

September 12, 2017
Regular Meeting of the Board:lf

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 12, 2017, at 19:50 hours.

Members present:

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

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
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education
Jeff deFreitas, 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 of Curriculum and Instruction 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
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
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education, Early Years
Darren Van Hooydonk, Acting Superintendent of Education
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, 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 6.2 Letter to the Chair from the Minister of Education in response to the Board's letter of May 29, 2017 regarding EQAO reporting methods (added)
- Item 7.3 Late Request to Delegate: Mandeep Gill re Admission to Churchville Public School (added)
- Item 8.1 Response to Delegation by Sukhwinder Bhaura re School Boundaries and Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School (circulated)
- Item 8.2 Response to Delegation by Gurdeep Singh Dosanjh re Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School (circulated)
- Item 8.3 Response to Delegation by Paul Fromm re Changes to Board By-law G-3 Pertaining to Delegations (circulated)
- Item 9.2 Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, September 7, 2017 (circulated)
- Item 9.4 Notice of Motion: Trustee Singh re Uniforms in New Schools (withdrawn)
- Item 9.6 Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee (added)

Resolution No. 17-216 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by David Green

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

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2/3rds' majority

3. Special Presentation – Starting Point Video

The Starting Point video, All That We Share, on diversity, equity and inclusion, was viewed. Chair McDougald commended Media Support Services staff for their work on the video.

4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, August 29, 2017

Resolution No. 17-217 moved by Suzanne Nurse
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved that, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held August 29, 2017, be approved.

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6. Written Questions and Petitions

There were no written questions.

7. Notices of Motion and Petitions

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

8. Special Section for Receipt

Resolution No.17-218 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

Judy Campbell
Brian Dickie

2. Letter to Chair from the Minister of Education in response to the Board's letter of May 29, 2017 regarding EQAO reporting methods

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9. Delegation of Mandeep Gill re Admission to Churchville Public School

Mandeep Gill delegated the Board with regard to admission of her older child to Churchville Public School, to avoid riding on the school bus to McClure Public school. Providing a brief background of her situation, she asked the Board to consider the special circumstances for this request. Mandeep Gill responded to questions of clarification from trustees with regard to her child's absence from school in September 2017 and she advised the Board of her decision to delay the admission of her younger child for this school year. Trustees expressed concern with regard to health and well-being of the older child. Chair McDougald suggested that in view of the special circumstances, Superintendent of Education, Jeff deFreitas, contact the delegate to resolve the issue. A response will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of the Board.

10. Response to Delegation of Sukhwinder Bhaura re School Boundaries and Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School

Resolution No. 17-219 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Sukhwinder Bhaura re School Boundaries and Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School (Regular Meeting of the Board, August 29, 2017), be received.

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11. Response to Delegation of Gurdeep Singh Dosanjh re Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School

A trustee inquired as to how the community is being advised of the enrolment cap. Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, stated that there is signage, and letters are sent home to parents through the school. Randy Wright responded to further questions of clarification from the trustee with regard to fluctuation in enrolment numbers and the enrolment cap not being permanent.

Resolution No. 17-220 moved by Carrie Andrews
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Gurdeep Singh Dosanjh re Enrolment Cap at Walnut Grove Public School (Regular Meeting of the Board, August 29, 2017), be received.

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12. Response to Delegation of Paul Fromm regarding Changes to Board By-Law G-3 Pertaining to Delegations

Resolution No. 17-221 moved by David Green
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the response to the delegation of Paul Fromm regarding Changes to Board By-Law G-3 Pertaining to Delegations (Regular Meeting of the Board, August 29, 2017), be received.

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13. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, September 7, 2017

At a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, held September 7, 2017, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 17-222 moved by David Green
seconded by Robert Crocker

Resolved, that the information regarding the Physical Planning and Building Committee, held September 7, 2017, be received:

1. Reports / Information Received

Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes of March 31, 2017; Peel DSB Capital Priority Submission to the Ministry of Education; Application Status Update; Tender Activity Report for May 25, 2017 to August 16, 2017; Vandalism Reports for May and June 2017.

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14. Notice of Motion: Trustee Kathy McDonald re Childhood Poverty and Student Achievement

Resolution No. 17-223 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

"Whereas, poverty and its effects can be a great barrier to student achievement and success, and

Whereas, Social Risk Index data is collected around key metrics of social risk, including poverty, for Peel students;

Therefore be it resolved, that staff prepare a report that lists current programs that help students overcome barriers pertaining to poverty, including hunger, mental health, technology and external factors, and the protocols in place to measure the effectiveness of these programs."

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The mover of the motion spoke of the importance of examining Board initiatives to support schools that have a high Social Risk Index and students in those neighbourhoods. Speaking in support of the motion, another trustee inquired about the Board's initiatives and action to support children in poverty. Chair McDougald acknowledged the importance of this topic and indicated that work has been done in this regard. She explained that a Committee structure will provide more opportunity for discussion, and suggested that the motion be referred to the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee for discussion, after which a report can be brought back to a Regular Meeting of the Board.

