

September 11, 2012
Regular Meeting of the Board:nf

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 11, 2012, at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

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

Member absent (apologies received):

Brad MacDonald

Student Trustees present:

Linda Bui, Student Trustee North
May Zou, 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
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Poleen Grewal, Acting Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education
Jaspal Gill, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education
Mark Keating, Chief Information Officer
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education
Scott Moreash, Coordinating Superintendent
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and 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, Alternative Programs
Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell, Superintendent of Education, Continuing and Adult Education
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services

Administration: (Continued)

Marion Smith, Executive Assistant
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education
Shirley-Ann Teal, Superintendent of Education, Early Learning Program
Pam Tomasevic, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Nicole Fernandes, 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 Request to Delegate: Kelly Narine re Busing to Castlemore Public School
- Item 9.3 French Immersion Review – Elementary
- Item 9.4 Report on Tenders and Borrowing By-law: Credit Valley Sub Area 2#2 Public School
- Item 11.2 OPSBA Fast Report: Volume 24, No. 27

Resolution No. 12-206 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Stan Cameron

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

3. Special Presentation: Starting Point 2012 – “Every Smile Tells a Story”

Board Members viewed “Every Smile Tells a Story”, one of the videos presented during the Director of Education’s start of the school year address on August 28, 2012. Chair McDougald indicated that the videos are available on Peel’s website. She thanked staff from Learning Technologies and Communications Support Services for their work on the videos, which help to promote the Peel DSB.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, August 28, 2012

Resolution No. 12-207 moved by Meredith Johnson
seconded by Jeff Williams

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held August 28, 2012, be approved.

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6. Written Questions

There were no written questions.

7. Notices of Motion / Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No. 12-208 moved by David Green
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following items be received:

1. Retirements
2. Good News (2012-2013 Parents Reaching Out Grants for Schools)

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Chair McDougald referred to the report on the 2012-2013 Parents Reaching Out Grants for Schools, and noted that 107 Peel schools were awarded funding totaling \$103,315 to support projects that reach out to parents and communities. She acknowledged and thanked Catherine Soplet for her efforts in working with school councils and advocating for the grants with the Ministry.

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Resolution No. 12-208 carried

9. Delegation of Kelly Narine re Busing to Castlemore Public School

Kaolouti (Kelly) Narine delegated from speaking notes, which were provided to the Board, regarding her concerns relating to the safety of her children walking to Castlemore Public School, following the cancellation of their busing.

9. Delegation of Kelly Narine re Busing to Castlemore Public School (Continued)

Kelly Narine stated that the distance to the school from her home is approximately 2.3 kms, and that there are three bridges on the Gore Road on the way to school. She reported that the sidewalk on one of the bridge is quite narrow with no buffers, and she commented on the dangers of walking on the bridge especially during bad weather. Noting that there are two secondary younger children. She stated that her children will have to cross Gore Road in case they take Brampton Transit, and there are no crossing guards at the traffic lights. She commented on the dangers of young children taking Brampton Transit, and that working parents are not able to drive their children or supervise the walk to schools. Kelly Narine spoke of the heavy backpacks that the children carry, and the time taken to walk the distance to school, which tires them. She requested the Board to look into her concerns and make busing available to her children.

In response to trustees' questions of clarification, Kelly Narine confirmed that a letter was sent to parents advising about the cancellation of busing. A trustee noted that the Board had received delegations on this subject in the spring, and that the administration had responded to the delegations. Kelly Narine reported on the grades her children attend, and she clarified that there are sidewalks on the road to school but the street crossings are not marked. A trustee indicated that the delegation needs to raise her concerns about traffic lights and road markings with the Brampton Safety Council. Chair McDougald noted that the Council can also be requested to review the sidewalk on the bridge to deem this as a safe walking route. She indicated that a response to the delegation will be provided at the September 25, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board.

10. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, September 5, 2012

Resolution No. 12-209

moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following recommendations arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, held September 5, 2012, be approved:

- 1) Regional Program Boundaries**
 - i) T.L. Kennedy Secondary School International and Executive Leadership Academy Program**

That, effective September 2013, the boundary for T.L. Kennedy Secondary School Regional Learning Choices International and Executive Leadership Academy Program be limited to the local school boundary, subject to Annual Planning Document review in fall of 2013, as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Cawthra Road and Dundas Street
then west along Dundas Street to Mavis Road

