

May 5, 2015

Joint Meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee
and the Physical Planning and Building Committee:lf

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a joint meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee and the Physical Planning and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board, held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 18:35 hours.

Members present:

David Green, Chair
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub
Sue Lawton
Kathy McDonald
Janet McDougald
Suzanne Nurse
Rick Williams (18:40)

Member absent:

Carrie Andrews

Administration:

Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
(Executive Member)
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services
(Executive Member)
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Pat Rossall, Superintendent of Education
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was slightly reordered.

PB-30, moved by Kathy McDonald, that the agenda be approved.

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2. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**3. Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting,
March 25, 2015
Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, April 7, 2015**

With regard to Item 10, Question Period, Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, Trustee Crocker stated that he spoke about the water supply and enhancements at Streetsville Secondary School, and not Springfield Public School.

PB-31, moved by Kathy McDonald:

1. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, held March 25, 2015, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held April 7, 2015, as amended, be approved.

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4. Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – May 2015

PB-32, moved by Sue Lawton, that the report re Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – May 2015, be received.

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5. Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) Minutes, January 30, 2015

Chair Green advised that an audit is being conducted by the Auditor General to review best practices for school boards. He stated that they will also look into Ministry funding and walking distances for school boards across the province. Regarding a query on painting of stop lines at railway crossings, Controller of Corporate Support Services, David Neale, clarified that stop lines will be painted perpendicular to the roadway as it provides a better visual field to the bus driver. With regard to the question on anaphylactic procedure, David Neale confirmed that bus drivers are trained to use EpiPen Emergency Procedures.

PB-33, moved by Stan Cameron, that the Minutes of the Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) meeting, held January 30, 2015, be received.

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6. Response to Delegation by Stan Taylor re a Retrospective Study of Rick Hansen Secondary School Pilot on Grade 9 Math and Physical Education

PB-34, moved by Sue Lawton, that the Response to Delegation by Stan Taylor re a Retrospective Study of Rick Hansen Secondary School Pilot on Grade 9 Math and Physical Education, be received.

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7. Recommendations of the Regional Learning Choices Programs Steering Committee

Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, Jeff de Freitas, stated that Erindale Secondary School has made an application to the Regional Learning Choices Committee to implement the International Baccalaureate program, in September 2016. Superintendent of Education, Patricia Rossall stated that Erindale Secondary School has a capacity of 1350 students. She advised that enrolment has declined over the last few years and the staff and administration recognize the need for different program pathways at the school.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Principal Trupp outlined the highlights of the school, which included its location and recent achievements. Providing information on the proposed International Baccalaureate program at Erindale Secondary School were Principal Trupp and Vice-Principal, Chris Lane. Details of the program, rationale for offering it at the school, program pathways, and a list of staff who will be involved with the program, as outlined in the report, were presented. Information on partnerships, certificates and training, projected student enrolment, and application criteria were highlighted. It was noted that the total program start-up funds requested from the Board is \$105,500.

Principal Trupp responded to trustees' questions of clarification regarding: amount of \$105,500 will not be offset by Grants for Students Needs or other funds; history and geography not included in Grades 11 and 12 time-table; the enrolment projections include some students who will be moving from the regular program to IB program; student fees will be approximately \$ 1200 per year; Peel DSB losing students who are moving to regional programs in the coterminous board. Trustees expressed appreciation for the work done and support for the program.

PB-35, moved by Janet McDougald, that the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee and the Physical Planning and Building Committee recommends to the Board:

- 1) That, Erindale Secondary School will begin to offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, the International Baccalaureate Program, with the proposed catchment area, beginning September 2016.
- 2) That, the total start-up cost for the program, in the amount of \$105,500, be covered through the Board's uncommitted Working Fund Reserves.
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8. Capital Priorities 2016 - 2018

Suzanne Blakeman, Senior Planner, reviewed the recommendation and advised that the Ministry funding approval announcement has been scheduled for first week of September 2015.

PB-36, moved by Rick Williams, that the following list of 13 Capital Priorities, be approved.

