

## **AGENDA**

## **Board Meeting**Wednesday, October 25, 2023

## 7 p.m. - Open Session

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## **AGENDA**

#### **Open Session**

#### Wednesday, October 25, 2023

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Motion to Convene in Closed Session 6:30 p.m.
- 3. National Anthem and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands 7 p.m.
- 4. Approval of Agenda
- 5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- 6. Celebrating Board Activities
  - 6.1. Board Activities
    - (a) Hindu Heritage Month November
    - (b) Indigenous Heritage Month November
    - (c) Indigenous Veterans Day November 8
    - (d) Remembrance Day November 11
    - (e) Workplace Bullying Awareness Week November 13-17
    - (f) World Children's Day November 20
- 7. Staff Recognition
  - 7.1. Retirements
- 8. Board Chair's Announcements
- 9. Director's Report
- 10. Report from Student Trustees
- 11. Reports from Trustees Appointed to External Organizations
- 12. Consent Agenda
- 13. Approval of Minutes from Previous Board and Special Board Meetings
  - 13.1 Minutes Board Meeting, September 27, 2023



## **AGENDA**

#### 14. Committee Minutes for Receipt and Motions for Consideration

- 14.1. Minutes Special Education Advisory Committee, June 13, 2023
- 14.2. Minutes Audit Committee, September 21, 2023
- 14.3. (a) Minutes Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee, October 3,2023
  - (b) Motions Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee, October 3,2023
- 14.4. (a) Minutes Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee, October 4, 2023
  (b) Motions Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee, October 4, 2023
- 14.5. Minutes Board and Committee Agenda Review Committee, October 5, 2023
- 15. Staff Reports/Reports
- 16. Communications
- 17. Trustee Motions/Motions for Consideration
- 18. Trustee Notices/Notices of Motions
- 19. Adoption of the Closed Session Report
- 20. School/Student/Staff Successes
- 21. Adjournment

# Celebrating Board Activities



## 6.1 Board Activities

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## Retirements

#### **Strategic Alignment:**

Plan for Student Success – Safe, positive, healthy climate/well-being

#### Report Type:

For Information

Prepared by: Masuma Khangura, Executive Officer, Human Resources, Partnerships and

Equity

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access

Submitted by: Rashmi Swarup, Director of Education

#### Regular Meeting of the Board

October 25, 2023

#### **RETIREMENTS**

CAMPBELL, Beth

Classroom Teacher

Effective: December 29, 2023

CHLON, Linda

**CUPE 1628** 

Effective: October 31, 2023

CHUNG, Jinsook

Office Assistant

Effective: October 13, 2023

COX, Linda

Office Assistant

Effective: December 31, 2023

DUFFENAIS, Janet

Classroom Teacher

Effective: October 31, 2023

HAYWARD, Daniel

Head Custodian

Effective: October 31, 2023

LUI, Raymond

Maintenance

Effective: January 31, 2024

MOREIRA, Guida

School Attendant

Effective: December 31, 2023

WHITENECT, Rina

Designated Early Childhood Educator

Effective: October 13, 2023

Regular Meeting of the Board

October 25, 2023

#### **RETIREMENTS**

YOUNG, Shirley Technical Support Specialist Effective: November 10, 2023

Minutes of a Board Meeting of the Peel District School Board, held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 18:00 hours. The hybrid meeting was held in the Board Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario, and by electronic means, under Ontario Regulation 463/97.

#### Members present:

David Green, Board Chair LeeAnn Cole, Board Vice-Chair Lucas Alves Karla Bailey Susan Benjamin Jeffrey Clark Will Davies
Satpaul Singh Johal
Brad MacDonald
Kathy McDonald (electronic)
Jill Promoli

Member absent: (apologies received)

Stan Cameron

#### Student Trustees:

Srishti Sekhri, Student Trustee North Ammar Alian, Student Trustee South (electronic)

#### Administration:

Rashmi Swarup, Director of Education

Harjit Aujla, Acting Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity, Leadership, Innovation and Safe Schools

Paul da Silva, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity, Special Education, Social Emotional Learning and Well-Being

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access

Camille Logan, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity, Curriculum and Instruction, Student and Community Engagement

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services

Alvin Au, Acting Superintendent of Education

Dahlia Battick, Acting Superintendent of Education

Craig Caslick, Superintendent of Education

Yonnette Dey, Superintendent of Education

Wendy Dobson, Acting Controller, Corporate Support Services

Soni Gill, Superintendent of Education

Tiffany Gooch, Executive Lead, Public Engagement and Communications

Atheia Grant, Acting Superintendent of Education

Leslie Grant, Superintendent of Education

Antoine Haroun, Chief Information Officer, Learning Technology Support Services Lisa Hart, Superintendent of Equity, Indigenous Education, School Engagement and Community Relations

Masuma Khangura, Executive Officer, Human Resources, Partnerships and Equity Lisa Leoni, Superintendent, Leadership, Capacity Building and School Partnerships

#### Administration:

Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer

Luke Mahoney, Superintendent of Education

Ozma Masood, Superintendent of Education

Neerja Punjabi, Superintendent of Education

Archana Ravichandradeva, Acting Executive Lead, Human Rights

Claudine Scuccato, Superintendent Special Education, Social Emotional Learning and Well-Being

Pradeep Shethur-Rajah, Acting Superintendent - Math Lead

Bernadette Smith, Superintendent, Innovation and Research

Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent, Safe and Caring Schools

Thomas Tsung, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Sabrina Valleau, Governance Coordinator

Kervin White, Superintendent of Education

Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Nicole Fernandes, Board Reporter

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair David Green called the meeting to order at 18:10 hours.