**10. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee,
September 5, 2012 (Continued)**

then north along Mavis Road to Burnhamthorpe Road
then east along Burnhamthorpe Road to a point midway between Wallenberg Crescent and Prince of Wales Drive
then north along a line midway between Wallenberg Crescent and Prince of Wales Drive to Highway 403
then east along Highway 403 to Cawthra Road
then south along Cawthra Road to Burnhamthorpe Road
then west along Burnhamthorpe Road to a point just west of Molly Avenue
then south along the back of the lots that face the west side of Molly Avenue and continuing south along the back of the lots that face the west side of Mississauga Valley Boulevard to Silver Creek Boulevard
then southeast along Silver Creek Boulevard to Cawthra Road
then south along Cawthra Road to the point of commencement.

ii) Applewood Heights Secondary School Sports Program

That, effective September 2013, the boundary for Applewood Heights Secondary School Regional Learning Choices Sports Program be limited to the local school boundary, subject to Annual Planning Document review in fall of 2013, as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Highway 10 and Highway 401
then east along Highway 401 to Tomken Road
then south along Tomken Road to Burnhamthorpe Road
then east along Burnhamthorpe Road to Dixie Road
then south along Dixie Road to Dundas Street
then west along Dundas Street to Cawthra Road
then north along Cawthra Road to Silver Creek Boulevard
then west along Silver Creek Boulevard to the back of the lots facing the west side of Mississauga Valley Boulevard
then north along the back of the lots facing the west side of Mississauga Valley Boulevard and continuing north along the lots that face the west side of Molly Avenue to Burnhamthorpe Road
then east along Burnhamthorpe Road to Cawthra Road
then north along Cawthra Road to Highway 403
then east along Eglinton Avenue to McLaughlin Road
then north along McLaughlin Road to Bristol Road
then east along Bristol Road to Highway 10
then north along Highway 10 to the point of commencement.
(Appendix I, as attached to the minutes)

2. Reports / Information Received

Student Transportation of Peel Region Minutes (STOPR), March 23, 2012; Major Construction Projects Status Report – Update of New Schools, Additions and Renovations; Cooksville Creek Flood Evaluation Study; Tender Activity Report, May 24, 2012 to August 16, 2012; Vandalism Report, May 2012.

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11. Peel District School Board Policy #80 – Procurement

Chair McDougald noted that the proposed revisions to Policy #80 relate to increase in the threshold limits for processes for the procurement of goods and services, and is intended to increase efficiencies.

Resolution No. 12-210 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that Peel District School Board Policy #80 – Procurement, be approved (APPENDIX I).

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12. French Immersion Review – Elementary

Shirley-Ann Teal, Superintendent of Education, noted that the French Immersion (FI) Review Report is a culmination of work which began over a year ago, and a team effort by operational and instructional staff to review the program from every aspect. Using PowerPoint slides, she highlighted the objectives of the review: to plan for FI programs' sustainability; maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of delivery and instruction of FI programs; ensure equitable access; ensure programs are cost effective.

Superintendent Teal reported that, once the need for a review was determined, membership of the FI Review Committee was identified from stakeholders across the board. Information was gathered from other school boards, input from Canadian Parents for French was invited, and monthly Committee meetings were held. Data was collected and information was aligned to determine the current reality. Shirley-Ann Teal indicated that a draft report was prepared, and she described the review of the report by the Committee, the administration, and Canadian Parents for French.

Superintendent Teal then spoke about the goal of maintaining a quality FI program, and the challenges of combined pressures of FI enrolment growth, system growth and mandatory implementation of Full Day Kindergarten. The challenges of attracting and retaining qualified French teachers, and funding restraints, particularly for capital building projects, were also identified. Shirley-Ann Teal stated that the proposed recommendations have been developed recognizing that the challenges pose a risk to delivering quality FI programs. She acknowledged that the proposals may cause concern among the community, but they have been developed with a great deal of thought and after a thorough review of the FI programs. Referring to the recommendations, Superintendent Teal advised that those that are operational in nature will be directed to the appropriate departments, and those with policy or financial implications will be brought to the Board.

Highlighting the indicators of a quality program, Superintendent Teal stated that FI teachers need to be qualified, fluent, and committed, with experience in understanding pedagogy, teaching strategies, and nuances of the French language. Quoting from The Facts of Education, she stated that the quality of teaching is a key determinant of student schooling experience and attainment, regardless of race, gender or socio-economic background.

12. French Immersion Review – Elementary (Continued)

Shirley-Ann Teal explained that research available is not clear about the relationship between instructional time and student achievement. She noted, however, that research unequivocally points to curriculum and instructional quality having a greater effect on student achievement. She advised that Peel has a diverse student population, and Special Education and ELL teachers have expressed concern that there are a significant number of students who do not have the English fluency and literacy skills needed to build a strong base. The teachers have indicated that additional time is needed to develop these skills.

