

May 9, 2017
Regular Meeting of the Board:ma

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, May 9, 2017, at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

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

Members present electronically:

Nokha Dakroub
Brad MacDonald

Member absent: (apologies received)

Stan Cameron

Student Trustee:

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 Services
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
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer
Nina Jaiswal, Acting 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
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent of Education
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education

Administration (Continued):

Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Michelle Stubbings, Acting Superintendent of Education
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Service
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, 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 4.1 Special Presentation re National Council for Canadian Muslims Event (added)

Item 6.1 Retirements (revised page circulated)

Item 6.1 (a) Retirements (Addendum)

Item 9.6 Revised Regular and Modified School Year Calendars: 2017-2018 (added)

Resolution No. 17-133 moved by David Green
seconded by Harkirat Singh

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

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3. Special Presentation re Asian Heritage Month

Chair McDougald reported that Asian Heritage Month provides the opportunity to celebrate cultural traditions and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage. She highlighted student artwork displayed in the atrium of the Central Board Office, and Spotlight on Asian Heritage events held at schools and sites to celebrate Asian Heritage Month. Noting that the theme for this year is Roots of Inclusion, Janet McDougald invited Meena Grewal, Principal, and Avani Choksi, Teacher, of Derry West Village Public School, to share details of the activities taking place at the school. Meena Grewal spoke about the promotion of inclusion through acceptance and equity for all students, noting that celebrations such as Asian Heritage Month are occasions for children to express and expand their appreciation and learning of diverse cultures. She highlighted her role to lead and support students, parents and staff towards building a sense of community at Derry West Village Public School. Avani Choksi provided details of the various activities that will take place at the school during Asian Heritage Month.

Chair McDougald thanked Meena Grewal and Avani Choksi for their presentations. She stated that, although Asian heritage is celebrated during May, inclusion and cultural diversity are recognized and supported throughout the year in Peel.

4. Special Presentation by Shari Lynn Ladanchuk, Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Peel, and Jim Van Buskirk, Chief Social Worker

Highlighting the Board's collaborative partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel (BBBS), Jim Van Buskirk, Chief Social Worker, invited Shari Lynn Ladanchuk, Executive Director of BBBS, to present details of the programs and supports offered to children in Peel.

Shari Lynn Ladanchuk spoke appreciatively of the partnership with the Board since 1996, which includes thirteen years of the in-school mentoring program, and she thanked members of the Advisory Committee for their encouraging work and support in developing programs that cater to the diverse communities in Peel. Using a slide presentation, Shari Lynn Ladanchuk reported on highlights from last year, including: support to 1800 children and youth in a core mentoring program; teacher-mentor training workshops at two secondary schools; conversation club and newcomer art program which has served 43 Syrian newcomer students. She expressed the hope that many volunteers will respond to the communication from the Director of Education, Tony Pontes, providing details about the program at lunch and learn sessions across all Board locations, and inviting new mentors. Wishing him well on his retirement, Shari Lynn Ladanchuk thanked Director Pontes for his unfailing support and advocacy over the years, and presented him with a token of appreciation on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel.

Claudette Taylor, a mentor since the last two and half years, provided a personal account of her experience as a mentor, highlighting the fulfilment and benefits she has gained from volunteering in the program.

5. Special Presentation by Co-Chairs of the 2016 United Way Campaign

Chair of the Peel DSB 2016-2017 United Way Campaign Committee, Aileen Padua, thanked trustees, staff and students at schools and worksites for their enthusiasm and commitment, in successfully raising \$223,777.98 towards the 2016 United Way Campaign. She expressed appreciation for the strong partnership with the Board and its tradition of community giving. Aileen Padua thanked those involved in the campaign including, Hazel Mason, retired Superintendent of Education, Director Pontes, members and volunteers of the United Way Campaign Committee, and Raj Chandegra, United Way's Peel DSB Liaison, for their commitment and dedication. She expressed appreciation to the trustees for their ongoing support to the United Way. Noting that Lea-Anne Greene-Smith, Principal at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School, will act as Chair of the Committee next year, she acknowledged her work as Vice-Chair this year. Lea-Anne Greene-Smith announced the winners of the 2016-2017 United Way Campaign Awards. Fernforest Public School was presented with the Harold M. Brathwaite Award for the school that best exemplifies the true spirit of the United Way, and Special Recognition Awards for Achievement for staff contribution were presented to Whiteoaks Public School and Fernforest Public School. The award for highest funds raised was presented to Applewood Heights Secondary School and the North Field Office, and the special recognition award for best use of social media was presented to Castle Oaks Public School. The award for most inspiring "Inspire Possibility" tweet was presented to Judith Nyman Secondary School.

