

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, October 23, 2018 at 19:55 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	David Green
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Carrie Andrews	Brad MacDonald (electronically)
Stan Cameron	Kathy McDonald
Robert Crocker	Rick Williams
Nokha Dakroub	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Harkirat Singh

Student Trustees present:

Amanpreet Chonkrian, Student Trustee North
Laura Oris-Naidenova, Student Trustee South

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Liz Cook, Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Lawrence De Maeyer, Acting Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Associate Director, School Support Services
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Adrian Graham, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Poleen Grewal, Associate Director, Instructional and Equity Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services
Adam Hughes, Chief Information Officer
Nina Jaiswal, Superintendent of Education
Peter Joshua, Director of Education
Michael Logue, Superintendent of Education
Matthew McCutcheon, Superintendent of Education
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education
Carla Pereira, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Jamie Robertson, Superintendent of Education
Gale Solomon-Henry, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent of Education

Administration: (Continued)

Joy Uniac, Superintendent, Social/Emotional Learning and Early Years
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Darren Van Hooydonk, Superintendent of Education
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. Open Session

The Open Session commenced with an acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, and singing of O Canada.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair McDougald congratulated trustees on being re-elected for another four-year term, and commented that the experience they bring will ensure stability as four trustees retire and the Board welcomes new trustees in December 2018. Janet McDougald acknowledged the presence of Trustee Elect for Brampton Wards 2 and 6, William Davies, and advised that the orientation sessions for new trustees will be scheduled shortly.

The following item was added to the agenda:

Item 10.2 Increase in Teaching Assistant Allocation

Resolution No. 18-220 moved by David Green
seconded by Robert Crocker

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

Peel's Chief Information Officer, and current Treasurer at Peel Children's Aid Society (CAS), Adam Hughes, introduced co-presenter, Juliet Jackson, President of Peel Children's Aid Society, and Director of Culture and Inclusion at the Region of Peel, and Rav Bains, Chief Executive Officer of Peel CAS. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Juliet Jackson and Adam Hughes, highlighted the significance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. They spoke about the organization's focus on raising awareness of child abuse, and the need to work as a community to keep children safe. With the focus on keeping families together, Juliet Jackson reported that 90% of the support is provided to families in their homes. Adam Hughes stated that more than 13,500 calls are received each year about children in need of protection, and he noted that almost 20% of referrals come from schools. Juliet Jackson highlighted the provincial focus on collaboration with school boards, and providing resources to support discussions with students and the community about safety and well-being, asking for help and reporting cases of child abuse risk.

**3. Special Presentation by Peel Children’s Aid re Child Abuse Prevention Month
(Continued)**

The presenters expressed appreciation for the Board’s participation in Dress Purple day, and its successful social media campaign to bring awareness on child abuse. Adam Hughes listed some of the other partnerships CAS has, including: the Crown Ward Education Championship Team which supports educational outcomes for Crown Wards; the Joint Protocol for Student Achievement that provides education plans for youth in care and students involved with CAS; Child Abuse Committee, which is a partnership with school boards. Juliet Jackson responded to trustees’ questions of clarification regarding dispelling the concerns about child separation when cases of abuse are reported, and that each case is approached through a culturally sensitive lens. On behalf of the Board, Chair McDougald thanked Peel CAS for their support and work in the community to keep students safe and families together.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**5. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, September 17, 2018
Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting,
September 26, 2018
Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, September 28, 2018
Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, October 2, 2018
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, October 9, 2018**

Resolution No. 18-221 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held September 17, 2018, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, held September 26, 2018, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, held September 28, 2018, be received;
4. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held October 2, 2018, be received;
5. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held October 9, 2018, be approved.

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6. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

7. Notices of Motion and Petitions

Chair McDougald submitted a petition on behalf of the parents of Fairview Public School requesting that the Grades 2 and 3 students who are accommodated in portables be moved into classrooms inside the school building, and the portables utilized for music, art, or other activity classes.

