

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board. The hybrid meeting was held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 17:00 hours.

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair
Satpaul Singh Johal, Vice-Chair
Karla Bailey
David Green, Board Chair (electronic)
Brad MacDonald
Jill Promoli

Also present:

Lucas Alves (electronic)
Jeffrey Clark (electronic)
Susan Benjamin

Member absent: (apologies received)

Will Davies

Administration:

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access (Executive Member)
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Yonnette Dey, Superintendent – Elementary, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Community Engagement
Wendy Dobson, Acting Controller, Corporate Support Services
Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer
Camille Logan, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity, Curriculum and Instruction, Student and Community Engagement
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Nicole Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Call to Order

Chair Stan Cameron called the meeting to order at 17:00 hours.

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

PB-26 moved by Karla Bailey
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Committee move into the Closed Session (17:00 hours).

The meeting recessed at 17:10 hours and reconvened into Open Session at 17:30 hours.

3. Rise and Report from Closed Session

PB-27 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal
seconded by Karla Bailey

Resolved, that the report of the Closed Session re Surplus Properties: Status Update, and Procurement Activity Report for the period March 1-31, 2023, be received.

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4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

The video on the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was viewed.

5. Approval of Agenda

PB-28 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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6. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

7. Minutes of Student Transportation of Peel Region – Governance Committee Meeting, January 27, 2023

PB-29 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Karla Bailey

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Student Transportation of Peel Region – Governance Committee Meeting, held January 27, 2023, be received.

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8. Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, April 4, 2023

PB-30 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, held April 4, 2023, be approved.

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9. Vision Cooksville – Status Update

Reviewing the report, Manager of Planning and Enrolment, Suzanne Blakeman, noted that the Board and City of Mississauga commissioned a study by CS&P Architects to determine the feasibility of a fully integrated community Hub, which will include a new secondary school for approximately 1,500 students, community centre, public library, and park on the joint site. The property is just over 20 acres, comprising Sgt. David Yakichuk Park and T.L. Kennedy Secondary School. Suzanne Blakeman explained that the shared-use centre will require approximately 11% gross floor area less, translating to potential capital cost savings for the Board and City. Construction of the new secondary school would be funded from proceeds of the sale of a development parcel of land along Hurontario Street, following a reassessment to confirm that this is still a viable business case. The plan will need Board, Ministry and City approval. Suzanne Blakeman advised that the existing school will continue to operate during construction and would be demolished once the new school is completed. In response to trustees' questions, Maureen O'Shaunessy from CS&P Architects clarified that the proposed building will have four storeys, with a basement, lower level, and underground parking. She confirmed that a traffic impact assessment was undertaken and was one of the main considerations for the project.

PB-31 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the status update report re Vision Cooksville, be received.

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10. Naming of the Centre for African, Afro-Caribbean, and Black Student Success

Yonnette Dey, Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Community Engagement, provided background information on the report, noting that in 2021, the Board committed to the creation of a Center for African, Afro-Caribbean, and Black student success to disrupt and dismantle anti-black racism within the Board. She stated that the center will affirm the histories, identities and experiences of students, staff, and families who identify as African, Afro-Caribbean, and Black.

10. Naming of the Centre for African, Afro-Caribbean, and Black Student Success
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Superintendent Dey explained that the report documents the consultation process, including feedback from the community, that has led to the name, mission, and vision for the centre. She advised that the process for the development of the name and subsequent community consultations was consistent with Policy 27, Naming of Schools, prior to its amendment as Policy 27, Naming and Renaming of Schools, Special Function Areas, and Facilities, approved at the April 26, 2023 Board Meeting. A steering committee comprising of Peel staff and members of the Black community engaged in the naming process during June 2022 and April 2023, inviting feedback from students, staff, families and community members. Yonnette Dey reported that the steering committee recommended that the preferred name is Kola Ilyomade Centre of Black Excellence, and highlighted the rationale for the preferred name. She noted the requirement for meaningful engagement with students and the local school community, which must actively strive to include and engage the voices and perspectives of current and historically disadvantaged persons. In addition, one of the provisions of the amended Policy is that no school, special function area or facility is to be named after an individual. Superintendent Dey advised that, given these parameters and respecting the steering committee's recommendation, the administration is recommending The Center of Black Excellence as the name of the centre. This will reflect the first choice of the steering committee in alignment with the amended Policy.

Trustees speaking expressed appreciation for the recommended name, noting that it will resonate with families, and inspire students. Superintendent Dey confirmed that staff are working on determining the location of the centre.

PB-32 moved by Karla Bailey
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee recommends to the Board:

That the Centre for African, Afro-Caribbean, and Black Student Success be named as The Centre of Black Excellence.

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11. Procurement Activity Report

PB-33 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Procurement Activity Report for the period March 1-31, 2023, be received.

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12. Vandalism Activity Report

PB-34 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved that, the Vandalism Activity Report for January and February 2023, be received.

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13. Adjournment

PB-35 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Karla Bailey

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (17:55 hours).

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..... Chair