

September 18, 2013
Extraordinary Meeting of the Board:lf
(Electronic)

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Board, held electronically under Regulation 463/97 of the Education Act, coordinated from the Churchville Room, the H.J.A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 17:30 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Beryl Ford
David Green
Meredith Johnson
Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Harinder Malhi
Rick Williams

Member present electronically:

Jeff White

Members absent: (apologies received)

Stan Cameron
Steve Kavanagh

Administration:

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services (Acting)
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Tony Pontes, Director of Education
Marion Smith, Executive Assistant
Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 13-201 moved by Harinder Malhi
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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2. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Extension of the Enrolment Cap at Beryl Ford Public School (K – Grade 8) and Re-direction to Sir Isaac Brock Public School

Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, recalled that in October 2012 the Board had approved the enrolment cap at Beryl Ford Public School at 45 classes for the year 2012-2013. He stated that the school has only been in operation for one year, but enrolment is expected to go beyond the maximum number of students. Consequently, the administration is recommending that the enrolment cap of 45 classes be extended. For the current school year students would be re-directed to Sir Isaac Brock Public School.

A trustee inquired about the possibility of moving children from the three houses that are yet to be built. Randy Wright replied that as of date, if there are students from these three houses, they will be directed to Beryl Ford Public School. Another trustee asked about how long it will take to resolve the enrolment situation and if the extension of the enrolment cap will be revisited. Discussion ensued with regard to disadvantages of having to extend the cap every year as opposed to a two or three-year cap. Randy Wright noted that due to insufficient information to confirm the enrolment trend, the recommendation is being made based on the current information available. The situation will be reviewed in April 2014 and September 2014, along with an evaluation of enrolment at other schools in the area.

Director of Education, Tony Pontes, noted that the recommendation does not specify an end date, and the cap of 45 classes is being requested as the school already has the maximum number of portables allowed. Suggestions were made to: clarify the duration of the cap; clarify that for the year 2013-2014 school year all students will be re-directed to Sir Isaac Brock Public School; advise that funding for a new school has been requested.

Responding to further questions of clarification from trustees, Randy Wright and Acting Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill, reported that funding for Brameast #6 Public School has not yet been requested but the capital priority list will be submitted shortly, which will include Brameast #6 Public School scheduled for 2017. A review regarding the possibility of bringing the Brameast #6 Public School date forward to 2015 or 2016 will be undertaken.

Resolution No. 13-202 moved by Harinder Malhi
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the Extension of the cap of 45 classes at Beryl Ford Public School, be approved. (APPENDIX I)

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4. Question Period

Trustee Green inquired about the possibility of parents applying for courtesy transportation in the event that space is available on a bus, as he has received a complaint from the community that a principal has indicated that applications will not be considered until the middle of October. Director Pontes clarified that principals were advised that parents may start submitting applications to STOPR who will process them based on who qualifies first and then process the rest of the applications for filling the bus. Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Scott Moreash will send out a reminder to principals. Trustee Ford indicated that she was advised by David Neale, Controller of Corporate Support Services, that principals can make recommendations in the Student Information System (SIS) by the middle of this week, and students would likely get busing by October 1. Jaspal Gill will follow up with David Neale.

Trustee Ford inquired regarding school front doors being locked or unlocked. Scott Moreash advised that principals are aware that doors need to be locked, however in cases of extreme weather conditions, good judgment will be used while keeping health and safety concerns in mind.

5. In Committee Session

Resolution No. 13-203 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the Board move into In Committee Session (18:00 hours).

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The Board moved back into Open Session at 18:05 hours on a motion by Trustee Williams.

6. Adoption of In Committee Report

Resolution No. 13-204 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding Elementary Vice-Principal Assignment, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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7. Adjournment

Resolution No. 13-205 moved by Beryl Ford
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (18:05 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

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Part B

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

2. Elementary Vice-Principal Assignment

That, the following elementary vice-principal assignment, effective September 19, 2013, be received:

Shannon Lee from 0.5 Vice-Principal at Eldorado Public School and 0.5 Vice-Principal at Ridgeview Public School to Vice-Principal at Eldorado Public School.