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14. Notice of Motion: Trustee Kathy McDonald re Childhood Poverty and Student Achievement (Continued)

Resolution No. 17-224 moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by Nokha Dakroub

Resolved, that Resolution No. 17-223, Notice of Motion: Trustee Kathy McDonald re Childhood Poverty and Student Achievement, be referred to the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, for discussion.

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Resolution No. 17-223 referred
(to the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee)

15. Changes to Peel District School Board By-Laws

Resolution No. 17-225 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that By-Law G-10 and G-13 be amended as follows:

Public Question Period:

"G-10 Any members of the public, after identifying themselves, may request information of The Board or Committee during "Public Question Period". The duration of "Public Question Period" will be at the discretion of the Chair.

Petitions:

G-13 A petition must be addressed to the Board of trustees or to an individual trustee.

The petition must contain a written or printed request to take some action, or to refrain from taking some action, to provide redress or relief, or to remedy a grievance. A statement of opinion or grievance alone cannot be received as a petition.

A petition must contain a minimum of 25 signatories who are residents of the Region of Peel, or persons who have a direct affiliation with the Peel DSB. Names, addresses and original signatures of the petitioners, shall be provided. Petitions e-mailed or submitted online will not be accepted.

When a petition is presented, no debate shall be allowed. The petition will be recorded and acknowledged."

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15. Changes to Peel District School Board By-Laws (Continued)

A trustee expressed concern with regard to the wording of By-law G-10, Public Question Period, and suggested that the duration for each question be a maximum of five minutes, unless extended by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Resolution No. 17-226 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that By-Law G-10, be amended as follows:

“Public Question Period:

G-10 Any members of the public, after identifying themselves, may request information of The Board or Committee during “Public Question Period”. The duration of each question in "Public Question Period" will be limited, to a maximum of five minutes, unless extended by a vote of two thirds of the members present.”

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Vice-Chair Nurse asked for clarification as to whether a two third vote will be taken every time an individual asks a question that runs over five minutes, and she indicated that it could happen multiple times. Another trustee stated that five minutes is too much time for each public question and suggested that the item be referred to the Trustee Review Committee.

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Resolution No. 17-226 defeated

Resolution No. 17-227 moved by Robert Crocker
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that Resolution No. 17-225, Changes to Peel District School Board By-Laws, be referred to the Trustee Review Committee for discussion.

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A trustee suggested deciding on the maximum time allowed for a Question in Public Question Period at this meeting instead of a referral to the Trustee Review Committee. Other trustees speaking expressed support of the motion for referral to the Trustee Review Committee.

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Resolution No. 17-227 carried

Resolution No. 17-225 referred
(to the Trustee Review Committee)

16. Appointments to Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for the work done by Carol Ogilvie on SEAC and welcomed Thomas Corbett as a representative on the Committee.

Resolution No. 17-228 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Harkirat Singh

Resolved, that Thomas Corbett be appointed as the representative, and that Carol Ogilvie be appointed as alternate representative, for the Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region (LDAPR) on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

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17. September Elementary Enrolment Report

Reporting on elementary enrolment, Controller Wright noted that, as of September 12, 2017, Peel DSB had 113,874 elementary students after the first week of school. This represents a growth of 742 elementary students from the first week of school in September 2016 to the first week of school in September 2017. Controller Wright advised that elementary enrolment data will be verified, and a written report will be brought to the Regular Meeting of the Board, on September 26, 2017. He responded to questions of clarification from trustees with regard to projected enrolment.

Resolution No. 17-229 moved by Sue Lawton
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that September Elementary Enrolment Report (oral), be received.

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18. Letter to Parents re Peel District School Board Staff Duty to Report to Children's Aid Society

The Child and Family Services Act requires that every person who performs professional or official duties with respect to children has a legal duty to report any suspicions, based on reasonable grounds, that a child is or may be in need of protection. This responsibility applies to all staff of district school boards. A letter is sent home to parents at the beginning of each school year to ensure that parents understand the responsibility of all staff.

Resolution No. 17-230 moved by David Green
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the Letter to Parents re Peel District School Board Staff Duty to Report to Children's Aid Society, be received.

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19. Reports from Trustee Representatives on Councils/Associations

Trustee Green provided an update report on an OPSBA meeting he attended along with Trustee McDonald, on Policy Development for school boards and associations, which included: the government's plan to roll out sale of cannabis in Ontario; OPSBA's submission to the government with regard to the location of cannabis outlets in close proximity to schools and repercussions on school boards; consultation with school boards; funding to support mental health issues. Chair McDougald noted that the Toronto Police Chief, Mark Saunders, had announced that legislation comes into effect on July 1, 2018 and has indicated that the police department will not be ready to supervise the public use of marijuana by this date. Trustee Green advised that the Assistant Deputy Minister was present at the meeting and spoke about school board leadership and inclusion, and will be meeting with the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE).

Trustee Andrews stated that the School Traffic and Safety Committee has reported on Enforcement Patrol Statistics for schools in 2016-2017. She noted that there were a total of 1302 attendants in Peel Region and 802 tickets were issued. Trustee Andrews advised that hiring of four more police officers is being considered, and at the next meeting a report will be provided on the ten schools where most tickets are issued.