Anita Stellinga, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way of Peel Region, expressed appreciation for the partnership with Peel, and thanked the Board for its ongoing support to the United Way. Extending special thanks to Director Pontes for his leadership and commitment, she wished him the very best in his retirement, and she acknowledged members and volunteers of the United Way Campaign Committee. Anita Stellinga noted that, since 1998, \$6.1 million has been raised by Peel for the United Way, and she highlighted the support provided to people in crises, efforts to reduce poverty, literacy classes, etc. Chair McDougald and Director of Education, Tony Pontes, presented the cheque for \$223,777.98 to United Way. Janet McDougald thanked Aileen Padua and Lea-Anne Greene-Smith for a successful campaign, and acknowledged the outstanding service provided by United Way to children and families in Peel.

6. Special Presentation re National Council for Canadian Muslims Event

Trustee Crocker reported on the National Council for Canadian Muslims (NCCM) Annual Awards Dinner, when he accepted the NCCM Human Rights Award on behalf of the Board for Peel's ongoing efforts to nurture inclusivity in schools. He advised that the NCCM Courage and Human Rights Awards were individually presented to Director of Education, Tony Pontes, and Director of Communications and Community Relations Support Services, Brian Woodland, for supporting the rights of all students, and he thanked the Board for its collective leadership in abiding by its legal and moral imperatives to support human rights. Chair McDougald thanked Trustee Crocker for representing the Board at the NCCM event, and she acknowledged Brian Woodland's leadership in ensuring that the communications around religious accommodation were consistent and clear. She also thanked Director Pontes for his support and leadership on this issue. Janet McDougald noted that the awards are an acknowledgement of the values and character of Peel schools and work sites, where children are made to feel safe, welcomed and included.

7. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**8. Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, March 29, 2017
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, April 25, 2017**

Resolution No. 17-134 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, held March 29, 2017, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held April 25, 2017, be approved.

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9. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

10. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

11. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.17-135 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Gayle Ackerman	Nancy Kanas	Penny Sargeant
Carmen Brown	Karen Karrandjas	Kathy Sherbaniuk
Marilyn Buck	Sandy Kissoon-Singh	Catherine Trudgeon
Maureen Craig	Bev Kyro	Katherine Walton
Teresa D'Amato	Linda Lennox	Danny Wiltshire
Cecile Davies	Samuel Macri	George Young
Susan Elliott	Susanne Massie	Darlene Zukerman
Charmaine Ferworn	John McLean	Edwin Zukowski
Montserrat Gonzalez	Stephen McLennan	Donalda Barlow
Roopa Gupta	Shari Nickle	Tina De Bartolo
Melody Harding	Noel Rose	

11. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

2. Letter from the Minister of Education in response to Chair McDougald's Letter of September 27, 2016 regarding EQAO assessment methods
3. Copies of letters from the Chair of Thames Valley DSB to the Minister of Education and to the Prime Minister of Canada regarding Class Size requirements for Native Language Courses

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A trustee expressed appreciation for the work and support provided by Sandy Kissoon-Singh and Darlene Zukerman, whose retirements are listed at Item 11.1.

With respect to Item 11.2, response from the Minister of Education to Chair McDougald's letter regarding EQAO assessment methods, trustees supported the suggestion to write to the Minister of Education about changing the manner of reporting, so as to present a more realistic picture of school EQAO assessment results.

Arising from Item 11.3, Copies of letters from the Chair of Thames Valley DSB to the Minister of Education and Prime Minister of Canada, the student trustee asked about class size requirements for native language courses, and whether the current 12:1 student ratio has impacted students registering for courses about indigenous culture. Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash, stated that funding for indigenous studies includes smaller class sizes, and a number of schools offer these courses. He explained that this funding has ensured that indigenous courses are not subject to the rules of class size that may apply to other courses experiencing lower class sizes.

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Resolution No.17-135 carried

12. Response to Delegation of Anita Vucic and Davor Medunic re French Immersion Enrolment Process

A trustee indicated that he has spoken with the delegation about the Board's inability to accommodate the request, and that the parents have expressed appreciation for the support provided by staff regarding further options. He expressed concerns regarding fairness and equity of the randomized selection process of admission to French Immersion (FI), and stated that many parents choose their residence based on the school options available. Chair McDougald acknowledged that limited enrolment numbers and the randomized process may be disappointing to some families, but the Board is committed to fairness and equity, and continuing to ensure a quality program for FI students.