	Project Name	PDSB App.	EDU Funding	MRC (Est.)	Org.	Student Occupancy	Site Status	Community / Municipality	SOE	Trustee	Will Relieve
2016											
1	Mount Pleasant # 8 P.S.	Yes	No	850	K-8	16-Sep	Own	Mount Pleasant / B	MH	SN	Alloa, James Grieve
2	Credit Valley Sub Area 3 # 1 P.S.	Yes	No	850	K-8	16-Sep	Neg	Credit Valley / B	TB	DG	James Potter, Huttonville
3	Countryside Village P.S.	Yes	No	850	K-8	16-Sep	Own	Countryside Villages / B	PN	t.b.a	James Grieve
4	Mount Pleasant # 7 P.S.	Yes	No	850	K-8	16-Sep	Own	Mount Pleasant / B	MH	SN	Alloa, James Grieve
2017											
5	City Centre P.S.	No	No	850	K-8	17-Sep	t.b.a.	City Centre / M	AE	JMc	Ellengale, C.Hadfield, Fairview , Queenston, Camilla
6	Bramwest Sub Area 3 # 1 P.S.	Yes	No	850	K-8	17-Sep	Own	Bram West / B	TB	SN	Eldorado, Huttonville
7	Vales of Humber # 1 P.S.	No	No	850	K-8	17-Sep	APS	Vales of Humber / B	JU	t.b.a	James Grieve
8	Mount Pleasant # 3 P.S.	No	No	850	K-8	17-Sep	APS	Mount Pleasant / B	MH	SN	Alloa
9	Credit Valley Sub Area 1 # 1 P.S.	Yes	No	850	K-8	17-Sep	APS	Credit Valley / B	TB	DG	Lorenville
10	Mount Pleasant # 1 S.S.	Yes	No	1,500	9-12	17-Sep	Own	Mount Pleasant / B	MH	SN	FMSS, CV#2SS
2018											
11	Countryside Villages # 2 P.S.	Yes	No	850	K-8	18-Sep	Neg	Countryside Villages / B	PN	t.b.a	James Grieve, Countryside Village
12	Bramwest Sub Area 3 # 2 P.S.	No	No	850	K-8	18-Sep	Des	Bram West / B	TB	SN	Bramwest 3 # 1, Huttonville
13	Countryside Villages # 5 P.S.	No	No	850	K-8	18-Sep	Des	Countryside Villages / B	PN	t.b.a	James Grieve, Countryside Village

Notes:

a) Site Status abbreviations as follows: Own = Owned; APS = Agreement of Purchase & Sale; Neg = Negotiating; Des = Designated

b) These are geographic and construction "Project" names only. Naming of new schools is subject to Peel District School Board policy # 27 – Naming of Schools.

(APPENDIX II)

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9. Information from Regional Learning choices Programs (RLCP) Committee

Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, Jeff deFreitas reviewed the report regarding summary of discussions and/or recommendations from the meeting on March 24, 2015.

PB-37, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the report re Information from Regional Learning choices Programs (RLCP) Committee, be received.

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10. Information Regarding Extracurricular Activities

John Uren, Resource Teacher, Extracurricular Activities, circulated handouts providing information on overall targets and outcomes for extracurricular athletics. He reviewed the aims, which are to: attract and retain students through athletic opportunities; provide skill building opportunities for coaches and students; build networks and celebrate Peel coaches; align athletic standards throughout Peel and between elementary and secondary panels; provide organizational and fiscal resource support; create opportunities for inspiration through transformational partnerships. John Uren spoke of raising the athletic profiles of Peel schools by creating an extracurricular scoreboard on Peel DSB website, collaborating with senior administration on staff concerns, promoting twitter feeds on Peel extracurricular activities, and continuing to develop resources for coaches.

John Uren reviewed some of the initiatives undertaken to expand athletic opportunities for Peel student athletes, which included adding new sports, creating promotional materials, increasing female participation, improving communication with parents, advertising in local newspapers, and building an incentive program for coaches to work with school teams. His work included hosting training sessions for coaches, providing online coaching videos, and discussions with school principals. John Uren added that he has a seat on the Regional of Peel Secondary School Athletics Association (ROPSSAA) Executive Council to help support and align athletic standards throughout Peel. He indicated that, to assist with organizational and fiscal support, superintendents of education have been asked to share and promote extracurricular activities by communicating with principals, and that he has created cost savings agreements to transport students to competitions throughout Peel Board. In terms of partnerships, John Uren highlighted that McMaster University Athletics Department is providing coaching clinics and support to Peel coaches.

