

September 9, 2014  
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 Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 19:45 hours.

### Members present:

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

### Member absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald

### Student Trustees:

Paul Okundaye, Student Trustee North  
Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

### Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, 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  
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  
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education  
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services  
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent of Education  
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant  
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  
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education  
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs

Administration (Continued):

Shirley-Ann Teal, Coordinating Superintendent  
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.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Chair McDougald welcomed Student Trustee, Paul Okundaye, representing schools north of Highway 401, to his first Board Meeting.

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Item 9.1        Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee,  
September 3, 2014 (revised appendix circulated )

Item 10.2      Update on Kindergarten (added)

Item 12.1      OPSBA Fast Report: Vol. 26, No. 20 (added)

Resolution No. 14-173        moved by Steve Kavanagh  
seconded by Beryl Ford

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

**3. Special Presentation: Starting Point 2014 Video "Epic"**

Chair McDougald stated that the video "Epic" debuted at this year's Starting Point event held on August 27, 2014. Board members then viewed the video that showed Peel students involved in a variety of activities.

Director of Education, Tony Pontes, thanked staff from Communications and Media Support Services for their efforts in creating the videos for Starting Point, and he encouraged staff and the parent community to visit the Board's website to view these videos, as well as his 2014 Starting Point address to the system. He commented that the videos depict how greatness and confidence are inspired in students each and every day in Peel, along

**3. Special Presentation: Starting Point 2014 Video “Epic” (Continued)**

with the many milestones created and celebrated together. He expressed confidence in the value of a Peel education where students learn and grow in a happy and nurturing environment.

**4. Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**5. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, August 26, 2014**

Resolution No. 14-174 moved by Meredith Johnson  
seconded by Jagdeep Mann

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held August 26, 2014, be approved.

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**6. Written Questions**

There were no written questions.

**7. Notices of Motion and Petitions**

Trustee Mann submitted a petition signed by 76 members of the community, requesting that the school bus stop at Yellow Avens Boulevard and Kettlewell Crescent in Brampton be reinstated. The petition states that the decision to remove this bus stop has resulted in students having to walk an unsafe route to school. Chair McDougald advised that a response to the petition will be provided at the next Regular Meeting of the Board on September 23, 2014.

**8. Special Section for Receipt**

Resolution No. 14-175 moved by Beryl Ford  
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the following retirements, be received:

Marlene Drury  
Anna Dzidek

Laura Fox  
Karen Marsh

Lucinda Mercer  
Sotiria Vastis

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**9. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, September 3, 2014**

Resolution No. 14-176 moved by Suzanne Nurse  
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the following recommendation arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, held September 3, 2014, be approved:

**1. Report on Tenders: Mount Pleasant #2 Public School**

That, the tender, in the amount of \$12,420,960, including HST, for the construction of Mount Pleasant #2 Public School, be awarded to Percon Construction Inc. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

**2. Reports / Information Received**

Authorization of Trustee White's Leave of Absence; Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) Minutes, May 2, 2014; Ministry of Education Approval to Proceed: Huttonville Public School, Streetsville Secondary School and The Woodlands; Major New Projects 2014 – 2015; Application Status Update; Tender Activity Report for May 24, 2014 to August 20, 2014; Vandalism Reports for April, May and June 2014; Property Loss Report; Bill 69 – Prompt Payment Act, 2013.

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**10. Notice of Appointment of Trustees to the Budget Development Committee**

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held October 9, 2012, the Board approved establishment of a Budget Development Committee.

Resolution No. 14-177 moved by David Green  
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the appointment of three trustees to the Budget Development Committee be made at the Regular Meeting of the Board on September 23, 2014. (APPENDIX I)

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**11. Appointment of Trustee to the Physical Planning and Building Committee and the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee**

As a consequence of Harinder Malhi's election as MPP, and her resignation from the Board on June 18, 2014, Jagdeep Mann was appointed to replace Harinder Malhi as Trustee for Brampton Wards 9 and 10, at a Supplementary Meeting of the Board on July 23, 2014.

**11. Appointment of Trustee to the Physical Planning and Building Committee and the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee (Continued)**

Resolution No. 14-178 moved by Steve Kavanagh  
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved, that Jagdeep Mann, Trustee for Brampton Wards 9 and 10, be appointed to the Physical Planning and Building Committee and the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, effective immediately until the end of the current term of office. (APPENDIX II)

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**12. September Elementary Enrolment Report**

Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, reported that, as of September 9, 2014, Peel has 111,779 elementary students. This represents a growth of approximately 1,700 elementary students, at the rate of 1.54% from last September. Noting an over-projection of approximately 500 students, Controller Wright indicated that the enrolment details are subject to review and verification, and final statistics will be brought to an upcoming Board meeting. Chair McDougald asked for a report on the enrolment increases/decreases by ward.