#### 2. Closed Session

Resolution No. 23-168 moved by Susan Benjamin

seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Board move into Closed Session (18:10 hours).

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The meeting recessed at 19:05 hours and recovened at 19:10 hours.

#### 3. National Anthem and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

A video of the singing of the National Anthem and reciting of the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was shown.

#### 4. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 23-169 moved by LeeAnn Cole

seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

#### 5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### 6. Celebrating Board Activities

The following events will be recognized or celebrated by the Board in October 2023:

- (a) Child Abuse Prevention Month
- (b) Cyber Security Awareness Month
- (c) International Walk to School Month
- (d) Islamic Heritage Month
- (e) LatinX Heritage Month
- (f) Learning Disabilities Month
- (g) Women's History Month

#### 7. Staff Recognition: Retirements

Vice-Chair Cole expressed appreciation to retiring staff for their years of service, dedication, and commitment to Peel DSB, and wished them well in their retirement.

Resolution No. 23-170 moved by Jill Promoli

seconded by Karla Bailey

Resolved, that the following retirements be received:

Siham Botros Julie Jonkers-Bordonali Fariba Naderi Barbara Elvidge Kubra Kapasi-Khandwala Kelly Piparo Helen Evans Julianne Mar Tom Simpson Suzanne Gill Mary Marcuz Jennifer Sloan Tammie Head Bob McGirr Jose Vale

Dorothea Helmer Dragica Mrkonjic Elyzabeth Wegierak

Paul Johnstone

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#### 8. Minutes of Board Meetings

Referring to Item 18, Safe and Caring Schools Plan, a trustee noted his request for a report on the number of violent incidents in the past five years which needed medical attention, relating to suspensions and expulsions. Chair Green confirmed that he will ask staff to bring an update to the next meeting on the time it will take to prepare a report to respond to the request.

Resolution No. 23-171 moved by Susan Benjamin seconded by Jeffrey Clark

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Board Meeting, held August 23, 2023, be approved.

## 9. Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, September 7, 2023

Resolution No. 23-172 moved by Will Davies seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, held September 7, 2023, be received.

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#### 10. Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, September 13, 2023

Resolution No. 23-173 moved by Brad MacDonald seconded by Karla Bailey

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, held September 13, 2023, be received.

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## 11. Motions for Consideration: Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, September 13, 2023

The Board approved the recommendations arising from the Governance and Policy Committee meeting, held September 13, 2023.

#### 1. Social Media Policy

Resolution No. 23-174 moved by Brad MacDonald seconded by Lucas Alves

Resolved, that the revised Social Media Policy, be approved and replace the existing Social Media Policy. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee meeting)

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#### 2. Excursions Policy

Resolution No. 23-175 moved by Susan Benjamin seconded by LeeAnn Cole

Resolved, that the Excursions Policy, be approved and replace the existing Policy 17, Excursions. (Appendix II, as attached to the Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee meeting)

## 11. Motions for Consideration: Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, September 13, 2023 (Continued)

#### 3. Trustee Honoraria Policy

Resolution No. 23-176 moved by Satpaul Singh Johanl seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the revised Trustee Honoraria Policy pertaining to the year November 15, 2023 – November 14, 2024, be approved effective November 15, 2023, and that Policy 72 – Trustee Honoraria pertaining to the period December 1, 2022 to November 14, 2023, be repealed. (Appendix III, as attached to the Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee meeting)

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#### 4. Policy #71 Video Surveillance (Security Cameras in Schools/Sites)

Resolution No. 23-177 moved by LeeAnn Cole seconded by Lucas Alves

Resolved, that the Video Surveillance Policy (formerly Security Cameras in Schools), be approved. (Appendix IV, as attached to the Minutes of the Governance and Policy Committee meeting)

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#### 5. Motion by Trustee Bailey re Student Transportation

Resolution No. 23-178 moved by Karla Bailey seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Whereas, the Peel District School Board has a policy regarding transportation (Policy 39);

And whereas, Transportation Policy 39 specifically provides that transportation shall not be provided to Regional Learning Choices programs;

And whereas, Peel families have made requests to the Peel DSB to provide student transportation to Regional Learning Choices programs;

Therefore be it resolved, that staff report with a review of Transportation Policy 39 and the Regional Learning Choices Program Policy 64 in relation to student transportation and possible solutions starting in the 2024-2025 school year;

And further, that the Peel DSB work with STOPR to propose updates to the eligibility requirements for student transportation to be included in the report;

And further, that the report include estimated budget impacts of the inclusion of student transportation options for Regional Learning Choices programs;

## 11. Motions for Consideration: Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, September 13, 2023 (Continued)

#### 5. Motion by Trustee Bailey re Student Transportation (Continued)

And further, that the report come back to a future meeting of the Governance and Policy Committee.

