

## 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 Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 17:00 hours.

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair  
Satpaul Singh Johal, Vice-Chair (electronic)  
Karla Bailey(electronic)  
LeeAnn Cole (electronic)  
Will Davies (electronic)  
David Green (ex-officio) (electronic)  
Brad MacDonald (electronic)  
Jill Promoli (electronic)

Also present:

Lucas Alves (electronic)  
Susan Benjamin (electronic)

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 17:02 hours.

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

PB-36 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Committee move into the Closed Session (17:02 hours).

The meeting recessed at 17:09 hours and reconvened into Open Session at 17:31 hours.

**3. Rise and Report from Closed Session**

PB-37 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal  
seconded by Karla Bailey

Resolved, that the report of the Closed Session re Combined Capital Project Status Report, and Procurement Activity Report for April 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**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Item 8.4 Written Delegation by Cacy Cousins re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence
- Item 8.5 Written Delegation by Donald Harris re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence
- Item 8.6 Written Delegation by Beats Dance Crew re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence
- Item 8.7 Delegation by Claudia McKoy, Black Caucus Alliance, re Centre of Black Excellence – Steering Committee

During the meeting, the agenda was reordered to facilitate the delegation of Alton Brooks, regarding Naming of the Centre of Black Excellence.

PB-38 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Jill Promoli

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

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2/3rds' majority

**6. Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**7. Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, May 3, 2023**

PB-39 moved by Jill Promoli  
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, held May 3, 2023, be approved.

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**8. Notes of Budget Development Committee Meeting, May 4, 2023**

PB-40 moved by Will Davies  
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the notes from the Budget Development Committee Meeting, held May 4, 2023, be received.

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**9. Delegation by Valerie Williams, Advocacy Peel, re Motion and Policy Vote**

Valerie Williams noted that she was delegating in place of Paula Hylton, who was unable to attend the meeting. She expressed disappointment that the Centre of Black Excellence was not officially named after Kola Iluyomade, and commented on the impact of the Board's decision on some members of the community. She spoke of Kola Iluyomade's support and advocacy of marginalized students. Referring to the Board's mission, Valerie Williams expressed the opinion that the vote on the naming of the Centre was not hopeful. She requested an exception be made to Board policy, and that the Centre be named after Kola Iluyomade. In response to a trustee's question, Valerie Williams confirmed that she assumed new trustees are not aware of the background on this issue.

PB-41 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal  
seconded by Will Davies

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

That, the delegation by Valerie Williams, Advocacy Peel, re Motion and Policy Vote, be referred to the Director of Education for a response.

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**10. Delegation by Idris Orughu, The Alliance, re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence**

In his delegation, Idris Orughu stated that the Peel DSB was placed under supervision due to anti-black racism, poor governance, and human rights matters. He expressed his beliefs regarding: the returning and new trustees; lack of support for the deferral of the naming of the Centre of Black Excellence; recusal of trustees from voting on the naming of the Centre; implications of Directive 18; timing of approval of Policy 27, Naming of Schools, Special Function Areas, and Facilities; community engagement in naming the Centre. Idris Orughu asked as to how many schools are named after Black individuals, and how many school names have been changed in accordance with Directive 18. He remarked that the group have protested in the past and will continue with their protests.

PB-42 moved by Will Davies  
seconded by Jill Promoli

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

That, the delegation by Idris Orughu, The Alliance, re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence, be referred to the Director of Education for a response.

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**11. Reading of Written Delegations**

Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer read the written delegations at Items 12, 13, and 14 of these Minutes. She noted that the submissions she will read are the opinions of the delegates. Any views or opinions represented in the submissions are personal to the delegates and belong to them. She advised that reading the submissions is not an endorsement by the Peel DSB. All statements made in the submissions are those of the delegates alone and they are being read to accommodate them. The submissions are the sole responsibility of the delegates, were written by them, and are their own personal opinions.

**12. Written Delegation by Cacy Cousins re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence**

In his written delegation, Cacy Cousins, a pastor and parent of two Peel DSB students, stated that he has been listening and watching social media regarding the naming of the Centre of Black Excellence. He spoke about discussions held with his children, some of their classmates, and his congregation, and their objection to naming the Centre after any individual. They expressed satisfaction with the name, Centre of Black Excellence, and he suggested that the Board listen to the voices of the children. Cacy Cousins thanked the Board for recognizing that Black children need to see themselves reflected in a space where they spend most of their teenage years. He requested that the Board consider his community's voice in strongly reaffirming their opposition to naming the Centre after any person or persons.

**12. Written Delegation by Cacy Cousins re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence (Continued)**

PB-43 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal  
seconded by Karla Bailey

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

That, the written delegation by Cacy Cousins re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence, be referred to the Director of Education for a response.

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**13. Written Delegation by Donald Harris re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence**

In his written delegation, Donald Harris, a Black parent of a Peel DSB student, expressed deep dissatisfaction and concern about the unprofessional behaviour exhibited by some members of the public at the May 24, 2023 Board Meeting. He remarked on the negative example set by these members of the public, and the messages sent to students by their behaviour in disrupting the Board Meeting. The delegation expressed support for the name of Centre of Black Excellence, and thanked Trustees Green and Bailey for representing his community.

PB-44 moved by Will Davies  
seconded by Brad MacDonald

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

That, the written delegation by Donald Harris re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence, be referred to the Director of Education for a response.