A trustee stated that a significant number of students have left Peel to participate in high performance athletics programs at other schools and inquired whether such a program has been considered in Peel. Associate Director Moreash indicated that discussions with principals help to offer flexibility in scheduling a student to attend a neighbouring school which may offer a similar program. He noted that busing is not provided for regional learning choices programs. Superintendent deFreitas indicated that the topic will be discussed further with Superintendent Joy Uniac. A trustee commented on replicating a high performance athletics program in Peel. Board Chair McDougald stated that a survey done indicated that athletics program was not top priority. She suggested that there may be some benefit in obtaining feedback from parents and students as to whether they prefer to attend an athletics program in their home school or neighbourhood school.

Discussion ensued and further comments included: strategic planning for extracurricular activities in neighbourhood schools and families of schools; difference between a regular athletics program and high performance athletics program; using outside coaches for sports like football and cricket; requesting ROPSSAA to recognize outside coaches; high fees for athletics training outside of school; choice of elite and non-elite levels in the program.

PB-38, moved by Rick Williams, that the report re Information Regarding Extracurricular Activities, be received.

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11. Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates 2015-2016

PB-39, moved by Rick Williams, that the report re Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates 2015-2016, be received.

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12. Schedule of 2015-2016 Physical Planning and Building Committee Meetings

PB-40, moved by Robert Crocker, that the report re Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates 2015-2016, be received.

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13. Timeline: Pupil Accommodation Review and Community Planning and Partnership Policies and Procedures

Suzanne Blakeman, Senior Planner, reviewed the report and advised that school boards have been requested to review and comply with the new Ministry guidelines on Pupil Accommodation Review and Community Planning and Partnership.

PB-41, moved by Kathy McDonald, that the report re Timeline: Pupil Accommodation Review and Community Planning and Partnership Policies and Procedures, be received.

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14. Application Status Update

Intermediate Planning Officer, Branko Vidovic, stated that the report includes a list of development applications reviewed by staff for the month of March 2015, as well as letters sent to the respective municipality.

PB-42, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the Application Status Update report for March 2015, be received.

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15. Tender Activity Report

PB-43, moved by Janet McDougald, that the Tender Activity Report for March 27, 2015 to April 22, 2015, be received.

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16. Vandalism Report

PB-44, moved by Janet McDougald, that the Vandalism Report for March 2015, be received.

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17. Question Period

Board Chair McDougald asked whether a student joining a picket line can claim those hours towards the 40 hours volunteer work. Associate Director Moreash will bring back a response.

Trustee McDonald inquired whether Peel DSB has a daycare program to help students who cannot afford daycare at the elementary level. It was indicated that Peel DSB does not have such a program.

Trustee McDonald inquired about the method of assessment for students who are deemed as exceptional through private assessment. Superintendent deFreitas will provide clarification to the trustee.

Trustee McDonald inquired about school bus drivers being paid during the strike period. Controller of Corporate Support Services, David Neale advised that, under the contract, the drivers are paid 50% for the first 30 days. He indicated that 62 drivers are not being used due to the secondary school teachers' strike.

Trustee McDonald inquired about the process of assessment for students who qualify for Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT). Superintendent deFreitas will discuss the topic with the trustee.

18. Public Question Period

Stan Taylor referred to the letter received in response to his delegation for a retrospective study of Rick Hansen Secondary School pilot project, regarding Grade 9 Mathematics and Physical Education offered in an A/B Format. He noted that the administration has listed the challenges as reasons to not support his request. He asked whether the trustees were given information with regard to whether Rick Hansen Secondary School is subject to high or low mobility and whether this is a primary concern for a retrospective study not being undertaken. Stan Taylor stated that the response does not make reference to whether the challenge relates to high or low mobility. He disagreed with the findings on Lack of Comparison Group and concerns about reliability and recall of retrospective studies. He stated that the Committee has not considered breaking up his requests and proceeding with only a portion of his requests. Stan Taylor spoke about fairness to be heard and commented that he will consider how to pursue the issue. He stated the different reasons for his delegations, clarifying that there was a delegation for change in delivery system, a delegation for pilot project for multiple schools, and a delegation for additional research to fill information gaps, which he considers as separate topics. The administration, Chair Green, and Board Chair McDougald responded.

19. Adoption of the In Committee Report

PB-45, moved by Stan Cameron, that the report of the In Committee Session re: Tender Activity Report for March 27, 2015 to April 22, 2015; Huttonville Public School – Purchase of Land and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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20. Adjournment

PB-46, moved by Robert Crocker, that the meeting adjourn (20:20 hours).

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