Resolution No. 17-136 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Anita Vucic and Davor Medunic re French Immersion Enrolment Process (Regular Meeting of the Board, April 25, 2017), be received.

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13. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, March 29 2017

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, held March 29, 2017, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 17-137 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Rick Williams

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 – April and May 2017; Soccer North – Clarkson Program; New Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP); We Rise Together - Action Plan.

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14. Appointment of two Trustees (and two alternates) to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association Board of Directors: June 2017 – June 2018

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held April 25, 2017, the Board received notice that two trustees and two alternates will be appointed at this meeting to serve on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for the 2017-2018 period (from the 2017 Annual General Meeting to the 2018 Annual General Meeting).

Chair McDougald called for nominations.

David Green nominated Carrie Andrews as Director
Robert Crocker nominated Rick Williams as Director

Suzanne Nurse nominated David Green as Alternate
David Green nominated Suzanne Nurse as Alternate

There were no further nominations. Chair McDougald declared that Trustees Andrews and Williams are appointed to serve as Peel's representatives on the Board of Directors of OPSBA, with Trustees Green and Nurse as their Alternates, for the 2017-2018 period.

15. Holding School for Whaley’s Corners Public School for September 2017

Chair McDougald reported that Whaley’s Corners Public School will not be completed for occupancy until January 2018, and that students will be accommodated at Jean Augustine Secondary School until such time as the school is completed. She noted that Jean Augustine Secondary School had successfully hosted students from another school in 2016.

Resolution No. 17-138 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the report re Holding School for Whaley’s Corners Public School for September 2017, be received.

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16. Board Meeting Schedule: 2017-2018 School Year

Chair McDougald commented that the schedule for the 2017-2018 School Year indicates that most of the Regular Meetings of the Board will be held on second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, and she thanked Executive Assistant to the Board, Janice Mueller for her work in this regard.

Resolution No. 17-139 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the schedule of Board Meeting dates for the 2017 – 2018 School Year, be approved. (APPENDIX I)

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17. 2017–2018 Regular and Modified School Year Calendars - Revised

The school year calendars for all schools, including Roberta Bondar Public School, Ray Lawson Public School, SouthFields Village Public School #2 and Roy McMurtry School for 2017-2018 were approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board held February 14, 2017. However, to further align the regular and modified secondary school year calendars, and to honour a religious holy day on September 1, 2017, the following changes are required, and have been approved by the Ministry:

1. Roy McMurtry School Year Calendar
 - a) November 17, 2017 Professional Activity (PA) day will be change to a Professional Learning (PL) day
 - b) June 28, 2018 P L day will be changed to a PA day
2. Elementary Balanced School Year Calendar
 - a) September 1, 2017 PL day will be moved to September 5, 2017

17. 2017–2018 Regular and Modified School Year Calendars – Revised (Continued)

3. Secondary Regular School Year Calendar

- a) November 17, 2017 PA day will be changed to a PL day
- b) June 29, 2018 PL day will be changed to a PA day

(APPENDIX II)

Resolution No. 17-140 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that the revised regular and modified secondary school year calendars: 2017-2018, as attached, be approved.

18. Count Me In Peel Student Census – Progress Update

Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash, advised that the report outlines the preliminary action taken to-date to prepare for more intensive actions beginning in September 2017, so as to ensure the success of Count Me In Peel Student Census scheduled to take place no later than December 2018. He highlighted that the new Workplace Equity Officer commenced her duties on May 8, 2017, Peel’s Research and Accountability team have collaborated with staff at Toronto DSB for input on the student census, and have obtained material including census questions, and a communication plan is being developed for the Count Me In Peel Student Census. Vice-Chair Nurse expressed appreciation for the update report. She commented on a Ministry requirement for school boards to collect data, and asked whether funding will be received for this initiative. Associate Director Moreash stated that no funding was received in the recent budget release that is specific to collection of student demographic data. Responding to another query he advised that while dates have not been finalized for the census to occur in schools, it is expected to take place in the first half of the following school year, and will follow similar timelines used for the Count Me In Peel Workforce Census.

Resolution No. 17-141 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the progress update report re Count Me In Peel Student Census, be received.

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19. Ontario Public School Boards’ Association – OPSBA Connects

Resolution No. 17-142 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the following reports be received:

- OPSBA Connects – April 26, 2017
- OPSBA Connects – May 1, 2017

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20. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations

Trustee Green reported that that Ontario Public School Boards' Association will be meeting this Friday to discuss policies, and he asked trustees to email questions or comments they may have in this regard.

21. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Chair McDougald reported on the special events and activities celebrated during Education Week which takes place from May 1-5, 2017 in Peel schools and worksites, and that many staff were recognized with awards of distinction for their contributions and outstanding accomplishments. This year events centered around the theme - We Inspire Hope. Janet McDougald advised that the Showcase of Excellence awards will be presented to staff on May 11, 2017, and, on behalf of the Board, she thanked members of employee groups for their support and presence in the audience tonight, and at the last few Board meetings.

Vice-Chair Nurse provided information on the Special Olympics Games at Cassie Campbell Community Centre in Brampton on May 12, 2017, Forest of Reading taking place on May 18, 2017, and the Peel Student Film Festival on May 23, 2017 at the Rose Theatre in Brampton. Commenting positively on the We Rise Together Conference, Vice-Chair Nurse expressed appreciation for the presence of trustees and staff who attended, and she thanked Superintendent Grewal and her team for their work on this initiative.

Trustees McDonald, Williams, and Green also spoke appreciatively about the conference and thanked staff for their support.

Trustee Crocker reported that he had attended the Hunger Awareness Breakfast at Eden Food For Change, when he accepted the Community Partner Award for presentation to Director Pontes.

Trustee McDonald commented appreciatively on a strings concert provided by students at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School, and she extended thanks to Moshe Hammer, Executive and Artistic Director of the Hammer Band project who, by his donation of string instruments, has made it possible for children in many schools to learn and play music.

Trustee Williams reported on the 9th Annual Scholarship Presentation Dinner hosted by the Malton Black Development Association on April 29, 2017. He advised that many senior staff and trustees attended the event, and that Director Pontes was recognized for his 39 years of service to education in Peel.

Trustee Green reported on behalf of Trustee Cameron that Allan A. Martin Senior Public School has raised funds that they will be donating to the Free For All Foundation that supports local communities and at-risk students.

Trustee MacDonald thanked Director Pontes and Associate Director Moreash for their presence at the 50-Year Celebration at Sheridan Park Public School and Erindale Secondary School. He also reported on the official opening of Hillside Public School and the Award of Distinction to Peel's John Hartzema, Project Coordination Manager.

21. Comments or Questions from Board Members (Continued)

Director Pontes conveyed Trustee Dakroub's inability to call in due to technical difficulties. On her behalf, he reported that Lisgar Middle School celebrated its 20th anniversary and Stephen Lewis Secondary School celebrated its 10th anniversary, noting that it was an honour to welcome Stephen Lewis to the ceremony. He also reported on Building Resilience, an event hosted by Erin Mills Connects, and a Canada 150 photography contest open to Mississauga students, held by Churchill Meadows Residents' Association. Trustee Dakroub will email details of the contest to trustees to share with their schools.

Student Trustee Singh reported on Education Week events at Castlebrooke Secondary School, and postings on social media that were positive and inspiring. He congratulated and thanked all involved in Education Week activities. He also spoke appreciatively about the events held over last month around the We Rise Together initiative, and the enriching and empowering experience of those events on black students.

22. Public Question Period

Catherine Soplet expressed appreciation for the work around the We Rise Together initiative in Peel. She recalled that it is twenty years since the composition of the Fewer School Boards Act, 1997.

23. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 17-143 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), April 25, 2017; Summit 4 Fair Funding; Director's Report re Board Meeting Schedule – 2017-2018 School Year (oral); Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), April 25, 2017; Resignations; Retirements; Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocation 2017-2018; Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocation 2017-2018; Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee Meeting Dates 2017-2018, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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24. Adjournment

Resolution No. 17-144 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:20 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – MAY 9, 2017

Members present:

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Carrie Andrews
Robert Crocker
David Green
Sue Lawton
Kathy McDonald
Harkirat Singh
Rick Williams

Members present electronically:

Nokha Dakroub
Brad MacDonald

Member absent: (apologies received)

Stan Cameron

Student Trustee:

Ranbir Singh, Student Trustee North

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), April 25, 2017

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held April 25, 2017, be approved.

3. Summit 4 Fair Funding

That, the report re Summit 4 Fair Funding, be received.

4. Director's Report

1. Board Meeting Schedule – 2017-2018 School Year

That, the Director's oral report re Board Meeting Schedule – 2017-2018 School Year, be received.

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), April 25, 2017

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held April 25, 2017, 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. Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations 2017-2018

That, the Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations for 2017-2018, as attached, be approved. (Appendix I)

6. Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations 2017-2018

That, the Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Allocations for 2017-2018, as attached, be approved. (Appendix II)

7. Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee Meeting Dates 2017-2018

That, the 2017-2018 meeting schedule for the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, be received.