8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.18-222 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the following item, be received:

1. Retirements

Cheryl Cox
Maria Dobson
Joanne Durst
Karen Hobbins

Lynn Millar
Marina Poirier
Sudha Sajan
John Salvati

Keith Scott
Maureen Tupchong
Donna Woodford

..... carried

9. Delegation by Lesley Novak re Student Transportation

Lesley Novak delegated the Board from speaking notes, which were handed over to the administration. She provided detailed information about her efforts to obtain courtesy busing for her child who attends Grade 6 at Allan Drive Middle School, and the response she received from Student Transportation of Peel Region staff. While expressing appreciation for the support provided by the Vice-Principal of the school and her trustee, Lesley Novak noted her frustration with the manner in which the system operates. She spoke about the absence of public transportation in Bolton, and stated that the same busing eligibility standards in place for Brampton and Mississauga who have public transportation, cannot apply to Bolton. She remarked that the busing eligibility limits need to be lowered for Bolton, especially for elementary students. The delegation asked several questions related to distance and busing eligibility, including the rationale for route consolidation and estimated savings, and whether parents were consulted or given an opportunity to provide input. Chair McDougald advised the delegation that, while efforts to provide a quick response will be made by staff, in view of the significant number of questions, a response will most likely be provided at the Regular Meeting of the Board in end November 2018.

10. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, September 17, 2018

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held September 17, 2018, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 18-223 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Rick Williams

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Superintendent's Report; Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Calendar – Draft; Special Education Plan Revision – Update; In-School Support Program (ISSP) Institute Professional Learning Agenda; Special Education Department Work Plan 2018-2019; Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Terms of Reference; Updated Special Education Advisory Committee Member List; Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) Policy on Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities.

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11. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, September 26, 2018

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, held September 26, 2018, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 18-224 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

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 Charts for October 2018; Final Evaluations and Secondary Assessment Leadership Team; Regional Skilled Trades Program; Empowering Modern Learners Teacher Leaders; Fundamentals of Math.

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12. Recommendations of the Audit Committee, September 28, 2018

At a meeting of the Audit Committee, held September 28, 2018, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 18-225 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by David Green

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Audit Committee Work Plan; 2018 Audit Service Plan (Deloitte); Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT) – Audit Plan Status Update; Internal Audit Services Summary for Clarkson Secondary School, Dorset Drive Public School, Erin Centre Middle School, Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School, Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School (closing audit), Ingleborough Public School, Loreville Public School, Lorne Park Secondary School, Meadowvale Village Public School, Morning Star Middle School, North Park Secondary School, Roberta Bondar Public School, Silverthorn Public School, Sir William Gage Middle School, Whiteoaks Public School; Internal Audit Log.

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13. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, October 2, 2018

At a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, held October 2, 2018, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 18-226 moved by David Green
seconded by Robert Crocker

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes of May 18, 2018; Application Status Update; Tender Activity Report for May 24, 2018 to August 15, 2018; Vandalism Report for April to July 2018.

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14. Notice of Changes to Peel District School Board By-laws

Notice of changes to the By-laws are to be given at one Regular Meeting of the Board, and proposed amendments are to be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board. Proposed changes to the By-law on Delegations, will be brought to the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board. Chair McDougald advised that the proposed changes are essentially housekeeping, to update the By-law on current practice. A trustee noted that the By-law does not provide an option for a motion to be tabled arising from a delegation. Chair McDougald clarified the process for tabling motions, and advised that further discussion regarding language for inclusion in the By-law can be held at a Trustee Review Committee meeting.

Resolution No. 18-227 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that the notice of changes to Peel District School Board By-law on Delegations, be received.