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#### 12. Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+ Action Plan

Camille Logan, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity, Curriculum and Instruction, Student and Community Engagement, noted that the report is in response to a Board resolution to develop a Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Action Plan. The Action Plan is a living document, and is designed to demonstrate the Board's commitment to human rights and to create inclusive learning and working environments, free from systemic forms of discrimination. Noting that the Action Plan is recommended for Board approval, Lisa Hart, Superintendent of Equity, Indigenous Education, School Engagement and Community Relations, provided an overview of the report. She stated that the Action Plan is intended to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of all students, and to enhance the system's response to Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ students and staff, by addressing areas of concerns and fostering improvement, informed by consultations with Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ students, staff, family and community. The Plan is a commitment to work towards creating identity affirming spaces that uphold human rights, and outlines key actions in five categories: education and professional learning; working and learning environments; mental health and sense of belonging; community engagement; responsive hiring and workplace equity. The Plan will respond to ongoing consultation and communication with stakeholders, especially those who identify as Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+. Superinendent Hart thanked all those who shared their personal narratives and experiences, which were crucial in developing the Action Plan.

Resolution No. 23-179 moved by Jill Promoli seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+ Action Plan, be approved. (APPENDIX I, Item 15.1 of the Agenda).

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Trustees speaking thanked staff for their work on the Action Plan. The administration confirmed that the Pride Employee Resource Group was involved in the development of the Plan. Regarding measurement of progress and success over time, it was clarified that Human Resources staff have identified metrics that will support the work in hiring and workplace equity. In regard to separating the terms Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+, Superintendent Hart responded that staff engaged with the Indigenous Education team, who had discussed this with community partners including the Two Spirit community. Providing a definition of Two Spirit, she noted that it applies to only those of Indigenous heritage.

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#### 12. Two Spirit & LGBTQIA+ Action Plan (Continued)

In response to a question on community involvement, Associate Director Logan advised that the Action Plan will engage with stakeholders who predominantly identify with the specific community, and individuals who have been negatively impacted. She stated that, as work continues on the Action Plan, there will be several opportunities for individuals to provide feedback. The definition of CIS will be added to the glossary of terms. A suggestion for wider community involvement was taken under advisement, and staff will report back with details of survey participants, and those who were consulted in developing the Plan.

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Resolution No. 23-180	moved by Will Davies seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal	
Resolved, that Resolution No trustees' questions.	o. 23-179 be deferred, to enable staff to bring	back responses to
Director Swarup confirmed th	nat staff will review the questions and provided	d responses.
Resolution No. 23-180		defeated
Resolution No. 23-179		carried
Adoption of the Closed Sea	ssion Report	
Resolution No. 23-181	moved by Susan Benjamin seconded by Brad MacDonald	
August 23, 2023; Minutes of Meeting, September 7, 2023 Building Committee (Closed)	he Closed Session re: Minutes of the Board Methe Physical Planning, Finance and Building Germanning, Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning Meeting, September 7, 2023, and Elementary of the recommendations contained therein be	Committee (Closed) g, Finance and y Vice-Principal
		carried
Adjournment		
Resolution No. 23-182	moved by Lucas Alves seconded by Karla Bailey	
Resolved, that the meeting a	djourn (19:55 hours).	
	Chair	Secretary

#### **RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN CLOSED SESSION, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

#### Members present:

David Green, Board Chair LeeAnn Cole, Board Vice-Chair Lucas Alves Karla Bailey Susan Benjamin Jeffrey Clark Will Davies
Satpaul Singh Johal
Brad MacDonald
Kathy McDonald (electronic)
Jill Promoli

Member absent: (apologies received)

Stan Cameron

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

#### 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting (Closed), August 23, 2023

That, the Minutes of the Board Meeting (Closed), held August 23, 2023, be approved.

## 3. Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee (Closed) Meeting, September 7, 2023

That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee (Closed) meeting, held September 7, 2023, be received.

## 4. Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee (Closed) Meeting, September 7, 2023

That, the following recommendation arising from the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting (Closed Session), held September 7, 2023, be approved:

## 1. Artificial Surface Track and Field at Corsair Public School and Camilla Road Senior Public School

That, staff enter into an agreement with Community Sports Partners, regarding the artificial surface track and field at Corsair Public School and Camilla Road Senior Public School, Mississauga. (Appendix I, attached to the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee meeting (Closed))

#### 5. Elementary Vice-Principal Appointment

That, the following appointment be received:

The following elementary vice-principal appointment is a promotion, effective October 1, 2023:

Stephanie Robbs, Acting Vice-Principal, Kingswood Drive Public School to Vice-Principal, Kingswood Drive Public School.

