

October 21, 2013  
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 Monday, October 21, 2013 at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Stan Cameron	Brad MacDonald
David Green	Harinder Malhi
Meredith Johnson	Jeff White
Steve Kavanagh	Rick Williams

Members absent: (apologies received)

Janet McDougald, Chair  
Beryl Ford (on Board business)

Student Trustee:

Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

Administration:

Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services  
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  
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education  
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education  
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education  
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services (Acting)  
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  
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  
Marion Smith, Executive Assistant  
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education  
Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent  
Joy Uniack, Superintendent of Education  
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.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

Item 7.1 Delegation by Amandeep Singh re boundary change for Sunny View Middle School and Stanley Mills Public School

Item 7.2 Delegation by Harmeet Neelon re boundary change for Sunny View Middle School and Stanley Mills Public School

Resolution No. 13-230 moved by Jeff White  
seconded by Stan Cameron

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

**3. Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, September 17, 2013  
Minutes of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting,  
September 18, 2013  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, September 30, 2013  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, October 8, 2013**

Resolution No. 13-231 moved by Rick Williams  
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held September 17, 2013, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee Meeting, held September 18, 2013, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held September 30, 2013, be approved.
4. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held October 8, 2013, be approved.

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**5. Written Questions**

There were no written questions.

**6. Petition**

**1. Boundary change for Sunny View Middle School and Stanley Mills Public School**

Trustee Malhi submitted a petition signed by 170 parents of the Stanley Mills Public School and Sunny View and Mountain Ash Middle School communities expressing their objection to the new boundary change, and requesting that the Board reconsider its decision. Vice-Chair Nurse stated that a response will be provided at the next Regular Meeting of the Board, on November 11, 2013.

**1. Boundary change for R.J. Lee Public School**

Trustee Malhi submitted another petition signed by 21 parents of R.J. Lee Public School students residing on Ice Fields Road, stating that, with the new boundary change, their children are now redirected to Eagle Plains Public School. The petitioners expressed their disappointment with the Board's decision, and request that their children be allowed to remain at R.J. Lee Public School till they finish middle school.

**7. Special Section for Receipt**

Resolution No. 13-232 moved by Steve Kavanagh  
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the retirements, be received:

John Hoey  
Marlene Leibel  
Mary Mason  
Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell

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Vice-Chair Nurse expressed appreciation for the above-noted employees who are retiring. She drew attention to the upcoming retirement of Superintendent of Education, Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell, and provided positive comments on her work in Peel. Noting that she was instrumental in commencing a training for international teachers, and introducing the Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) program in Peel, Suzanne Nurse highlighted Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell's dedication to supporting equity and inclusivity in Peel. Vice-Chair Nurse also recalled the support provided to her as a new trustee by Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell.

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Resolution No. 13-232 ..... carried

**8. Delegation by Amandeep Singh re Boundary Change for Sunny View Middle School and Stanley Mills Public School**

Amandeep Singh delegated the Board from speaking notes, that were subsequently provided to the administration, regarding the new boundary change directing some of the students attending Sunny View Middle School and Stanley Mills Public School to a school in another neighbourhood. He spoke about residents having invested in homes in the area based on access and proximity to primary and secondary schools. He stated that, with the new boundary, children would now be faced with the challenge of walking across a busy major intersection, which poses a safety issue for the students and those accompanying them. He noted that, because the new school is within a distance of 3 kms, busing will not be provided. The delegation highlighted the emotional effect this move will have on students, including that they will feel disconnected from their friends in the neighbourhood, and he spoke of possible bullying by older students in the new K-8 school. On behalf of the community, Amandeep Singh requested that students, currently being bused to Sunny View Middle School and Stanley Mills Public School, as well as new additional students, be directed to the new school.

Vice-Chair Nurse thanked the delegation for bringing the concerns of the residents to the attention of the Board. She indicated that a response will be provided at the next Regular Meeting of the Board on November 11, 2013.

**9. Delegation by Harmeet Neelon re Boundary Change for Sunny View Middle School and Stanley Mills Public School**

Harmeet Neelon delegated the Board from speaking notes, which were later provided to the administration. He stated that parents of Stanley Mills Public School, and Sunny View and Mountain Ash Middle Schools are disappointed with the Board's decision to revise the boundary which has resulted in their children having to attend another school. He spoke about the emotional effect on children at having to leave their friends and teachers. Harmeet Neelon outlined the community's concerns, comments, and suggestions, including: building a new school in the area to accommodate new developments, or direct the new residents to the other school; make one of the current neighbourhood schools into a K-8 school; upgrade Larkspur Public School; involve parents and the school council when such issues are being considered; moving some children is not a permanent solution; the emotions and careers of students need to be considered.

