

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 Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

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

Student Trustee:

Kaustav Chaudhuri, Student Trustee South

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Acting Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Coordinating Superintendent
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
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
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Pertia Minott, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Jamie Robertson, Acting Superintendent of Education
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Administration: (Continued)

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.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 6.1 a) Retirements (Addendum circulated)
- Item 6.3 a) Good News (Addendum circulated)
- Item 10.2 Asian Heritage Month Activities (added)
- Item 10.3 Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee (added)

Resolution No. 16-121 moved by David Green
seconded by Brad MacDonald

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. **Special Presentation re Asian Heritage Month**

Reporting that Asian Heritage Month celebrates the achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage, Chair McDougald highlighted the display of artwork and Spotlight on Asian Heritage events held on May 4-5, 2016 at the Board office, as well as events at schools to celebrate Asian Heritage Month. Noting that the theme for this year is Inspire Inclusion, she welcomed Marcia Moorcroft, Principal, and Anisah Ali and Nisarg Doshi, students of Castlemore Public School. Nisarg Doshi spoke of the diversity of cultures among the many Asian nations and, referring to his heritage, he highlighted cultural aspects of India, including strong family bonds, festivals, and religious ceremonies. Anisah Ali indicated that the personal significance of Asian Heritage Month includes exploration of her South Asian roots, cherishing her origins through music, traditions and attire, and taking pride in her culture. She referred to notable Canadians of South Asian descent, and their example of overcoming obstacles to achievement. She stated that this celebration helps in understanding and appreciating each other's differences and cultures. The students reported on celebrations at the school, including a Punjabi folk dance, wearing traditional attire, Mehndi Club, cuisine, and artwork. Chair McDougald thanked the presenters as well as staff and students in schools for their work in celebrating diversity in the community and beyond.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**5. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, April 18, 2016
Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, May 3, 2016
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, May 10, 2016**

Resolution No. 16-122 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held April 18, 2016, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, held May 3, 2016, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held May 10, 2016, 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.16-123 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Nancy Barrett-Treude
Maris Berk
Ellen Christensen
Anna Costabile
Robin Doupe
Sylvia Forletta
Walter Kennedy

Bruce Beckett
Bernice Chandler
Donna Codack
Coleen Crosbie
Olga Few
Maria Garcia
Nora Kinsman

Sharon Bellis
Patricia Chow
Barbara Columbus
Ruth Davis
Cathie Fleming
Perry Gould
Carole Kodors

8. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

1. Retirements (Cont'd)

Judy Kupers	Teresa Kwaczek	Hilary Moses
Denise Neilson	Etta Nitkin-Kaner	Brendan O’Gorman
Linda Pierce	Hilda Pierorazio	Daniel Roberts
Ann Smith	Karen Sykes	Doris Therriault
Ross Williams	Barb Young	Judy Richards

2. Crossing Guard Appreciation Day: June 14, 2016

3. Good News (Students Shajive Jeyakumar, Vyjayanthi Janakiraman and Yash Gajaria appointed to the 2016-2017 Minister of Education’s Student Advisory Council (MSAC); Student Fayha Najeeb awarded first place at the 32nd Concours d’art oratorie)

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A trustee referred to Item 8.2, Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, June 14, 2016. He thanked crossing guards for their work in helping to keep children safe as they walk to school and return home.

Referring to Good News, Item 8.3, Chair McDougald congratulated the students appointed to the MSAC. She asked about the frequency of MSAC meetings, and the topics and issues discussed at meetings with the Minister of Education. She pointed out that this is an opportunity for student trustees to connect with Peel students on MSAC, who have direct communication with the Minister. Chair McDougald also congratulated Fayha Najeeb for her first place win at the French speaking competition.

