

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 26, 2017, at 19:30 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	David Green
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Carrie Andrews	Kathy McDonald
Stan Cameron	Harkirat Singh
Robert Crocker	Rick Williams
Nokha Dakroub	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald

Student Trustees:

Carolyn Mahr, Student Trustee South
Khushpal Pawar, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services
Ted Byers, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services
Liz Cook, Acting Superintendent of Education
Paul Da Silva, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education
Wendy Dowling, Associate Director, School Support Services
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Adrian Graham, Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services
Poleen Grewal, Associate Director, Instructional and Equity Support Services
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of 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
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional and Equity Support Services
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services
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)

Darren Van Hooydonk, Acting 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, and acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Item 6.1 a) Retirements (Addendum circulated)
Item 10.1 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Supervisor Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee for the 2017-2018 School Year (revised report circulated)

Resolution No. 17-236 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by David Green

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

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2/3rds' majority

3. Special Presentation re Peel DSB's 2017 United Way Campaign

Superintendent of Education and liaison for this year's United Way Campaign, Jamie Robertson, introduced Campaign Committee Chair, Lea-Anne Greene-Smith, Principal at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School, and Vice-Chair, Ken Diana, Principal at Queenston Drive Public School. He welcomed President and CEO of United Way of Peel Region, Anita Stellinga, Raj Chandegra from United Way of Peel Region, and Regina Thurairatnam from Royal Bank of Canada, who will be involved in the campaign.

Lea-Anne Greene-Smith thanked Director of Education, Peter Joshua, for highlighting the campaign in his Starting Point address, and she also thanked Aileen Padua, Principal of Credit Valley Public School for her work as the Chair of last year's campaign. She spoke of Peel's longstanding support for United Way, and commended the Board for its contribution of almost \$224,000 last year. The goal this year is to raise \$300,000 and the campaign will run from October 25, 2017 to November 27, 2017. Lea-Anne Greene-Smith advised that campaign material will be released in October, and schools and work sites will have flexibility in planning fundraising activities. She encouraged participation in the Board's Employee Giving campaign through staff payroll deductions, noting that concerted effort will enable the Board reach its goal.

3. Special Presentation re Peel DSB's 2017 United Way Campaign (Continued)

Ken Diana provided details of the various awards that will be presented to students, schools and work-sites for the highest donation contributions or best campaign, and to a school that exemplifies the true spirit of the United Way's commitment.

Anita Stellinga acknowledged Raj Chandegra for his work and support in fundraising efforts of the campaign. She spoke of the partnership with Peel over the past twenty-two years, during which time the Board has raised close to \$6 million towards United Way projects that provide assistance in areas such as homelessness, mental illness, family violence and racism. She highlighted partnerships with the Board on several initiatives, and reported that, with the donations received, over 200,000 people were supported last year, which included over 77,000 children and youth who were able to access programs that prevent poverty and engage children. Additionally, the United Way was able to make a \$1.9 million investment to support a homelessness reduction and prevention strategy. Anita Stellinga thanked the Board of Trustees, Director of Education, and Campaign Committee members for their support in the 2017 campaign, and remarked that there is still great need to continue to work together to create a community where there is hope and possibility for all. Chair McDougald thanked the presenters, and members of the Committee. She highlighted the importance of giving and supporting United Way's work in the community, noting that together Peel can have a successful 2017 United Way Campaign.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**5. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, June 13, 2017
Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, September 7, 2017
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, September 12, 2017**

Resolution No. 17-237 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held June 13, 2017, be received;
2. That, the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held September 7, 2017, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held September 12, 2017, be approved.

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6. Written Questions and Petitions

There were no written questions or petitions.

7. Notices of Motion and Petitions

Trustee Lawton presented the following notice of motion:

“Whereas, there has always been a strong discrepancy between Peel District School Board report card results in mathematics and EQAO mathematics scores, and

Whereas, the Ministry of Education has stated that it is time to "examine provincial measurement and assessment policy, including EQAO testing";

Therefore, be it proposed, that the Peel District School Board request the Ministry of Education to suspend EQAO testing for the 2017-2018 school year, and request the support of Ontario Public School Board’s Association and all other public school boards in Ontario for this motion.”