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**14. Written Delegation by Beats Dance Crew re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence**

In their written delegation, the Beats Dance Crew, comprising 21 Grades 10-12 Peel DSB students, 16 of whom identify as Black, reported that they had seen social media videos of adults being disrespectful of trustees and staff at the Board Meeting. They indicated that each year, students are reminded of the school's code of conduct, and they asked about consequences to these adults for their behaviour. They spoke about mental health issues facing students, and the need for role models who consider students first. Expressing support for the name, Centre of Black Excellence, the students stated that they, and many of their friends, support the name approved by the Board.

**14. Written Delegation by Beats Dance Crew re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence (Continued)**

PB-45 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal  
seconded by Brad MacDonald

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

That, the written delegation by Beats Dance Crew re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence, be referred to the Director of Education for a response.

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**15. Delegation by Claudia McKoy, Black Caucus Alliance, re Centre of Black Excellence – Steering Committee**

Claudia McKoy, Executive Director of Black Caucus Alliance, presented information on the Black Caucus Alliance, a not-for-profit organization that aims to promote and drive equity through collaboration and community design. Highlighting the members of the organization and their community profiles, she noted that the organization had its beginnings as an advisory group to the Mayor of Mississauga on matters of equity for the Black community. The approach has always been to access insights and gain community and stakeholder engagement and change. Claudia McKoy outlined the guiding principles, and reported that the recommendations of the organization covering governance, inclusion strategies, and programming, are contained in the report to the City of Mississauga. She requested the Board to consider including the Black Caucus Alliance on the Steering Committee of the Centre of Black Excellence, to ensure that Black students have the highest level of programming and all necessary skills to make them competitive.

PB-46 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Jill Promoli

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

That, the delegation by Claudia McKoy, Black Caucus Alliance, re Centre of Black Excellence – Steering Committee, be referred to the Director of Education for a response.

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**16. Education Development Charge (EDC) By-law Renewal 2024**

Reviewing the report, Suzanne Blakeman, Manager of Planning and Enrolment, noted that Education Development Charges (EDCs) are a revenue source for qualifying school boards to purchase and develop land for new schools, or for the expansion of existing schools. EDCs are meant as a funding mechanism for boards that are experiencing growth-related accommodation needs. To renew EDC by-laws, school boards must follow certain processes and guidelines required by provincial legislation, including the review of policies, and the development of a Background Study. The Background Study outlines the rationale for site needs, and determines the education development charge. Suzanne Blakeman explained that the passage of an EDC By-law gives school boards the authority to impose and collect EDCs for the purpose of acquiring and developing school sites. She indicated that each By-law has a maximum term of 5 years, and Peel DSB's EDC By-law will expire on July 1, 2024. Planning staff are beginning the process of renewing the By-law for the next term, and will present a draft EDC By-law for review and approval in late May 2024.

PB-47 moved by Karla Bailey  
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the report re Education Development Charge (EDC) By-law Renewal 2024, be received.

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**17. Recirculation of Surplus Properties – Former Lakeview Park and Alton Public Schools**

Suzanne Blakeman noted that properties declared surplus to need by the Board are to be sold under Ontario Regulation 444/98, which states that, if after three and a half years, the surplus property has not been disposed of, the process has to be restarted. She indicated that the purpose of today's report is to advise that, in the next week or so, Planning staff will be recirculating letters of offer to public bodies for the former Lakeview Park and Alton Public Schools. The Committee will be provided with status updates as required. Noting the circumstances of the Alton School property, Chair Cameron requested that he be advised of any update to enable him to advise his community. In response to a trustee's question regarding substantial residential development in the Lakeview Park school neighbourhood, Suzanne Blakeman explained that the Lakeview Park site is approximately three acres, and will be insufficient to accommodate the number of students expected from that area.

PB-48 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal  
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the report re Recirculation of Surplus Properties – Former Lakeview Park and Alton Public Schools, be received.

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**18. Application Status Update**

Nick Gooding, Intermediate Planning Officer, noted that the report provide a list of development applications reviewed by Planning staff from the months of March and April of 2023. He stated that the anticipated number of students that will be generated have either been included in previous projections and sufficient school accommodation is in place, or they will be accommodated by new schools approved in the Annual Planning Document.

PB-49 moved by Jill Promoli  
seconded by Will Davies

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

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**19. Procurement Activity Report**

PB-50 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Karla Bailey

Resolved, that the Procurement Activity Report for April 2023, be received.

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**20. Vandalism Activity Report**

PB-51 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal  
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved that, the Vandalism Activity Report for March 2023, be received.

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**21. Delegation by Alton Brooks re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence**

Delegating the Committee, Alton Brooks requested that the Naming of Schools Policy be grandfathered to allow the Centre of Black Excellence to be named after Kola Iluyomade. He remarked that this will be a mindful way to recognize and honour the work of Kola Iluyomade. Commenting that a name conveys a story of the past and expectations for the future, Alton Brooks stated that the name would be a reminder of resilience and of overcoming resistance, and remarked that naming the Centre after Kola Iluyomade will be a positive way to commence on this new opportunity to help eliminate racism.



**21. Delegation by Alton Brooks, re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence (Continued)**

PB-52 moved by Karla Bailey  
seconded by Will Davies

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

That, the delegation by Alton Brooks re Naming of Centre of Black Excellence, be referred to the Director of Education for a response.

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**22. Adjournment**

PB-53 moved by Will Davies  
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (18:44 hours).

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..... Chair