Minutes of a meeting of the Special Education Advisory 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 Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 19:12 hours.

#### Members present:

Jennifer Knight, Easter Seals Ontario
Susan Benjamin, Trustee
Nicole Buckett, Fragile X Research Foundation of Canada
Barbara Cyr, Association for Bright Children, Peel Chapter
Jassie Gill, Ontario Parents of Visually Impaired Children
Lee Ann Mallett, Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region
Dorothy Peddie, FASworld Canada, Peel Chapter
Satpaul Singh Johal, Trustee
Ann Smith, Brampton-Caledon Community Living
Mary Wright, Down Syndrome Association of Peel

#### Members absent:

Shelley Foster, VOICE for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, Chair Fauzia Reza, Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter, Vice-Chair Jeffrey Clark, Trustee Paula Hall, Sawubona Africentric Circle of Support

#### Administration:

Jennifer Newby, Superintendent, Special Education, Social Emotional Learning and Well-Being (Executive Member)
Paul da Silva, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity, Special Education, Social Emotional Learning and Well Being
Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer

Temi Adeniyi, Board Reporter

#### 1. Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement video was played.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

In the absence of Chair Shelley Foster and Vice-Chair Fauzia Reza, Jennifer Knight chaired the meeting.

SE-49 moved by Barbara Cyr seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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#### 3. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### 4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, May 16, 2023

SE-50 moved by Jassie Gill seconded by Mary Wright

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held May 16, 2023, be approved.

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#### 5. Written Questions, Notices of Motion, and Petitions

There were no written questions, notices of motion, or petitions.

#### 6. Superintendent's Report

Jennifer Newby, Superintendent, Special Education, Social Emotional Learning and Well-Being, reported on the monitoring of Education and Community Partnerships Programs (ECPP) in 2022-2023, from February-May 2023. She highlighted the objectives of the monitoring process conducted by the Ministry of Education, including confirming accuracy of information submitted to the Ministry, implementing ministry policies, addressing issues, and gathering feedback from stakeholders. The Superintendent mentioned that the process was concluded for this year, with remaining focus group discussions scheduled with volunteer staff members. She confirmed that a brief overview of the ECPP monitoring process can be shared at a future meeting.

In terms of professional development, Jennifer Newby reported that department staff, as part of the commitment to justice, anti-ablism, care and knowledge building, participated in a webinar focused on approaches to Special Education recommendations within the Right to Read report. Future professional learning sessions are planned on Right to Read, teaching and learning in mathematics, and dealing with trauma and behaviour challenges.

#### 7. Superintendent's Report (continued)

Regarding summer programs, Jennifer Newby advised that the Ministry provided funding for Camp Possible, a virtual summer camp program open to Peel students from Grade 1 to age 21. The program aims to support students who have had special education support during the school year. Additionally, the After School Skills Development Programs (ASSDP) for students with autism will also run during the summer and provide programs to students and families for four weeks in July and August.

Jennifer Newby advised that the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) brochure, which was delayed due to vacancies in membership, will be updated and posted on the Special Education webpage. Copies will also be available for distribution to parents and community members. She expressed gratitude to SEAC members for their active engagement during the school year and looked forward to continuing the partnership in the future.

Responding to a member's questions, Janet Jakowski, Coordinating Principal Social Emotional Learning, reported that registration for Camp Possible is expected to open soon, and details on the camp will be posted on the Peel DSB website under the summer learning section, along with communication to staff. It was clarified that the ASSDP is specifically for students with autism, while the Camp Possible program is open to all students and does not require an autism identification or Individual Education Plan (IEP).

SE-51 moved by Susan Benjamin seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Superintendent's Report (oral), be received.

#### 8. Special Education Parent Concern Process

A member asked about including trustee contact information in the process document. Another member spoke of the need to ensure parents are aware of the appropriate steps and have a clear understanding of involving trustees as a last resort for their concerns. Superintendent Newby outlined the purpose of the process document and confirmed that Trustees' contact information will be included in the SEAC brochure. A member expressed the need for a timeline guideline in the process document to address concerns raised by parents. Jennifer Newby clarified that the document includes a response time of 48 hours.

<u>SE-52</u> moved by Satpaul Singh Johal seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the report re Special Education Parent Concern Process, be received.

