14-109 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following reports, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 11
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 12
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 13
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 14
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 15

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18. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils / Associations

Trustee Williams reported that he and Trustee Green attended the OPSBA meeting on May 2 and 3, 2014. Discussions were held on negotiations, and OPSBA priorities that will be developed into recommendations for the Annual General Meeting in July. Trustee Williams stated that the list of priorities will be forwarded to school boards for their input. He will share the list with trustees and invited them to give their input.

19. Question Period

Trustee Cameron reported on achievements at two Caledon schools. He indicated that the robotics team from Humberview Secondary School, which had started the robotics club this year, won a rookie award at the First Robotics World Championships held in St. Louis, Missouri. Trustee Cameron also reported that the Grade 2 class of Belfountain Public School won the Classroom Energy Diet Challenge and received \$2500. Trustee Ford congratulated the robotics team from Chinguacousy Secondary School who won the VRC High School World Championship held in California. She expressed pride and appreciation for the efforts of staff and students. Trustee Kavanagh asked whether one of the award-winning robotics teams can be invited to showcase their robots at a meeting. Chair McDougald indicated that this may be possible.

Trustee MacDonald thanked staff for their work during the power outage at Sheridan Park Public School, commenting that he was impressed by their professionalism and generosity.

Student Trustee Sookraj reported that Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) awarded two Peel students, Olivia Ghosh and Travis Kennedy, with its Ontario Student Voice Award: Chair McDougald asked whether schools nominate students for this award. Student Trustee Sookraj replied that Olivia Ghosh may have been nominated by her teacher.

19. Question Period (Continued)

Trustee Williams reported that he was at Morningstar Middle School, which will introduce the first Arts and Technology Regional program in Peel. He stated that the school has a marching band, which performed very well, taking into consideration the band was brought together after the March Break. Trustee Williams commented that he would like to see them perform at a meeting. Chair McDougald suggested that this may be possible next year. Vice-Chair Nurse spoke appreciatively of the dance bands in her schools and noted that there are award winning teams in many Peel schools. She commended staff and administration for their work and dedication, and indicated that she is proud to be a Peel DSB trustee. Chair McDougald stated that Music Monday was an excellent event.

20. Public Question Period

Catherine Soplet spoke of the importance of civic engagement, and asked whether Peel students, who are eligible, have been encouraged to vote. She stated that many secondary schools had a Civics course, and voting is an extension of civic literacy. Chair McDougald responded.

21. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 14-110 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), April 1, 2014; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part A), April 7, 2014; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), May 6, 2014; Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations 2014 -2015; Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations 2014 – 2015; School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014; Update Report on Measles (oral); Input for Trustee Information Sessions (oral); Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, April 1, 2014; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), April 7, 2014; Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), April 23, 2014; Recommendations of Audit Committee, April 1, 2014; Resignations; Retirements; Discipline Committee Meeting Dates 2014 -2015; Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee Meeting Dates 2014 -2015; Superintendent Assignments, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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22. Adjournment

Resolution No. 14-111 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

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

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – MAY 12, 2014

Members present:

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

Steve Kavanagh
Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Rick Williams

Members absent: (apologies received)

David Green
Harinder Malhi
Jeff White

Student Trustee:

Sahil Sharma, Student Trustee North
Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), April 1, 2014 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), April 7, 2014

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning & Building Committee (In Committee), held April 1, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held April 7, 2014, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), May 6, 2014

That, the information about the Physical Planning and Building Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Tender Activity Report, March 24, 2014 to April 25, 2014; Report on Tenders: Credit Valley 5 #1 Public School; Building Condition Projects: Huttonville Public School, Streetsville Secondary School and The Woodlands - Update.

4. Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations 2014 - 2015

That the report regarding Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations for the 2014 - 2015 School Year, be approved. (Appendix I)

5. Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations 2014 -2015

That, the report regarding Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations for the 2014 – 2015 School Year, be approved. (Appendix II)

6. School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014

That, the report regarding School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014, be received.

7. Update Report on Measles

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

8. Input for Trustee Information Sessions

That, the oral report regarding Input for Trustee Information Sessions, be received.

Part B

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, April 1, 2014
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), April 7, 2014
Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
April 23, 2014**

1. That, the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, held April 1, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held April 7, 2014, be approved;
3. Minutes of the Supplementary Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held April 23, 2014, be approved.

3. Recommendations of Audit Committee, April 1, 2014

That, the information about the Audit Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Audit Committee Work Plan (Update); Internal Audit Services Summary; Regional Internal Audit Team – Status Update; 2013-2016 Draft Regional Internal Audit Plan; Letter from Ministry of Education re Audit Committees and Internal Audit on School Business Support Branch Website.

4. Resignations

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

5. Retirements

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

6. Discipline Committee Meeting Dates 2014–2015

That, the report re Discipline Committee Meeting Dates: 2014 - 2015, be received.

7. Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee Meeting Dates 2014-2015

That, the report re Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee Meeting Dates 2014-2015, be received.

8. Superintendent Assignments

That, the following superintendent assignments, effective August 1, 2014, be approved:

Patricia Rossall, from Superintendent of Education – Alternative Programs, to Superintendent of Education for the Clarkson, Lorne Park and Erindale Families of Schools

Wendy Dowling, from Superintendent of Education for the Clarkson, Lorne Park and Erindale Families of Schools, to Superintendent of Education – Early Years

Jeff deFreitas, from Superintendent of Education – Early Years, to Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services

Shawn Moynihan, from Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, to Superintendent of Education for the Mississauga, Rick Hansen and The Woodlands Families of Schools

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8. Superintendent Assignments (Continued)

Carol Speers, from Superintendent of Education from the Mississauga, Rick Hansen and The Woodlands Families of Schools to Superintendent of Education – Alternative Programs