Vice-Chair Nurse thanked Harmeet Neelon for his delegation and advised him of an information session being held at Harold Brathwaite Secondary School on October 22, 2013, where questions may be asked and clarifications will be provided regarding the boundary changes. Vice-Chair Nurse commented that boundary changes are approved after several months of review and discussion to provide the best possible scenario and accommodations for students. She stated that a response to the delegation will be provided at the next Regular Meeting of the Board on November 11, 2013.

**10. Response to Delegation by Ian Chandler re the Board's Environmental Policy and Procurement Practices**

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held October 8, 2013, Ian Chandler delegated regarding the Board's Environmental Policy and Procurement practices as they pertain to the recent award of a Board-wide contract for secure shredding services.

Resolution No. 13-233 moved by Harinder Malhi  
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Response to the Delegation by Ian Chandler regarding the Board's Environmental Policy and Procurement Practices, be received.

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**11. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, September 17, 2013**

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held September 17, 2013, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 13-234 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Stan Cameron

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

**1. Reports / Information Received**

Special Presentation re Starting Point 2013; Superintendent Welcome; Special Presentation re Erindale Secondary School – Inclusion Program; The Journey Ahead; Draft Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Calendar 2013-2014; Updated Special Education Advisory Committee Member List; Letter from the Association for Bright Children of Ontario regarding nomination of Karen Kennedy as its alternate representative replacing Marilyn Matis on the Special Education Advisory Committee; Letter to Marilyn Matis from Janet McDougald to confirm Association for Bright Children of Ontario's resignation from the Special Education Advisory Committee; Letter to Mary Wright from Janet McDougald to confirm Peel Caring Network for Challenged Kids as the representative to Special Education Advisory Committee; Letter to Karen Kennedy from Janet McDougald to confirm Association for Bright Children of Ontario as the alternate representative to Special Education Advisory Committee; Letter from Minister Ted McMeekin to Peel District School Board, Chair and SEAC Chair regarding Transition from School to Adult Services for Students with Developmental Disabilities; Letter to Minister Ted McMeekin from SEAC Chair, Avon Maitland District School Board regarding Special Services at Home (SSAH) funding; Letter to Minister Ted McMeekin from SEAC Chair, Upper Canada District School Board regarding Special Services at Home funding; Letter to Minister Ted McMeekin from SEAC Chair, Halton District School Board regarding Special Services at Home funding; Letter to Minister Liz Sandals from SEAC Chair, Renfrew County District School Board regarding Special Education Preparatory Courses; NEWS - Ministry of Community and Social Services regarding Enhancing Support for Adults with a Developmental Disability;



**13. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee,  
October 16, 2013 (Continued)**

**1. French Immersion Report**

**i) Castlebridge Public School - French Immersion (Grades 1-5) - New Boundary  
2014**

That, Castlebridge Public School be approved as a new Grades 1-5 French Immersion centre, effective September 2014.

That, effective September 2014, the Grades 1-5 French Immersion boundary (to be phased in commencing with Grades 1-3) for Castlebridge Public School, be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Britannia Road West

then east along Britannia Road West to Erin Mills Parkway  
then south along Erin Mills Parkway to a point just south of McFarren Boulevard  
then east along a line just south of McFarren Boulevard to the C.P. Railway  
then south along the C.P. Railway to Mississauga Road  
then south along Mississauga Road to Eglinton Avenue West  
then west along Eglinton Avenue West to Winston Churchill Boulevard  
then north along Winston Churchill Boulevard to the point of commencement.

**ii) Credit Valley Public School - French Immersion (Grades 1-5) - Boundary Change  
2014**

That, effective September 2014, the Grades 1-5 French Immersion boundary for Credit Valley Public School, be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Eglinton Avenue West

then east along Eglinton Avenue West to the Credit River  
then south along the Credit River to Burnhamthorpe Road West  
then west along Burnhamthorpe Road West to Glen Erin Drive  
then south along Glen Erin Drive to the parkway belt just south of Council Ring Road  
then northwest along the parkway belt between Autumnleaf Crescent and Shadbush Court to Burnhamthorpe Road West  
then west along Burnhamthorpe Road to Winston Churchill Boulevard  
then north along Winston Churchill Boulevard to the point of commencement.

**13. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee,  
October 16, 2013 (Continued)**

**1. French Immersion Report**

**iii) Thomas Street Middle School - French Immersion (Grades 6-8) - New Boundary  
2014**

That, Thomas Street Middle School be approved as a new Grades 6-8 French Immersion centre, effective September 2014.