Resolution No. 14-179 moved by Rick Williams  
seconded by Jeff White

Resolved, that the oral report re September Elementary Enrolment, be received.

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**13. Update on Kindergarten**

A document entitled "Peel Data" was circulated.

Recalling a news article about kindergarten class sizes, and concerns expressed by parents about increased class sizes, Superintendent of Education, Early Years, Wendy Dowling, advised that the circulated document provides data with respect to the creation of kindergarten classes through spring planning projections, actual enrolment in September, and projection monitoring throughout the year. She provided details regarding class size and relevant teacher and Early Childhood Educator support in the classroom. She indicated that, historically, larger class sizes are resolved in Peel through the September reorganization process, which factors in growth and the average daily enrolment. Superintendent Dowling also reviewed planning projections for 2014-2015, school site projections in comparison to the September 8<sup>th</sup> enrolment, schools reporting actuals in excess of spring projections greater than 20 and 30 students. She advised that the September reorganization process will address those classes with excess number of students, and she noted that schools are working together to manage the large numbers until reorganization is complete. Superintendent Dowling stated that there are a few sites that have classes with 34 or 35 students, and she confirmed the provision of support in the interim to manage growth in the Early Years program.

**13. Update on Kindergarten (Continued)**

Chair McDougald asked whether a class would be reduced to manage enrolment at a school. Superintendent Dowling clarified that the staffing process for the Early Years program is similar to the staffing process for all classes, and she noted that the staffing formula is used for this purpose. Superintendent Dowling confirmed collaborating with superintendents of education to optimize the learning environment within the average class size, as required by the Ministry of Education.

Chair McDougald expressed concern about accommodating kindergarten students in non-purpose built classrooms where the numbers exceed 25, and she requested that a report on the number of non-purpose built classes being used for kindergarten be brought to the Board, after the reorganization process is completed.

Resolution No. 14-180 moved by David Green  
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the oral update report on Kindergarten, be received.

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

Resolution No. 14-181 moved by Suzanne Nurse  
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the following report, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 26, No. 20

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

Trustee Green reported that the Board of Directors of Ontario Public School Boards' Association is scheduled to meet on September 19 and 20, 2014, and he requested trustees to forward any questions or issues they might have, to him or Trustee Williams.

**16. Question Period**

Trustee Cameron spoke about participating in the Ice Bucket Challenge scheduled to take place at Humberview Secondary School, and he thanked Superintendent Uniac for organizing the event.

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

Resolution No. 14-182 moved by Meredith Johnson  
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), August 26, 2014; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), September 3, 2014; Transportation Update – September Start-Up; Elementary French Immersion and Extended French Registration Update; Director’s Reports re Courtesy Busing (oral), Toronto Star Article re Registration of Non-Catholic Students by Catholic Boards (oral), Trustee Information Sessions, and Ontario College of Teachers Presentation (oral); Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), August 26, 2014; Resignations; Retirements; Termination of Employment; and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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**18. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 14-183 moved by Stan Cameron  
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

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

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**RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

Members present:

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

Steve Kavanagh  
Sue Lawton  
Jagdeep Mann  
Jeff White  
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald

Student Trustee:

Paul Okundaye, Student Trustee North  
Trevor Sookraj, Student Trustee South

**Part A**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), August 26, 2014**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held August 26, 2014, be approved.

**3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), September 3, 2014**

That, the following recommendation arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee) meeting, held September 3, 2014, be approved:

**1. Alloa Public School Site Plan Approval Requirement: Region of Peel Conveyance**

That, the Region of Peel be granted a 0.3 metre reserve and a road widening dedication of approximately 317 m<sup>2</sup> (3,412.16 ft<sup>2</sup>) of land on the east side of Mississauga Road. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)



**3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), September 3, 2014 (Continued)**

**2. Reports / Information Received**

Tender Activity Report for May 24, 2014 to August 20, 2014; Britannia Farm – Update; Britannia School Farm – Chronological History; Report on Tenders: Mount Pleasant #2 Public School.

**4. Transportation Update – September Start-Up**

That, the update report re Transportation September Start-Up, be received.

**5. Elementary French Immersion and Extended French Registration Update**

That, the update report re Elementary French Immersion and Extended French Registration Update, be received.

**5. Director's Report**

That, the Director's Reports re Courtesy Busing (oral), Toronto Star Article re Registration of Non-Catholic Students by Catholic Boards (oral), Trustee Information Sessions, and Ontario College of Teachers Presentation (oral), be received.

**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), August 26, 2014**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held August 26, 2014, be approved.

**3. Resignations**

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

**4. Retirements**

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

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**5. Termination of Employment**

That, the report re Termination of Employment of the teacher named in the report as a secondary teacher with the Peel DSB, be received.