

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, October 14, 2015 at 19:35 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	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Rick Williams

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
Jeff deFreitas, Coordinating Superintendent
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Adrian Graham, Superintendent of Education
Poleen Grewal, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
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
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
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 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 item was circulated:

Item 8.1 Revised response to delegation by Sarah Brun re transportation policies of the Peel District School Board

Resolution No. 15-191 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Brad MacDonald

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Special Presentation by Peel Children's Aid re Child Abuse Prevention Month

Rav Bains, Chief Executive Officer, Peel Children's Aid Society (CAS), thanked the Board for the opportunity to present, and expressed appreciation for the successful partnership that Peel CAS has with the Peel DSB in caring for and supporting children in the community.

Stephen Bald, President of Peel CAS, was introduced. He spoke about his association with CAS over the past ten years, briefly commenting on the challenges being faced by the agency, and the need to create awareness, and to advocate for the safety of children. Noting the expansion of outreach activities like the recent awareness campaign launched at John Fraser Secondary School on October 7, 2015, Stephen Bald spoke of the need for the community to work together to prevent child abuse. Reviewing PowerPoint slides, he stated that Peel CAS received 12,000 calls last year about children who might be in need of protection, and investigated 7,600 reports of child abuse and neglect. The goal is to keep children safe within the family and community by providing the necessary supports and training to parents and caregivers. Stephen Bald provided details of media and awareness activities being promoted in collaboration with community partners to bring awareness of child neglect and abuse. He encouraged everyone present to express their support for prevention of child abuse by wearing the color purple on October 16, 2015.

Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for the valued partnership between the Board and Peel CAS, and she confirmed the Board's commitment to bring awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month to all public schools in Peel.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

**5. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, September 9, 2015
Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting,
September 16, 2015
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, September 21, 2015**

Resolution No. 15-192 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held September 9, 2015, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, held September 16, 2015, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held September 21, 2015, 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. 15-193 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Kerry Black	James Kelly	Dianne Purrier
Nina De Wet	Patricia Morrison	Samsmun Small
Debra Goodell	Dianne Nahal	Nancy Warren
Wendy Gordon	Elizabeth Porquet	Marilyn Wyatt

2. Good News (2015 – 2016 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for 109 Peel schools; 2015-2016 National School Public Relations Association's (NSPRA) Front-Runner award for Northeast Region to Carla Pereira)

8. Special Section for Receipt (Continued)

3. Bus Driver Appreciation Day – October 21, 2015
4. Peel Teaching Assistant and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day – October 28, 2015
5. Copy of letter to the Minister of Education from the Chair of Bluewater DSB regarding expanding the process of developing K-12 curriculum resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canadian History and the history of residential schools

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Arising from Item 8.2 Good News, Vice-Chair Nurse commented positively about the PRO grants and the number of schools receiving them this year. On behalf of the Board, a trustee congratulated Carla Pereira, Manager of Communications, on being selected as NSPRA's 2015-2016 Front-Runner for the Northeast Region, and he spoke appreciatively about her work, and timely support.

Regarding Item 8.3, Bus Driver Appreciation Day, October 21, 2015, Chair McDougald encouraged trustees to express their appreciation to bus drivers for the care and support they provide to students in Peel.

A trustee thanked all Teaching Assistants and Early Childhood Educators in Peel, Item 8.4 of these minutes, for the dedication and care they provide to students.

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Resolution No. 15-193 carried

9. Delegation by Marianne Noseworthy Requesting Transportation on Special Needs Bus

Marianne Noseworthy was not present to delegate the Board.

10. Response to Delegation by Sarah Brun re Transportation Policies of the Peel DSB

Chair McDougald advised that Sarah Brun met with David Neale, Controller of Corporate Support Services, who addressed several questions, and provided details of the Board's distribution of transportation funding.

Resolution No. 15-194 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the Response to Delegation by Sarah Brun re Transportation Policies of the Peel DSB, be received.

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11. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, September 16, 2015

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, held September 16, 2015, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 15-195 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Robert Crocker

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 – September 2015; Health and Physical Education – Curriculum Support and Teacher Professional Learning – Status Update; EngageMath – Comprehensive Numeracy Strategy Work Plan 2015-2016; EQAO Update (oral).

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12. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, October 7, 2015

At a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, held October 7, 2015, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 15-196 moved by David Green
seconded by Stan Cameron

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

1. Reports / Information Received

STOPR – Student Transportation of Peel Region Minutes, June 19, 2015; Application Status Update; Tender Activity Report for August 20, 2015 to September 25, 2015; Vandalism Report for May 2015.

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13. Notice of Appointment of Trustees to the Budget Development Committee

Chair McDougald stated that this is a Notice of Appointment of three trustees to the Budget Development Committee. The appointment will take place at the next Regular Meeting of the Board on October 27, 2015. She noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair will also be included in the membership of this Committee.

