

November 11, 2014
Regular Meeting of the Board:lf

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, November 11, 2014 at 19:50 hours.

Members present:

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| Janet McDougald, Chair | Steve Kavanagh |
| Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair | Sue Lawton |
| Stan Cameron | Jagdeep Mann |
| Beryl Ford | Jeff White |
| David Green | Rick Williams |

Members absent: (apologies received)

Meredith Johnson
Brad MacDonald

Student Trustee:

Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

Administration:

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
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
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
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent of Education
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

The Open Session commenced with the singing of O'Canada.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair McDougald spoke of Remembrance Day as a day to remember the courage and dedication of all those who have defended the country. She expressed her appreciation for the observance of this day at Peel schools and the Central Board Office, to honour the sacrifice of lives and moments in history. Chair McDougald led two minutes of silence in memory of lives lost.

Resolution No. 14-220 moved by Jeff White
seconded by Jagdeep Mann

Resolved, that the agenda, be approved.

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3. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting,
October 15, 2014
Minutes of the Supplementary Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting
(APD), October 20, 2014
Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, October 21, 2014
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, October 28, 2014**

Referring to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, October 28, 2014, a trustee noted that for Item 11, Review of Kindergarten Learning Environments in Peel DSB, the seconder of the report is noted as Janet McDougald. The minutes will be amended to indicate that Jagdeep Mann was the seconder of the report.

Resolution No. 14-221 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, held October 15, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Supplementary Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (APD), held October 20, 2014, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held October 21, 2014, be received;
4. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held October 28, 2014, as amended, be approved.

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5. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

6. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

7. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 14-222 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Doreen Johnson
Alena Krula
Catherine Laporte
Maria Larizza
Rosa Maio

2. Letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities from the Chair of SEAC for the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board regarding the new two-year teacher education program.

3. Letter to the Minister of Education from the Chair of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario regarding Trustee Honorarium.

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8. Deferred Motion: Response to Petitions re Busing to Nelson Mandela Public School

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held on October 28, 2014, the Board deferred Resolution No. 14-214 to the November 11, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board to enable staff to confirm that road work by the City of Brampton outside Nelson Mandela Public School has been completed.

Resolution No. 14-223 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the Board now deal with Resolution 14-214, which was deferred to the November 11, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board.

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Note: After the above motion was approved, the original motion was automatically put back on the floor.

8. Deferred Motion: Response to Petitions re Busing to Nelson Mandela Public School (Continued)

Resolution No. 14-214 moved by David Green
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the Response to Petitions re Busing to Nelson Mandela Public School, be received.

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In response to an question from Vice-Chair Nurse regarding the length of the notice period for discontinuing the temporary busing, Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill, indicated that at least four weeks' notice will be given.

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Resolution No. 14-214 carried

9. Response to Delegation by Rehan Saeed re Special Education Busing

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held on October 28, 2014, Rehan Saeed delegated the Board to request that the Board provide a courtesy seat for his daughter to allow her to ride to and from school on the Special Education bus assigned to her sister.

Chair McDougald commented that the Board's policy for busing of special education students precludes courtesy busing students from using special education busing. She thanked staff for reviewing the extenuating circumstances of the situation and for their efforts to assist the family.

Resolution No. 14-224 moved by Steve Kavanagh
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the Response to Delegation by Rehan Saeed re Special Education Busing, be received.

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10. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, October 15, 2014

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting, held October 15, 2014, there were no recommendations to the Board.

10. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, October 15, 2014 (Continued)

Resolution No. 14-225 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 - October 2014; Instructional Coaches - A Model for Supporting Schools; Reports on Student Achievement on Provincial Assessment 2013-2014; Numeracy Professional Learning Institutes - Summer and Fall 2014; Numeracy Networks 2014-2015 - Supporting Teachers Learning Together.

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11. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, October 21, 2014

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held October 21, 2014, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 14-226 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by David Green

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Special Presentation: Stephen Lewis Secondary School - Learning for All; Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Office (oral); Terms of Reference for Special Education Advisory Committee; Guided Discussion re Revised Policy/Program Memorandum 8 - Identification of and Program Planning for Students with Learning Disabilities; Special Equipment at Home (oral); SEAC Annual Calendar 2014-2015 - Draft; Ministry of Education: Minutes for the Meeting of the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education, February 5 and 6, 2014; Acadia University newspaper article: My saviour has four paws and fur; Letter from Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant and the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Networks Re: School Health Support Services in Halton; Accessibility Update (oral).

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12. Peel Custodial and Maintenance Workers Appreciation Day

Chair McDougald expressed pleasure with the recommendation regarding Peel Custodial and Maintenance Workers Appreciation Day. She commended the work done by custodial and maintenance staff and stated that they are an important part of the team that makes schools and students successful. A trustee also expressed appreciation for the work done by custodial staff to ensure clean and safe facilities on a daily basis.

Resolution No. 14-227 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the report re Peel Custodial and Maintenance Workers Appreciation Day, be received.

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13. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 14-228 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Jagdeep Mann

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 26

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14. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils / Associations

Trustee Green, representative of Peel DSB on the Brampton Safe City Association, reported that November 16, 2014 has been dedicated as Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims. He advised that a public service announcement video has been posted on the Brampton Safe City website and encouraged everyone to view the video and share the information with colleagues and friends.

15. Question Period

Trustee Kavanagh stated that he had recently attended the 18th Brampton Centennial Secondary School graduation. He commented on how the school has evolved for the better, embracing diversity and a new community. He noted that students have expressed appreciation for their experiences over the last four years.

Trustee Cameron inquired about the fill rate for occasional teachers. Director Pontes stated that resources have been added for hiring of occasional teachers to cover teacher absences. He advised that last week a 97 to 100 percent fill rate was reported. Director Pontes added that monitoring and hiring will continue, and resources for casual Teaching Assistants may also be considered.

16. Public Question Period

Catherine Soplet inquired on matters arising from the June 2014 meeting of the Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee, on which Peel DSB has a representative. She asked that Peel DSB consider measuring the impact over time on student performance resulting from programs such as, the Freedom Pass program offered to youth aged 12-14 years, during the summer months, which is a partnership between Parks and Recreation and MiWay, and the Habitat for Humanity GTA build of 18 townhomes in Brampton, which is expected to create affordable housing with walk-to access to amenities for its occupants. She asked whether the above mentioned programs improve education outcomes and if the Peel DSB representative can receive support from staff to assess the impact on student progress, particularly in mathematics. Chair McDougald and Director Pontes responded.

17. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 14-229 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), October 28, 2014; Re-deployment of Teaching Assistants (oral); Minutes of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, October 8, 2014; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), October 28, 2014; Retirements, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 14-230 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:15 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – NOVEMBER 11, 2014

Members present:

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

Steve Kavanagh
Sue Lawton
Jagdeep Mann
Jeff White
Rick Williams

Members absent: (apologies received)

Meredith Johnson
Brad MacDonald

Student Trustee:

Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A),
October 28, 2014**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held
October 28, 2014, be approved.

3. Re-deployment of Teaching Assistants

That, the oral report regarding Re-deployment of Teaching Assistants, be received.

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda as amended, be approved.

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**2. Minutes of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee,
October 8, 2014
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
October 28, 2014**

1. That, the Minutes of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee, held October 8, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held October 28, 2014, be approved.

3. Retirements

1. That, the report re retirements of staff, be received.
2. That, the report re retirement of staff, be received.