20. Comments or Questions from Board Members

Chair McDougald asked the student trustees to comment on their new school year. Student Trustees Pawar and Mahr replied that it has been exciting and demanding.

Trustee Cameron spoke of the pilot project at Mayfield Secondary School, where students in four courses in Grade 9 can take an active role in their education and discuss their grades based on feedback from teachers. The project is built on education-based research and a report will be brought to the Board.

Vice-Chair Nurse reported on a recent announcement by the Minister of Education at Hillside Public School with regard to Ontario's Equity Action Plan, and noted that Peel DSB's initiatives are in line with what the Ministry is proposing. She expressed the hope of receiving funding for the student census.

Trustee Crocker inquired about the possibility of replacing his computer monitor at the Board table as it restricts his view of attendees in the Boardroom.

Trustee McDonald stated that a Peel DSB student won the CNE Grand Champion Rising Star Competition. She spoke positively about a Peel teacher, Natasha Henry, an award winning author who was recognized at Elementary Teachers' Federation (ETFO) for a Curriculum Development Award. Trustee McDonald also commented on eight Peel DSB students receiving United Achievers' Club awards.

Trustee McDonald echoed Trustee Green's earlier concerns on cannabis and asked about Peel DSB's position on the issue. Associate Director of School Support Services, Wendy Dowling, advised that legal counsel has been consulted, the matter is being reviewed in terms of implications on the Safe Schools Policy. An update report will be brought to the Board.

20. Comments or Questions from Board Members (Continued)

Trustee McDonald stated that during the first week of school she has noticed that some bus drivers have been reading instructions while driving the school bus and she asked how the issue can be addressed. Chair McDougald replied that the matter will be taken under advisement. She commented that it will be helpful to note the details which can be relayed to the Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) for follow up.

Trustee Williams noted that he has not received any complaints about transportation this year.

Trustee Singh inquired about reporting concerns related to safety at bus stops. Acting Superintendent of Education, Jerry Powidajko suggested contacting the school principal first and then working with the superintendent of education and him to review the concern with STOPR.

Trustee Green reported on his concern about the French Immersion grandfather clause that was in place but now removed. He stated that, a Grade 5 student in his constituency, who would have been enrolled under the grandfather clause has been waitlisted and advised that no space will be available in the adjacent school as well. The trustee has been following up with Superintendent of Education, Gale Solomon-Henry to review the matter. He expressed the opinion that students who were assured a seat according to the grandfather clause should be accommodated. Chair McDougald suggested that superintendents of education investigate and review the case.

Trustee Green invited everyone to read the article in the Globe and Mail related to Jean Augustine.

Trustee MacDonald echoed the sentiments of Vice-Chair Nurse with regard to the Minister of Education's comments on equity and inclusion. He thanked Principal Jim Brooks and staff of Hillside Public School for inviting the Minister of Education on a school tour. He spoke positively about the accommodation review process which has resulted in a modern school facility for the Clarkson community.

21. Public Question Period

Sukhwinder Bhaura asked whether a school can accept new enrolment after an enrolment cap has been imposed. He claimed that, in some cases, exceptions are made for enrolment in spite of an enrolment cap, and that some students who are out of the school boundary are enrolled at Walnut Grove Public School. Chair McDougald responded.

22. Adoption of the In Committee Report

Resolution No. 17-231 moved by Nokha Dakroub
seconded by Carrie Andrews

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), August 29, 2017; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), September 7, 2017; Response to Delegation; Trustee Information Sessions: 2017-2018; Student Excursions and Swim Tests; Response to Written Question from Trustee Singh re Peel's International Language Teachers; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), August 29, 2017; Resignations; Retirements, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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23. Adjournment

Resolution No. 17-232 moved by Harkirat Singh
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (21:10 hours).

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Members present:

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

Student Trustees:

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

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 29, 2017

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held August 29, 2017, be approved.

3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), September 7, 2017

That, that the following recommendation arising from the meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, held September 7, 2017, be approved:

1. Dolson Public School – Transfer of Easement to Alectra Utilities (formerly Hydro One – Brampton)

That, a permanent easement of approximately 62.5 m² (672.74 ft²) at Dolson Public School be transferred to Alectra Utilities (formerly Hydro One – Brampton) for underground cables and a transformer. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

2. Reports / Information Received

Tender Activity Report for May 25, 2017 to August 16, 2017; Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at Erindale Secondary School.

4. Response to Delegation

That, the information pertaining to the response to the delegation, be received.

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5. Trustee Information Sessions: 2017-2018

That, the report re Trustee Information Sessions: 2017-2018, be received.

6. Student Excursions and Swim Tests

That, the report re Student Excursions and Swim Tests, be received.

7. Response to Written Question from Trustee Singh re Peel's International Language Teachers

That, the report re Response to Written Question from Trustee Singh re Peel's International Language Teachers, 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 29, 2017

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held August 29, 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.