13. Notice of Appointment of Trustees to the Budget Development Committee (Continued)

Resolution No. 15-197 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved that, at the October 27, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board, three trustees will be appointed to serve on the 2015-2016 Budget Development Committee. (APPENDIX I)

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14. Appointment of a Trustee to the Volunteer MBC Centre Board of Directors

Chair McDougald referred to the notice of appointment of a trustee to the Volunteer MBC Centre Board of Directors (Item 9.5). She requested that the Board waive the requirement for notice and deal with the appointment this evening, and trustees agreed.

Chair McDougald advised that the Volunteer MBC (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon) Centre had requested trustee representation on the Board of Directors for a two-year term. She stated that this item was included in the agenda at the request of Trustee Crocker, who had expressed interest in representing Peel. At the Chair's request, Trustee Crocker reported on the organization's mission and vision, noting that it provides an opportunity for students to learn more about community involvement and volunteering.

Chair McDougald called for nominations.

Suzanne Nurse nominated Robert Crocker

There being no further nominations, Chair McDougald declared that Trustee Crocker is appointed to serve as Peel's representative on the Volunteer MBC Board of Directors. A letter confirming this appointment will be forwarded to the organization.

15. The Ombudsman Act

On September 1, 2015, Bill 8 provided the Ontario Ombudsman with expanded jurisdiction to include district school boards. Under the Ombudsman Act, any member of the public will have the right to lodge a complaint about a district school board in areas such as administration of policies, special education supports, condition of school buildings or conduct of staff or trustees.

Responding to a query, Director of Education, Tony Pontes, confirmed that the Ombudsman has the authority to investigate and discuss recommendations with school boards, but not to enforce a recommendation. He commented on high profile investigations conducted by the Ombudsman and indicated that, in cases where recommendations have not been followed, the Ombudsman has the authority to make those recommendations public. He assured trustees that the Ombudsman has communicated its intent to work with school boards to ensure that complaints are thoroughly investigated, and all Board processes and procedures and avenues of appeal have been exhausted before investigating any complaint.

15. The Ombudsman Act (Continued)

Resolution No. 15-198 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the report re The Ombudsman Act, be received.

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16. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Resolution No. 15-199 moved by David Green
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 27, No. 27

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17. Question or Comments from Trustees

Vice Chair Nurse expressed sadness on the passing of former longtime Brampton City Councillor, John Hutton, over the weekend. She expressed appreciation for his unflinching support to the community during his 29-year tenure with the City, and the many projects he spearheaded, including scholarship funds for students.

Trustee Green stated that several students from Fletcher's Meadow, Turner Fenton and Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary Schools will be receiving scholarships this weekend, and he congratulated them for their hard work and dedication.

18. Public Question Period

There were no questions.

19. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 15-200 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), September 9, 2015; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), September 21, 2015; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), October 7, 2015; Negotiations Update; Staffing Update; Response to Trustee Dakroub’s Question Re Traffic Flow Issues Around Plum Tree Park Public School; Director’s Report re Capital Funding for New Schools; Termination of Teacher; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), September 21, 2015; Resignations; Retirements; Superintendent of Education Appointment, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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20. Adjournment

Resolution No. 15-201 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:10) hours).

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – OCTOBER 14, 2015

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub

David Green
Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Kathy McDonald
Harkirat Singh

Member absent: (apologies received)

Rick Williams

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),
September 9, 2015
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A),
September 21, 2015**

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), held September 9, 2015, be received.
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held September 21, 2015, be approved;

**3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee),
October 7, 2015**

That, the following recommendation arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee, (In Committee) meeting, held October 7, 2015, be approved:

1. Credit Valley #2 Secondary School - Transfer of Easement to Hydro One Brampton

That, the Board approve the transfer of a permanent easement of approximately 43.8 m² (471.46 ft²) at Credit Valley #2 Secondary School to Hydro One Brampton for underground cables and a transformer. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), October 7, 2015 (Continued)

2. Reports / Information Received

Combined Capital Project Status Report; Tender Activity Report for August 20, 2015 to September 25, 2015.

4. Negotiations Update

1. That, the Director of Education be authorized, in consultation with the Executive Committee, to close one or more schools in order to ensure student safety during a strike of one or more employee groups.
2. That, the update report re Negotiations, be received.

5. Staffing Update

That, the update report re Staffing, be received.

6. Response to Trustee Dakroub's Question Re Traffic Flow Issues Around Plum Tree Park Public School

That, the report re Response to Trustee Dakroub's Question re Traffic Flow Issues Around Plum Tree Park Public School, be received.

7. Director's Report

Capital Funding for New Schools

That, the Director's Report re Capital Funding for New Schools (oral), be received.

Part B: (Not including student trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

2. Termination of Teacher

That, the employment of the teacher mentioned in the report be terminated for just cause, effective October 15, 2015.

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**3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
September 21, 2015**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held September 21, 2015, be approved.

4. Resignations

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

5. Retirements

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

6. Superintendent of Education Appointment

That, the following superintendent of education appointment be approved, effective February 4, 2016:

Paul Da Silva from Staffing Officer to Acting Superintendent of Education for the schools in the Applewood Heights, Glenforest and Gordon Graydon Memorial Families of Schools.