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9.	Special Educ	ation Social Emotional Learning Organization Ch	art
	<u>SE-53</u>	moved by Susan Benjamin seconded by Barbara Cyr	
	Resolved, tha Chart, be rece	t the report re Special Education Social Emotional Le eived.	arning Organization
			carried
10.	The ASD Ban	d – Event Invitation	
	<u>SE-54</u>	moved by Satpaul Singh Johal seconded by Nicole Buckett	
	Resolved, tha	t the report re ASD Band-Event Invitation, be receive	ed.
			carried
11.	Updating the	Special Education Plan	
	<u>SE-55</u>	moved by Dorothy Peddie seconded by Barbara Cyr	
	Resolved, tha	t the report re Updating the Special Education Plan, b	oe received.
			carried
12.	Special Educ	eation Programs and Services – 2023–2024	
	<u>SE-56</u>	moved by Dorothy Peddie seconded by Nicole Buckett	
	Resolved, tha received.	t the report re Special Education Programs and Servi	ices – 2023-2024, be
			carried
13.	Placement C	hart	
	<u>SE-57</u>	moved by Nicole Buckett seconded by Dorothy Peddie	
	Resolved, tha	t the report re Placement Chart, be received.	
			carried

#### 14. SEAC Section Placement by Exceptionality – Draft

SE-58 moved by Dorothy Peddie seconded by Mary Wright

Resolved, that the report re SEAC Section Placement by Exceptionality – Draft, be received.

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#### 15. Special Education Plan – Review of Section E and Amendments

SE-59 moved by Dorothy Peddie seconded by Mary Wright

Resolved, that the report re Special Education Plan – Review of Section E and Amendments, be received.

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#### 16. Special Education Plan Presentation

George Soultanidis, Coordinating Principal Special Education, reviewed the Special Education Plan, highlighting that the General Learning Disability Classes (GLD), and Vocational 2 placement are also being phased out, with the last year scheduled for 2025-2026. For gifted identification, the Naglieri General Abilities Test (NGAT) was piloted; however, some students were identified only using Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) scores due to pandemic-related issues. In the 2023-2024 processes, the NGAT will be fully implemented, providing a more universal and culturally responsive approach to identifying giftedness. Common identification processes were noted, and it is recommended that identification of language impairment in elementary school will be paused, and for secondary school, identification will be used to access a Vocational 1 pathway leading to an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC). Nora Green, Special Education Coordinator, presented amendments to the Special Education Plan highlighting the increase in Special Education Sections for students with Developmental Disabilities. and a reallocation of Educational Assistant resources from elementary to secondary schools. The potential impacts of Student Success Funding were discussed, including the allocation of resources to In-School Support Program Teachers, Learning Strategies 1 & 2 sections, Vocational 1, Contact, and Special Education sections. She explained that the changes to Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP) allocation, including Psychoeducational Consultants, and Speech and Language Pathologists aim to improve the support and services provided to students with special education needs. Information on trends in special education enrollment was provided.

Responding to members' questions and clarifications, the administration explained pilot testing of three subtests, and that verbal and non-verbal subtests were more helpful in achieving equitable outcomes, with the NGAT verbal subtest providing most proportionate results.

#### 16. Special Education Plan Presentation (Continued)

Clarification was provided regarding: all students who met the threshold on the verbal scale also met the threshold for the nonverbal scale; the Board will most likely move forward with administering the verbal and nonverbal tests as the two selected tests; the timeline for administering NGAT is likely to be similar to CCAT; NGAT allows English language learners to fully participate regardless of language proficiency; support and accommodations are provided to visually impaired students to ensure a fair testing experience and includes students with vision needs, color blindness, and depth perception challenges.

Members expressed concern about the decline in funding, teacher's burnout, reduction in support for student needs, elimination of inclusion coaches due to removal of School Support Funds, and communications with parents about withdrawal of support. Further clarification was provided on: budget process; special programs coordinators transitioning to the general model will allow them to use their expertise with physical and development disabilities as well as with students having multiple exceptionalities; rationale for moving Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs) to the Assistive Technology Resource Teachers (ATRTs); staffing process and filling vacant positions. A breakdown by grade or elementary, junior, and secondary data on exceptionalities was requested. The administration and members discussed significant overspending on special education, the need to achieve a sustainable funding framework to support student needs, and the importance of advocacy for special education funding. The Committee discussed at length the need for parents to be aware of SEAC associations to better advocate for their children's needs.

SE-60 moved by Mary Wright seconded by Dorothy Peddie

Resolved.

- (i) That the Special Education Plan Presentation, be received.
- (ii) That, staff bring a report on a proposed plan and necessary procedures to ensure more effective communication to parents, and awareness, of the purpose and work of SEAC, which may include, but is not limited to newsletters, website, and administrator training.

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#### 17. Motion / Action Log

SE-61 moved by Dorothy Peddie seconded by Barbara Cyr

Resolved, that the report re Motion/Action Log, be received.

June 13, 2023 Special Education Advisory Committee:ta

18.	Adjournment		
	<u>SE-62</u>	moved by Satpaul Singh Johal seconded by Susan Benjamin	
	Resolved, that	t the meeting adjourn. (21:19 hours) ca	arried

Minutes of a meeting of the Audit 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, September 21, 2023, at 14:30 hours.

#### Members present:

Will Davies, Chair Stan Cameron (electronic) Pradeep Sinha, Vice Chair (electronic)

#### Members absent:

Aine Sachdev Lucas Alves

#### Also present:

Paula Hatt, Senior Manager, Regional Internal Audit Team (electronic)

#### Administration:

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access (Executive Member)
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services (Executive Back-up Member)
Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer
Renée Lucas, Senior Internal Auditor

Temi Adeniyi, Board Reporter

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Davies called the meeting to order.