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15. Peel District School Board Graduation Rates 2016-2017

Superintendent of Education of Alternative Programs, Anthony Edwards, stated that the above-noted report includes the provincial graduation rates, which were not released when 2016-2017 Graduation Rates were provided to the Board on June 19, 2018. He announced that the graduation rate for the Peel DSB has remained steady at 88%, while the provincial rate has fallen from 87% to 86%. A trustee asked about possibility to determine how many students in Peel did not graduate for lack of obtaining the required 40 hours of volunteer work. Superintendent Edwards advised that the information is being processed and a report will be bought back.

Resolution No. 18-228 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the report re Peel District School Board Graduation Rates 2016-2017, be received.

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16. Increase in Teaching Assistant Allocation

Superintendent of Special Education Support Services, Shawn Moynihan, reviewed the report and recommendation for an increase in Teaching Assistant (TA) allocation to support students with significant special education needs in regular classrooms. He outlined the two-part process for allocating TAs, noting that since July, an additional 254 requests for TA supports have been received, and that the 29.5 TAs who were held back in June have been allocated to respond to this need.

16. Increase in Teaching Assistant Allocation (Continued)

Superintendent Moynihan advised that according to the Ontario Human Rights Commission’s Policy on Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities, the Board must look to its overall budget to accommodate students with special education needs. He noted that the administration is recommending that 50 Long-Term Occasional (LTO) special needs TAs be added to enable the Board support most urgent special needs. A total cost for 50 TAs would be approximately \$2.65 million. Trustees expressed their support for the recommendation and commented positively on the work of TAs.

As this is a budget motion, a recorded vote is required. The result of the vote is as follows:

Resolution No. 18-229 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the Board use in-year surplus funds to allocate 50 Long-Term Occasional Special Needs Teaching Assistants to support “Priority 1” students in regular classrooms.

Yeas	Nays	Abstentions
Trustees Andrews, Cameron, Crocker, Dakroub, Green, Lawton, MacDonald, McDonald, Williams, McDougald, Nurse	 carried (11-0-0)
Student Trustees Chonkrian, Oris-Naidenova		(2-0-0) (Non-binding)

17. Ontario Public School Boards’ Association – OPSBA Connects

Resolution No. 18-230 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the following reports be received:

- OPSBA Connects – October 9, 2018
- OPSBA Connects – October 15, 2018

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18. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils and Associations

Trustee Green reported that he will be attending an emergency meeting scheduled by Ontario Public School Boards’ Association on October 24, 2018, and will bring back relevant information to the Board.

18. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils and Associations (Continued)

Trustee Williams reported on the volunteer opportunities provided to students by Volunteer MBC (Mississauga Brampton Caledon), to help them obtain the 40 hours of community work required to graduate. He stated that schools in Peel should be made aware of the opportunities that exist for students.

19. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Trustee McDonald thanked her constituents for their support and she re-affirmed her commitment to them. She spoke of concerns expressed by parents about School Cash Online being a mandatory form of payment. Controller of Finance Support Services, Tania Alatishe-Charles, advised that schools are to clarify that, while School Cash Online is the preferred mode of payment, it is not the only method. She stated that if letters indicating School Cash Online as the mandatory mode of payment are being sent out by schools, those schools will be asked to revise the letter to state that there are other payment options.

Trustee Green thanked his community, and the teachers who supported him, during the recent Municipal Elections. He expressed his opinion with regard to him being racially profiled by some people which, he commented, was against Board policy. As Co-Chair of the We Rise Together Steering Committee, he expressed disapproval of the news article in the Toronto Star regarding the Board's direction on teaching To Kill A Mocking Bird. Trustee Green expressed appreciation for the work of Associate Director of Instruction and Equity Support Services, Poleen Grewal, in regard to equity and inclusion, and indicated full support of the work being done to help students feel safe, included, and equal. He stated that he and Director of Education, Peter Joshua, will be responding to the news article.

Trustee Dakroub thanked her community and congratulated her colleagues who were re-elected. She asked about the possibility of not scheduling Regular Meetings of the Board on the day after the Elections. Chair McDougald commented that there may be opportunity to consider this request at some point in time in the future.