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Resolution No.16-123

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9. Delegation by Darryl Gray re Conservation Authority Programs Update

Darryl Gray, Director of Education, Training and Outreach, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), delegated the Board to speak about TRCA strategies to build partnerships with school boards. He reported on the TRCA’s jurisdiction across six municipalities including the Region of Peel, and that the Authority is a statutory organization taking direction from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Darryl Gray noted that, in 2013, a 10-year strategic plan was launched covering the areas of healthy rivers and shorelines, regional biodiversity, sustainable communities and developing a green economy and responsive governance. He outlined the TRCA’s history in conservation education, which progressed from soil culture and water conservation, to now focus on sustainability and climate change. He listed the field centres and education programs hosted by the TRCA and, requesting input from the Peel DSB, he spoke about the need to reflect field trip activities in school work. Highlighting key features of the community learning model, Darryl Gray explained that members of the community deliver programs on topics that are of interest to them and the community. He described program partnerships in Peel EcoSchools, Specialist High Skills Major credits, Bolton Camp, Albion Hills Field Centre, and Small Arms Building/Arsenal Lands.

9. Delegation by Darryl Gray re Conservation Authority Programs Update (Continued)

Providing information regarding flood warnings issued by the TCRA, Darryl Gray asked the Board to sign up for the communications, to facilitate a wider reach for warnings. Chair McDougald thanked TRCA for their work with students and communities. She spoke about the Board's partnership with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the work done in schools on conservation education. She confirmed that she will request staff to pursue the invitation to discuss more effective ways to work with the TRCA. Responding to a suggestion, Darryl Gray indicated that the TRCA can help to provide feedback on property uses.

10. Response to Delegation of Manjinder Deol and Vinnay Tailor re Boundary Change for Churchville Public School

Chair McDougald noted that the response to the delegation outlines the reasons as to why the delegation's request could not be granted. Stating that the Board receives similar requests from parents facing challenges with bus or school timings, she suggested that the school administration or school council can help parents to connect with others who may be in a position to provide help or support.

Resolution No. 16-124 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Manjinder Deol and Vinnay Tailor re Boundary Change for Churchville Public School (Regular Meeting of the Board, May 10, 2016), be received.

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11. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, April 18, 2016

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held April 18, 2016, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 16-125 moved by David Green
seconded by Sue Lawton

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Superintendent's Report (oral); Peel DSB Budget Consultation; Partnering for Change Research Report; Pupil Accommodation Review Report.

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12. Re-establishment of French Immersion Review Committee – Elementary / Notice of Appointment of Two Trustees to the French Immersion Review Committee – Elementary

Resolution No. 16-126 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved:

1. That, the French Immersion Review Committee – Elementary, be re-established.
2. That, the appointment of two trustees to the French Immersion Review Committee – Elementary be made at the Regular Meeting of the Board on June 7, 2016. (APPENDIX I)

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13. Asian Heritage Month Activities - Update

Resolution No. 16-127 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that update report re Asian Heritage Month Activities, be received.

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14. Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee

Resolution No. 16-128 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that Namrata Balsara be appointed as the alternate representative of the Canadian Mental Health Association – Peel on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

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15. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 16-129 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that the following report be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 28, No. 11

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16. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations

Trustee Green reported on an OPSBA meeting held on May 20, 2016, when Ministry staff, who were present at the meeting, shared information on proposed changes to the Municipal Elections Act, including shortening the election campaigning period, and a grace period of 30 days for candidates who miss the deadline for filing their financial statement and auditor's report. Trustee Green reported that doctors from the optometrist association also presented information at the meeting regarding the link between achievement and eye testing for some children. The association is requesting school boards to ask parents to check their children's eyesight if there are concerns about learning at school, and recommends that eyesight be regularly checked for children six years and older. Government support is available to parents with financial difficulties.

17. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Trustee Dakroub extended congratulations to the Principal of John Fraser Secondary School and Superintendent of Education for their support and work in obtaining the approval to offer a Specialist High Skills Major program in Health and Wellness at the school.

Trustee Cameron reported that a number of trustees visited two schools last week, Ellengale Public School and The Woodlands School. He provided details of the visits, and he spoke positively about the experience.