#### 2. Audit Committee (Closed Session)

AC-19 moved by Pradeep Sinha seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the Committee move into the Closed Session (14:30 hours).

The meeting recessed at 15:19 hours and reconvened into Open Session at 15:22 hours.

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

moved by Pradeep Sinha AC-20 seconded by Stan Cameron Resolved, that the report of the Closed Session re Internal Audit Services Summary, Evaluation of External Auditors' Performance, Evaluation of Regional Internal Audit - Audit Committee, Audit Committee Self-Assessment, and PDSB-COVID Device Distribution and Legislative Compliance reports, be received. ..... carried **Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands** The video on the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was viewed. **Approval of Agenda** moved by Stan Cameron AC-21 seconded by Pradeep Sinha Resolved, that the agenda be approved. ..... carried **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** There were no declarations of conflict of interest. Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, June 8, 2023 AC-22 moved by Pradeep Sinha seconded by Stan Cameron Resolved, that the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting, held June 8, 2023, be approved.

#### 8. Audit Committee Work Plan

Controller of Finance Support Services, Tania Alatishe-Charles, stated that the Work Plan covers requirements under Ontario Regulation 361/10 for Audit Committees. She reviewed the report and provided updates on the main areas, including internal controls, reports from the Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT), minimum number of meetings annually, and update reports for 2023.

AC-23 moved by Pradeep Sinha seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the report re Audit Committee Work Plan, be received.

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#### 9. Audit Planning Report for the year ended August 31, 2023

External Auditor, Marcus Sconci, referred to the Letter of Engagement in the report. He provided a comprehensive update on key audit timeline dates and critical audit-related information, which include the completion of planning and interim fieldwork in July, 2023, upcoming final fieldwork on October 10, 2023, and presentations to the Committee scheduled for November 14, 2023. He stated that multiple meetings were held with management throughout the process. He reviewed the auditors' responsibilities for financial statements and fraud considerations, advising that there are no known instances of fraud at this time.

Marcus Sconci highlighted significant risks related to information technology, grants revenue and receivable, and management's override of controls, which are standard concerns raised annually. Other areas of audit focus included: payroll; capital asset acquisitions and materiality; Bill 124 - protecting a sustainable public sector for future generations Act and adoption of PS 3280; asset retirement obligations. He advised that auditors are awaiting guidance from the Auditor General's office on how to address Bill 124, which impacts all school boards. Marcus Sconci reported on the new accounting standard related to asset retirement obligations, specifically focusing on asbestos in old buildings. He stated that the accounting standard requires school boards to estimate and accrue the future costs associated with the remediation of asbestos in older buildings. Additionally, management must determine the expected remediation date and other inputs to calculate liability in the financial statements. This new standard is expected to have a significant impact on financial statements. The audit approach was explained, and recommended resources for Audit Committee were reviewed.

AC-24 moved by Stan Cameron seconded by Pradeep Sinha

Resolved, that the Audit Planning Report (BDO), be received.

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#### 10. PDSB Regional Internal Audit Update and Annual Report

Senior Manager, Regional Internal Audit Team, Paula Hatt, presented the schedule of the Internal Audit Plan for 2023-2024. Reviewing the report, she noted the planned engagements and the annual report. She reported on the completion of two out of three outstanding engagements from previous years, with the Guidance Counselor audit deferred until the fall. She advised on the follow-up activities, the goal to conduct a minimum of two follow-up engagements at each board, and an ongoing transportation follow-up. She reported on the inclusion of cybersecurity and recruiting and hiring and retention engagements in the current year's plan based on a risk assessment.

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<u>AC-25</u>	moved by Pradeep Sinha seconded by Stan Cameron
Resolved, that	the Internal Audit Plan for 2023-2024, be received.
	carried
Adjournment	
Auditor, Renee	rlo Avolio, Internal Auditor will be leaving the Peel DSB, Senior Internal Lucas extended her appreciation for his work, and dedication to the Peel Board, while extending best wishes for his future endeavors.
<u>AC-26</u>	moved by Stan Cameron seconded by Pradeep Sinha
Resolved, that	the meeting adjourn (15:46 hours).
	carried

Minutes of a meeting of the Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee of the Peel District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 17:30 hours. The hybrid meeting was held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario, and by electronic means, under Ontario Regulation 463/97.

Members present:

Also present:

Susan Benjamin, Chair Jill Promoli, Vice-Chair (electronic) Lucas Alves (electronic) Stan Cameron (electronic) Jeffrey Clark (electronic) David Green (Ex-officio) (electronic) Karla Bailey Will Davies

Members absent:

LeeAnn Cole Kathy McDonald

#### Administration:

Camille Logan, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity, Curriculum and Instruction, Student and Community Engagement (Executive Member)

Rasulan Hoppie, Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (Back-Up Executive Member)

Claudine Scuccato, Superintendent – Special Education and Social Emotional Learning Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer

Temi Adeniyi, Board Reporter

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair, Susan Benjamin, called the meeting to order at 17:30 hours.

