

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board, held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Wednesday, February 2, 2023, at 17:00 hours.

Members present:

Karla Bailey
Stan Cameron
Will Davies
Satpaul Singh Johal
Brad MacDonald
Jill Promoli

Administration:

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access
Wendy Dobson, Acting Controller, Corporate Support Services
Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services
Sabrina Valteau, Governance Coordinator

Nicole Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Call to Order

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access called the meeting to order at 17:08 hours.

2. Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee (Closed Session)

PB-01 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Committee move into the Closed Session (17:08 hours).

The meeting recessed at 17:10 hours.

3. Rise and Report from Closed Session

PB-02 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the report of the Closed Session re Tender Activity Report for the period October 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, be received.

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4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

The video on the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was viewed.

5. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Internal Auditors, Tony Ronca and Carlo Avolio, were present to act as scrutineers.

Associate Director Gill called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee. He noted that members elected as Chair and Vice-Chair will hold office for a two-year term.

Trustee Satpaul Singh Johal nominated Trustee Stan Cameron.

There were no further nominations.

The nomination of Trustee Stan Cameron for the position of Chair of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee was moved by Satpaul Singh Johal and seconded by Jill Promoli.

PB-03 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the nomination for the position of Chair of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee be closed.

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Trustee Cameron was acclaimed as Chair of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee.

Associate Director Gill called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee.

Trustee Will Davies nominated Trustee Satpaul Singh Johal.

There were no further nominations.

The nomination of Satpaul Singh Johal for the position of Vice-Chair of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee was moved by Will Davies and seconded by Brad MacDonald.

PB-04 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the nomination for the position of Vice-Chair of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee be closed.

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5. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (Continued)

Trustee Satpaul Singh Johal was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee.

6. Approval of Agenda

PB-05 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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7. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

8. Minutes of Student Transportation of Peel Region – Governance Committee Meeting, September 23, 2022

PB-06 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Student Transportation of Peel Region – Governance Committee Meeting, held September 23, 2022, be received.

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9. Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, November 2, 2022

PB-07 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, held November 2, 2022, be approved.

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10. Delegation by Laura Bowman re Air Quality in Schools

Laura Bowman, a Peel DSB parent, delegated the Committee on school ventilations and addressing issues with air quality in schools. She stated that young children are more vulnerable than adults to air quality as their immune systems are still developing. She spoke of the benefits of clean air, including improved concentration and cognitive functions, higher test scores, and reduction in behavioural problems. Laura Bowman remarked that the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and RSV can be significantly reduced by masking and air filtration. Noting the use of HEPA filters in schools, she explained inadequacies in its functioning, and shared the benefits of building and installing Corsi-Rosenthal devices in classrooms. Responding to trustees' questions of clarification, she explained that improving air filtration in unventilated rooms is a quicker solution than achieving better mechanical ventilation. She indicated that the number of Corsi-Rosenthal devices in a room is dependent on the area and occupancy of the room.

PB-08 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the Delegation by Laura Bowman re Air Quality in Schools, be received and referred to staff for a response to the delegation, which is to be brought back to the Committee.

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11. Major Capital Projects Report

Suzanne Blakeman, Manager, Planning and Enrolment, noted that the report provides the status of all the Board's major Ministry Capital-Approved projects at the end of January 2023. These include new schools, additions, and childcare projects.

PB-09 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the report re Major Capital Projects, be received.

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12. Application Status Update

Nick Gooding, Intermediate Planner, Development, explained that the report provides the list of development applications for the months of October, November and December, 2022, along with the letters sent to municipalities. He stated that the anticipated number of students that will be generated by the developments were either included in previous projections and sufficient school accommodation is in place, or will be provided by new schools approved in the Board's Annual Planning Document. Responding to a trustee's question about development in the Collegeway Road area of Mississauga, Nick Gooding indicated that Planning and Accommodation staff work with municipalities on the need for additional school sites.

12. Application Status Update (Continued)

PB-10 moved by Karla Bailey
seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the Application Status Update report, be received.

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13. Tender Activity Report

PB-11 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the Tender Activity Report for the period October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, be received.

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14. Vandalism Activity Report

Acting Controller, Corporate Support Services, Wendy Dobson, noted that the Vandalism Activity Report contains the monthly report of vandalism activity for August 2022 to October 2022, the Break and Enter / Vandalism Year End Summary Report, the Break Ins and Vandalism for the year end 2021 – 2022, and the Break and Enter / Vandalism Report - Annual Comparison. In response to a trustee’s question on the significant decline in vandalism activity, Controller Dobson confirmed that reasons include that students are back in school, and there is more effective monitoring of school property. Associate Director Gill noted that, following the decision to turn off the lights on school grounds after hours, there has been savings in electricity costs, as well as a decrease in vandalism.

PB-11 moved by Karla Bailey
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Vandalism Activity Report be received.

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15. Adjournment

PB-13 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (18:09 hours).

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..... Chair