8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.17-238 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Mary Ironside
Jennifer Kottick
Kathy Geczi

2. Letter from the Minister of Education in response to the Chair’s letter requesting an exemption from Ontario Regulation 274/12 – Hiring Practices for the secondary Section 23 program in Peel Alternative School - Central

3. Teacher Recognition Day in Peel, October 5, 2017

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Chair McDougald expressed disappointment with the response from the Minister of Education regarding the Board’s request for an exemption from Ontario Regulation 274/12 – Hiring Practices for the secondary Section 23 program in Peel Alternative School – Central, Item 8.2 of these minutes.

Referring to Item 8.3, Teacher Recognition Day in Peel on October 5, 2017, a trustee spoke about his visits to schools, and thanked teachers for their work and commitment in preparing students for 21st Century Learning, and success in a global economy.

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Resolution No.17-238 carried

9. Response to Delegation of Mandeep Gill re admission to Churchville Public School

Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for the successful transition plan developed by the superintendent of education and staff at McClure Public School through discussion with the parent. A trustee thanked the administration and advised that the family is satisfied with the plan.

Resolution No. 17-239 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that the Response to the Delegation of Mandeep Gill re admission to Churchville Public School (Regular Meeting of the Board held September 12, 2017), be received.

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10. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, June 13, 2017

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held June 13, 2017, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 17-240 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by David Green

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

1. Reports / Information Received

New Assistive Technology Resources – Update (oral); Teachtown Demonstration (oral); Advancing Equity and Inclusion in the Peel District School Board: A Study of Teaching Assistant Staffing Practices in Special Education (oral); Superintendent's Report (oral); SEAC Annual Calendar – Draft; Special Education Programs and Services 2017-2018 – Amendment; Special Education Plan 2017-2018; Message from the Director of Education, Tony Pontes.

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11. Report on Tenders: Thorndale Public School Full Day Kindergarten Addition

Resolution No. 17-241 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the tender, in the amount of \$2,324,184 including HST, for the construction of Thorndale Public School Full Day Kindergarten Addition, be awarded to Century Group Inc. (APPENDIX I)

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12. Appointment of Community Representatives to the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee for the 2017-2018 School Year

Chair McDougald advised that appointed representatives are community members who volunteer their time and expertise to find solutions for students who experience difficulties adjusting to the standard environment of a school, and she expressed appreciation for their commitment.

Resolution No. 17-242 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the names of community representatives for membership on the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee for the 2017-2018 School Year, be approved.
(APPENDIX II)

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13. September Enrolment Report

Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, noted that an oral report on elementary enrolment was provided at the Regular Meeting of the Board held on September 12, 2017. Regarding secondary enrolment, he stated that, as of September 15, 2017, the Board had 40,826 students, signifying an annual rate of growth of 0.48%. The combined elementary and secondary enrolment is 154,700 students effective September 2017.

Responding to a comment from the Chair, Controller Wright advised that staff will follow up with the coterminous board, as well as other public boards, including Durham and Halton DSBs to determine reasons for the decline in Kindergarten enrolment vis-à-vis projections.

Resolution No. 17-243 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the September Enrolment Report, be received.

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14. Walnut Grove Public School Class Cap - Update

Controller Wright recalled the concerns raised by delegations at the Regular Meeting of the Board on August 29, 2017, regarding the enrolment cap at Walnut Grove Public School, and redirection of Regular Program students to Castlemore Public School. He outlined the reasons for implementing the class cap, which was due to enrolment projections made at that time, and phasing in of the French Immersion Grades 1-8 program. He noted, however, that Planning staff reviewed actual enrolment as of September 12, 2017 and confirmed that Walnut Grove Public School enrolment was less than projected. The Superintendent of Education contacted Regular Program students who were redirected to Castlemore Public School, and offered a one-time opportunity to return to Walnut Grove Public School. Controller Wright noted that 48 redirected students chose to remain at Castlemore Public School, and 28 students returned to Walnut Grove Public School.

14. Walnut Grove Public School Class Cap - Update (Continued)

Resolution No. 17-244 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the update report re Walnut Grove Public School Class Cap, be received.