Shirley-Ann Teal reported on discussions regarding the organization of schools. Currently, the Board has dual track schools teaching English and French. Ten school boards were surveyed of which seven had both single and dual track schools. Parents are pleased with single track schools and Superintendent Teal indicated that the FI Review Committee is of the opinion that Peel should start considering single and dual track schools, and is suggesting that this discussion occur during the annual planning process. Statistical information relating to FI projections were reviewed by Shirley-Ann Teal, and she highlighted comparative staffing projections if status quo is to be maintained and if instructional time in Grade 1 is reduced to 50%. She noted that attraction and retention of staff is a challenge faced by all school boards including Peel, and referred to some of the challenges faced in hiring FI teachers. She reviewed enrolment projections, and the estimation that 15 schools will not have space to accommodate FI programs at the current 25% FI Grade 1 enrolment rate. In ten years, it is expected that 12 additional FI centres will be needed to accommodate the growth, and the Ministry will not provide capital funding for new FI spaces.

Superintendent Teal noted that the summary of the review report outlines the recommendations in the format of the Report Card for Student Success. If approved at the next Regular Meeting of the Board, the recommendations will be implemented beginning October 2012. She stated that staff have already begun the process of determining the implementation plan. It is expected that the current registration timelines will continue, and the list of registrants will be assigned Ontario Education Numbers. With the help of a randomized selector program, students enrolled in the FI programs will be chosen. Those not selected will be placed on a waiting list. Superintendent Teal reported that Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, Shawn Moynihan, has begun developing an operating procedure.

Outlining other options, Superintendent Teal advised that, delaying the 25% enrolment cap for one year may exacerbate hiring and accommodation pressures if enrolment increases. She added that, in order to relieve staffing pressures, maintaining instructional time at 85% would mean changing the enrolment cap to 15%, which would affect 1,166 students each year, consistently over the next few years.

Trustees thanked Shirley-Ann Teal for her commitment, work and leadership on the French Immersion review. Appreciation was also expressed to Peel staff across the system who had provided input to the review. Chair McDougald thanked Trustee White for his work as Chair of the FI Review Committee. Questions of clarification from trustees were responded to regarding retention rates of FI students and the need to investigate reasons for the FI staff turnover.

12. French Immersion Review – Elementary (Continued)

Chair McDougald clarified that the report is being brought for receipt today in order to provide information to the community about the significant proposals regarding FI registration contained in the recommendations being brought to the September 25, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board. She outlined the communications plan, if the recommendations are approved, including publishing a news release.

Resolution No. 12-211 moved by Jeff White
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the report re French Immersion Review – Elementary, be received.

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13. Report on Tender and Borrowing By-law: Credit Valley Sub Area 2 #2 Public School

Resolution No. 12-212 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved, that the tender, in the amount of \$11,571,200 including HST, for the construction of Credit Valley Sub Area 2 #2 Public School, be awarded to Remo General Contracting Limited (APPENDIX II).

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Resolution No. 12-213 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved, that a resolution enacting the Borrowing By-law, as follows, be approved:

Whereas the Peel District School Board (hereinafter called the Board) deems it necessary to undertake the following project, namely the construction of the Credit Valley Sub Area 2 #2 Public School, at an estimated cost of \$12,647,408,

Therefore be it resolved and be enacted as a by-law of the Board that,

The foregoing project be authorized and approved and be financed through the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) unless the Board can demonstrate it can obtain a loan with a better interest rate from another regulated financial institution or a municipality.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2012.

Janet McDougald
Chair

Tony Pontes
Secretary

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18 Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 12-216 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part A), August 28, 2012; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), September 5, 2012; Negotiations Update (oral); Report on Tenders: Credit Valley Sub Area 2#2 Public School; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), August 28, 2012; Resignations; Retirements, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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19. Adjournment

Resolution No. 12-217 moved by Meredith Johnson
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:33 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – SEPTEMBER11, 2012

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Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Stan Cameron	Harinder Malhi
Beryl Ford	Jeff White
David Green	Rick Williams
Meredith Johnson	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald

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 28, 2012

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part A), held August 28, 2012, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning & Building Committee (In Committee), September 5, 2012

That, the information regarding the Physical Planning and Building Committee's (In Committee) receipt of the following items, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Tender Activity Report, May 24, 2012 to August 16, 2012; Alton Replacement School–Credit Valley Conservation Authority Requirements - Update; Cooksville Mobility Hub.

4. Negotiations Update

That, the oral update report re Negotiations, be received.

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5. Report on Tenders: Credit Valley Sub Area 2 #2 Public School

That, the Report on Tenders: Credit Valley Sub Area 2 #2 Public School, be received.

PART B (Not Including Student Trustees)

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),
August 28, 2012**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee-Part B), held August 28, 2012, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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