#### 2. Land Acknowledgement

A video of reciting of the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was shown.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

CESWB-24 moved by Jill Promoli seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

#### 4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### 5. Minutes of the Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee, May 8, 2023

<u>CESWB-25</u> moved by Stan Cameron seconded by Jeffrey Clark

That, the Minutes of the Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee, held May 8, 2023, be approved.

..... carried

#### 6. Delegation by Thomas Ellard, re the Peel District School Board's Library Audit

Thomas Ellard expressed his concerns about the removal of books from Peel DSB school libraries. He spoke of the significance of preserving books to children and society. While noting the potential consequences of weeding of books across all schools, he highlighted that it could result in significant book disposal, substantial financial losses, and impacting students' access to diverse ideas and educational materials. He commented on the lengthy timeframe it would take to repopulate the shelves and the negative impact of empty shelves on students' learning experiences. He requested that Board discontinue the weeding of books process as directed by the Ministry of Education; return books in good condition to libraries; collaborate with the Ministry for a better approach; engage the community through open consultation and approve a motion to discontinue the weeding process.

<u>CESWB-26</u> moved by Jill Promoli seconded by Jeffrey Clark

Resolved, that the Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee recommends to the Board:

That, staff bring a status report to the next Committee meeting on the library weeding and seeding process, and progress on Resolution No. 23-114 approved by the Board on May 24, 2023, regarding Delegation by Betty de Groot and John MacRae, on behalf of EcoCaledon, re Weeding of Books from School Libraries.

It was advised that staff ensure that the delegate receives notification when the report is returned to the Committee.

## 7. Delegation by Natasha Lakhani, re the Peel District School Board's French Immersion Selection Process

Natasha Lakhani presented on the French Immersion selection process, highlighting the need for evolution and change in process. She noted her concerns regarding the lottery system and commented that the system leads to inequalities among siblings within households and impacts long-term academic and emotional well-being. She expressed her opinion that the Board's planning process needs improvement to match the demand and suggested revising the lottery system to prioritize siblings or offer additional spots and providing multiple entries for siblings in the lottery. She noted the issues of supply of French language teachers and expressed a willingness to participate in finding solutions to these issues. Responding to trustees' clarification; Natasha Lakhani clarified that her intention is not to advocate for the need to consider the potential impact on siblings living within the same household when dealing with limited program spots, with the primary objective of ensuring that anyone who expresses a desire to access the program should have that opportunity.

CESWB-27 moved by Stan Cameron seconded by Lucas Alves

Resolved that the Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee recommends to the Board:

That administration brings back a report re the Peel District School Board's French Immersion Selection Process, responding to the concerns raised by the delegation.

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It was requested that the delegate receives notification when the report is returned to the Committee.

## 8. Delegation by Pam Schwartzberg and Jenn Stevens, re Learning for a Sustainable Future

Pam Schwartzberg, President, and CEO of Learning for a Sustainable Future (LSF), along with Jenn Stevens, Manager of Learning, Research and Programs, discussed LSF's role as a national charity dedicated to advancing sustainable development education within Canada's K-12 school systems. The presentation focused on sustainable development education in K-12 schools, emphasizing policies, teacher support, youth empowerment, and innovation. They highlighted the importance of empowering students to take action on climate change, particularly in light of the growing concerns around eco-anxiety and eco-grief among young people. Pam Schwartzberg requested that the Peel DSB declare a climate emergency, aligning with the commitments made by the municipalities of Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon and implementing a comprehensive action plan. She noted that LSF offers various resources and support to aid this initiative. Responding to Trustees' comments, the presenters explained the importance of empowering students with knowledge of climate change science and skills to act on them; the mental and physical health benefits of outdoor learning and nurturing a connection;

## 8. Delegation by Pam Schwartzberg and Jenn Stevens, re Learning for a Sustainable Future (continued)

they suggested providing adequate professional development and resources for teachers to enhance climate change education and commented that the survey revealed that parents did not express significant concerns about the inclusion of climate change education in the curriculum.

CESWB-28 moved by Stan Cameron seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved the Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee recommends to the Board:

That, the Delegation by Pam Schwartzberg and Jenn Stevens, re Learning for a Sustainable Future be referred to the Director of Education for a report to be brought back to the Committee.

 carried

It was advised that notification to be provided to the delegates regarding the report.