Vice-Chair Nurse reported that she, Director of Education, Tony Pontes, and Superintendent of Education, Mark Haarmann, attended the 5th Annual Special Olympics at Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School. Approximately 130 students participated. Vice-Chair Nurse commented positively about the event and the joy with which students participated. She thanked staff for their efforts, and especially thanked retired Rowntree Public School Principal Kyra Kristensen-Irvine for starting a special and unique event.

Trustee Green reported that he had received an email a few days ago notifying him that he has been awarded a Kiwanis Brampton Volunteer Award, valued at \$1,000.

Trustee Green congratulated students from Sandalwood Heights, Louise Arbour, and Central Peel Secondary Schools for their participation in the senior cricket team tournament.

Chair McDougald reported that she has received inquiries about changes introduced by the Ministry regarding autism services for children. She indicated that she had recently attended a meeting of a Mississauga business association, at which she had an opportunity to speak to the Minister of Education regarding concerns expressed by parents on the changes to autism services, especially with regard to children who are five years and older who have not received IBI therapy. The Minister acknowledged parents' concerns and indicated that the Ministry has a plan to address the situation for children who are five years old and have never received Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) therapy. Noting that the Minister is reported to have had a meeting with parents on May 24, 2016, Chair McDougald asked whether more information on the plan was shared at that meeting. Director Pontes confirmed that staff will look into this issue, and reported that he has been invited to participate in a teleconference on June 1, 2016 to discuss supports for students as they transition from Kindergarten to the next grade, or from another school board into the system. He indicated that, when available, the Ministry's plan will be communicated to trustees.

18. Public Question Period

Catherine Soplet stated that the 2015-2016 Regional Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant accessed by the United Achievers Club of Brampton was used to provide workshops, and the organization is submitting its application for the 2016-2017 Regional PRO grant. The organization believes that its workshops are achieving some success, but that more can be achieved. Catherine Soplet requested the Board and trustees to provide letters in support of the application by the United Achievers Club of Brampton. The application deadline is May 29, 2016.

19. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 16-130 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), held May 3, 2016; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held May 10, 2016; Negotiations Update; Compensation for Non-Union Employees; Britannia Farm Update; Director’s Report re Trustee Information Sessions (oral); Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held May 10, 2016; Resignations; Retirements; Superintendent Assignments and Appointment, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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20. Adjournment

Resolution No. 16-131 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:40 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – MAY 25, 2016

Members present:

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

Student Trustee:

Kaustav Chaudhuri, Student Trustee South

PART A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee),
May 3, 2016
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), May 10, 2016**

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee) meeting, held May 3, 2016, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held May 10, 2016, be approved.

3. Negotiations Update

That, the update report re Negotiations, be received.

4. Compensation for Non-Union Employees

That, the report re Compensation for Non-Union Employees, be received.

5. Britannia Farm Update

That, the update report re Britannia Farm, be received.

6. Director's Report

1. Trustee Information Sessions

That, the Director's Report re Trustee Information Sessions (oral), be received.

PART B

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), May 10, 2016

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held May 10, 2016, 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. Superintendent Assignments and Appointment

That, the following superintendent of education assignments be approved, effective August 1, 2016:

Joy Uniac from Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Harold Brathwaite, Humberview and Mayfield Families of Schools to Superintendent of Education, Early Years

Michael Logue from Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Bramalea, Chinguacousy and North Park Families of Schools to Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Harold Brathwaite, Humberview and Mayfield Families of Schools

Jamie Robertson from Acting Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Mississauga, Rick Hansen and The Woodlands Families of Schools to Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Mississauga, Rick Hansen and The Woodlands Families of Schools

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5. Superintendent Assignments and Appointment (Continued)

That, the following superintendent of education appointment be approved, effective August 1, 2016:

Nina Jaiswal from Principal at Whitehorn Public School to Acting Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Bramalea, Chinguacousy and North Park Families of Schools