That, effective September 2014, the Grades 6-8 French Immersion boundary (to be phased in commencing with Grade 6) for Thomas Street Middle School, be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Britannia Road West

then east along Britannia Road West to Erin Mills Parkway

then south along Erin Mills Parkway to a point just south of McFarren Boulevard

then east along a line south of McFarren Boulevard to the C. P. Railway

then south along the C. P. Railway to Mississauga Road

then south along Mississauga Road to Eglinton Avenue

then east along Eglinton Avenue to the Credit River

then south along the Credit River to Burnhamthorpe Road West

then west along Burnhamthorpe Road West to Glen Erin Drive

then south along Glen Erin Drive to the parkway belt just south of Council Ring Road

then northwest along the parkway belt between Autumnleaf Crescent and Shadbush Court to Burnhamthorpe Road West

then west along Burnhamthorpe Road West to Winston Churchill Boulevard

then north along Winston Churchill Boulevard to the point of commencement.

**iv) Erin Centre Middle School - French Immersion (Grades 6-8) - Boundary Change  
2014**

That, effective September 2014, the Grades 6-8 French Immersion boundary for Erin Centre Middle School, be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Highway 407 and Britannia Road West

then east along Britannia Road West to Winston Churchill Boulevard

then south along Winston Churchill Boulevard to Highway 403

then west along Highway 403 to Highway 407

then north along Highway 407 to the point of commencement.

**v) Whiteoaks Public School**

That, the number of Grade 1 French Immersion classes at Whiteoaks Public School be capped at 4, commencing September 2014.



**13. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, October 16, 2013 (Continued)**

**1. French Immersion Report (Cont'd)**

**vi) Agnes Taylor Public School**

That, the number of Grade 1 French Immersion classes at Agnes Taylor Public School be capped at 6, commencing September 2014. (Appendix I, as attached to the minutes)

**2. Reports / Information Received**

Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – October 2013; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning: Using Social Media; Tiered Approach to Supporting Comprehensive Literacy Instruction; Levelled Literacy Intervention; Reports on Achievement on Provincial Assessments: Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics and Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) 2012-2013; Sexual Abuse Prevention Program; Release of The Ontario Curriculum - French as a Second Language: Core, Extended and Immersion French, Grades 1-8, 2013 (Revised).

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**14. Appointment of Two Trustees to the Whistle Blower Policy Development Committee**

At the October 8, 2013, Regular Meeting of the Board, a Whistle Blower Policy Development Committee was established by the Board. Committee membership will include, the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board, the Chair of the Audit Committee, one of the non-Board members of the Audit Committee, appropriate staff, and two additional trustee representatives.

Vice-Chair Nurse called for nominations for the two trustee appointments.

Trusteen Cameron nominated Trustee Malhi, who declined the nomination  
Trustee White nominated Trustee Lawton  
Trustee Williams nominated Trustee Johnson

There were no further nominations. Vice-Chair Nurse declared that Trustees Johnson and Lawton are appointed members of the Whistle Blower Policy Development Committee.

**15. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association**

Resolution No. 13-237 moved by Harinder Malhi  
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 25, No. 32

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**16. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations**

Trustee Green reported that he will be representing Peel at the western regional meeting of OPSBA in London, Ontario, this weekend, and he asked trustees to email him items for discussion, if any, before Friday, October 25, 2013.

**17. Question Period**

There were no questions.

**18. Public Question Period**

There were no public questions.

**19. Adoption of the In Committee Report**

Resolution No. 13-238 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Jeff White

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), September 30, 2013; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), October 8, 2013; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), September 30, 2013; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), October 8, 2013; Retirements; Retirement of Superintendent of Education, Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell; Acting Principals and Vice-Principals Report; Adult and Continuing Education; and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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**20. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 13-239 moved by Steve Kavanagh  
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:00 hours).

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..... Chair ..... Secretary

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## **RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – OCTOBER 21, 2013**

Members present:

Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair  
Stan Cameron  
David Green  
Meredith Johnson  
Steve Kavanagh

Sue Lawton  
Brad MacDonald  
Harinder Malhi  
Jeff White  
Rick Williams

Members absent: (apologies received)

Janet McDougald, Chair  
Beryl Ford (on Board business)

### **PART A**

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

That, the agenda be approved.

#### **2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), September 30, 2013**

##### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), October 8, 2013**

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), held September 30, 2013, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part A), held October 8, 2013, be approved.

### **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), September 30, 2013**

##### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), October 8, 2013**

1. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), held September 30, 2013, be approved;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held October 8, 2013, be approved.

**3. Retirements**

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

**4. Retirement of Superintendent of Education**

That, the letter re Retirement of Superintendent of Education, Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell, be received.

**5. Acting Principals and Vice-Principals Report**

That, the report re Acting Principals and Vice-Principals, be received.

**6. Adult and Continuing Education**

That, the position of Superintendent of Education – Adult and Continuing Education, be eliminated, effective January 1, 2014. (Appendix I)