Trustee Lawton thanked all the candidates who ran in the Elections, and her community for their support. She highlighted that it is Early Childhood Educators' Appreciation Day tomorrow, and she thanked the ECEs for their work with students.

Trustee Cameron recalled the opening of Tony Pontes Public School on October 15, 2018, and he spoke positively about the Opening Day ceremony hosted at the school, and ribbon cutting by former Director of Education, Tony Pontes. He thanked the administration for their presence at the event. Trustee Cameron reported that the school has opened with an enrolment of 403 students, and has had a successful start-up.

20. Public Question Period

Felipe Pareja, Vice-President of Peel Elementary Teachers' Local, referred to the comments made by Trustee Green regarding racial profiling (item 19 of these minutes), and he asked that the comments be contextualized and substantiated. Chair McDougald responded.

20. Public Question Period (Continued)

Catherine Sople stated that on October 17, 2018, the Minister of Education had indicated that the government is pausing the release of parent engagement funding until further notice. She asked as to what steps the Board will take to formally communicate to the Ministry of Education about the positive impact that parent engagement grants have had on project based learning. She requested the Board to formally encourage the government to release funding urgently, with the suggestion that parent enrichment leads to vibrant schools and safer neighbourhoods making it more attractive for businesses. Chair McDougald responded.

Anthea D'Souza spoke about lack of transparency with the EasyConnect Absence Management system, and commented that sometimes salary payments are missing. Chair McDougald responded.

21. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 18-231 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting (In Committee), October 2, 2018; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), October 9, 2018; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), October 2, 2018; Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Fees 2018-2019; Director's Report re Trustee Information Sessions: 2018-2019; Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting (In Committee), September 28, 2018; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), October 9, 2018; Recommendations of the Audit Committee (In Committee), September 28, 2018; Resignations; Retirements; Britannia Farm – Update; Terms of Reference of the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee; Increase in Teaching Assistant Allocation, and Question Period be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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22. Adjournment

Resolution No. 18-232 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:05 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

October 23, 2018
Regular Meeting of the Board:ma

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – OCTOBER 23, 2018

Members present:

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

David Green
Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald (18:00)
Kathy McDonald
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

Harkirat Singh

Student Trustees:

Amanpreet Chonkrian, Student Trustee North
Laura Oris-Naidenova, Student Trustee South

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee) Meeting, October 2, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), October 9, 2018

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee) Meeting, held October 2, 2018, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held October 9, 2018, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), October 2, 2018

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

1. Reports / Information Received

Combined Capital Project Status Report; Tender Activity Report for May 24, 2018 to August 15, 2018; Proposed New School Site in Port Credit; Transportation Update (oral).

4. Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Fees 2018-2019

That, the Peel District School Board pay the same fees to the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) as the fees paid for the 2017-2018 school year. (Appendix I)
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5. Director's Report

1. Trustee Information Sessions: 2018-2019

That, the Director's Report re Trustee Information Sessions: 2018-2019, be received.

Part B (Not including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting (In Committee), September 28, 2018
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), October 9, 2018**

1. That, the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting (In Committee), held September 28, 2018, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held October 9, 2018, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Audit Committee (In Committee), September 28, 2018

That, the information about the Audit Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Transportation Review Report 2017-2018 (RIAT); School Audits: Summary of Common Audit Findings for Reporting Period September 2017 – August 2018; Evaluation of External Auditors' Performance; Evaluation of Regional Internal Auditors' Performance; Audit Committee Self-Assessment.

4. Resignations

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

5. Retirements

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

6. Britannia Farm - Update

That, the recommendation re Britannia Farm – Update, be approved.

7. Terms of Reference - Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee

That, that the revised Terms of Reference for the Human Resources and Negotiations Advisory Committee. be approved. (Appendix I)

8. Increase in Teaching Assistant Allocation

That, the report re Increase in Teaching Assistant Allocation, be received.