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15. Elementary French Immersion Update

Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, Adrian Graham, reported that first week September enrolment data identified available space in the French Immersion (FI) program, and, as per process, these spots were offered to students on the wait list. He noted that, for the first time since the new registration process commenced in 2013, parents have declined offers extended to wait listed students to enter the FI program. The second round of offers has also been completed, and information on spots filled is awaited. Staff are following up to determine reasons for parents declining wait list offers.

Resolution No. 17-245 moved by Rick Williams
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the oral update report re Elementary French Immersion, be received.

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16. Guidelines for Schools about Upcoming Municipal and Provincial Elections

Chair McDougald explained that the above noted guidelines are sent to Peel schools to provide direction to principals and vice-principals about the upcoming Municipal and Provincial elections.

Resolution No. 17-246 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the Guidelines for Schools about Upcoming Municipal and Provincial Elections, be received.

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A trustee suggested revisions to the guidelines that will align with the current election timelines and campaigning for the elections. She drew attention to the words "campaign material" and requested additional clarity, so that schools are clear about content.

Resolution No. 17-247 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that Resolution No. 17-246, Guidelines for Schools about Upcoming Municipal and Provincial Elections, be referred to staff for timely revision.

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16 Guidelines for Schools about Upcoming Municipal and Provincial Elections
(Continued)

Resolution No. 17-246

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(to staff for revision)

17. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations

Trustee Williams reported on the Ontario Public School Board Association meeting that he and Trustee Andrews attended regarding the priority setting process. He stated that the association reaffirmed multi-year priorities that included new generation education, advocating for the role of trustees, building leadership capacity, labour relations, education funding, reconciliation and First Nations Metis Inuit education. He stated that part of the discussion was to review and approve the priorities that were adopted at the Annual General Meeting held in June this year. Other topics covered at the meeting were about transportation funding, and the Auditor General's recommendation to the Ministry of Education to revisit the current student transportation funding formula. Trustee Williams noted that the Ministry will undertake discussions with stakeholders over a 12-18 month period for feedback on student transportation in Ontario. Ongoing matters of discussion included Executive Compensation and Ontario Power Generation's increase in electricity rates.

Student Trustee Mahr reported on the first monthly General Meeting of the Peel Student Presidents' Council (PSPC), and expressed appreciation for the attendance of 150 Peel students at the event. Carolyn Mahr spoke about the launch of "Peel Talks", scheduled to be held end November, when students will have an opportunity to share ideas, suggestions and opinions that reflect Board values. She will forward event details to trustees.

Trustee Crocker reported that he had attended the StepUp Youth Volunteer Ambassadors Turnover Ceremony 2017 last Friday, and he spoke positively about the number of young people involved in volunteering.

18. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Trustee Cameron spoke about construction activities at Belfountain and Herb Campbell Public Schools as a result of growth, and he thanked the administration for their work and support. He also thanked the staff at both schools, and the parents and students, who have worked steadily through the ongoing construction work at the schools. Trustee Cameron reported on his visit to Centennial Senior Public School, where he witnessed students and teachers involved in re-imagining computers which are then donated to students and schools in need.

Trustee Crocker commended the efforts of staff and students at Springfield Public School for raising approximately \$10,000 for a new creative playground, and he expressed thanks to Snobar Realty Group in making this a reality with their donation of \$21,000.

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21. Adjournment

Resolution No. 17-249 moved by David Green
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (20:50 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

Members present:

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

David Green
Sue Lawton
Kathy McDonald
Harkirat Singh
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

Brad MacDonald

Student Trustees:

Carolyn Mahr, Student Trustee South
Khushpal Pawar, Student Trustee North

Part A

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee) Meeting, September 7, 2017
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), September 12, 2017**

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee) Meeting held September 7, 2017, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held September 12, 2017, be approved.

3. Response to Trustee Singh's Question re International Languages

That, the Response to Trustee Singh's Question re International Languages, be received.

4. Report on Tenders: Thorndale Public School Full Day Kindergarten Addition

That, the Report on Tenders: Thorndale Public School Full Day Kindergarten Addition, be received.

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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 12, 2017**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held September 12, 2017, be approved.

3. Resignations

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

4. Retirements

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