#### 9. PDSB Mental Health Strategy 2023-2026

Janet Jackowski, Senior Manager (Acting) Social-Emotional Learning, provided an overview of the mental health strategy and Year One action plan. The strategy has been developed collaboratively by the Mental Health Core Leadership team, the steering committee, and four advisory groups, which include students, staff, parents/caregivers, and community/faith leaders. The action plan will focus on: creating a sense of belonging in each classroom, with resources and learning opportunities designed to nurture identity-affirming and welcoming environments, including available learning for staff on trauma-informed approaches, which includes addressing racial trauma; mental health literacy and promotion, aligning with student mental health guidelines and working on implementing mental health literacy across all grades and subjects; building system capacity to understand that racism, ableism, homo/transphobia, classism, and other forms of discrimination impact the mental health and well-being of students, families, and staff. The Mental Health Strategy explicitly addresses the need for culturally relevant and responsive mental health support. Efforts have been made to hire mental health professionals who reflect the diverse backgrounds of students and families in Peel Region. Continuous efforts will be made to examine policies, procedures, and guidelines to integrate anti-oppressive practices, foster community partnerships, and remove barriers to care. Costs related to the strategy include training. promotional materials, and administrative expenses, while resources for educators are provided at no cost.

Responding to trustees' questions of clarification, it was noted that the report is for information purposes and will be conveyed to the Board through the meeting minutes, mental health supports are available to students through various professionals and services, including social workers, psychologists, and the Mental Health Resource Team and there is a plan in place to improve the efficiency of support systems and advocate for specialized identity-affirming counselling and healthcare services within the community.

#### 9. PDSB Mental Health Strategy 2023-2026 (continued)

CESWB-29	moved by Jeffery Clark seconded by Jill Promoli
Resolved, that the rep	oort re PDSB Mental Health Strategy 2023-2026, be received.
	carried

#### 10. **Summer Learning Programs Summary**

Rasulan Hoppie, Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, reported on the Peel District School Board's Summer Learning programs held in July and August. He explained that the programs cater to a wide range of students, offering diverse learning opportunities to enhance academic outcomes. They encompass various educational offerings, including summer school classes, day-school camps, and experiential programs, which enables students to earn credits, acquire new knowledge, and develop transferable skills essential for their educational journey beyond high school. He noted that to ensure equitable access, the Board conducted 22 programs at more than 35 elementary and secondary schools across the district. Additionally, valuable partnerships were established with post-secondary institutions like the University of Toronto Mississauga, York University, Centennial College, Seneca College, Sheridan College, and Humber College. These partnerships include credit-bearing programs that enhance students' foundational skills for post-secondary education by exposing them to campus life and interaction with university or college students, faculty, and staff. The report highlights several program successes, serving over 16,000 students ranging from K-12 to adult learners during the summer months. Rasulan Hoppie commented that Peel DSB aims to enhance access and establish further partnerships to improve student achievement, experiences, and opportunities, to acquire the necessary skills for their educational journey from elementary school to post-secondary education. Trustees commended the achievements of summer learning programs and encouraged the continued good work.

CESWB-30	moved by Lucas Alves seconded by Jeffery Clark
Resolved, that the re	eport re Summer Learning Programs Summary, be received.
	carried

October 3, 2023 Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee:ta

Adjournment

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CESWB-31	moved by Stan Cameron seconded Lucas Alves		
Resolved, that the meeting	adjourn (19:55 hours).		
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## MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: CURRICULUM, EQUITY AND STUDENT WELL-BEING COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Curriculum, Equity and Student Well-Being Committee, held October 3, 2023, the following recommendation is brought for Board approval:

#### 1. Delegation by Thomas Ellard, re the Peel District School Board's Library Audit

That, staff bring a status report to the next Committee meeting on the library weeding and seeding process, and progress on Resolution No. 23-114 approved by the Board on May 24, 2023, regarding Delegation by Betty de Groot and John MacRae, on behalf of EcoCaledon, re Weeding of Books from School Libraries.

## 2. Delegation by Natasha Lakhani, re the Peel District School Board's French Immersion Selection Process

That, administration brings back a report re the Peel District School Board's French Immersion Selection Process, responding to the concerns raised by the delegation.

## 3. Delegation by Pam Schwartzberg and Jenn Stevens, re Learning for a Sustainable Future

That, the Delegation by Pam Schwartzberg and Jenn Stevens, re Learning for a Sustainable Future be referred to the Director of Education for a report to be brought back to the Committee.

Submitted by:

Camille Logan

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, October 4, 2023, at 17:30 hours.

Members present:

Also present:

Susan Benjamin

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

#### Administration:

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access (Executive Member)
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Wendy Dobson, Acting Controller, Corporate Support Services
Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Nicole Fernandes, Board Reporter

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Stan Cameron called the meeting to order at 17:30 hours.

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

<u>PB-64</u> moved by Satpaul Singh Johal seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the Committee move into the Closed Session (17:30 hours).

The meeting recessed at 17:50 hours and reconvened into Open Session at 18:00 hours.

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

<u>PB-65</u> moved by Will Davies seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the report of the Closed Session re: Report on Tenders: Mount Pleasant #9 Public School, Brampton, and Procurement Activity Report for August 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

<u>PB-66</u> moved by Brad MacDonald seconded by Will Davies

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 the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, September 7, 2023

<u>PB-67</u> moved by Satpaul Singh Johal seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, held September 7, 2023, be approved.

..... carried

#### 8. Report on Tenders: Mount Pleasant #9 Public School, Brampton

Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, reviewed the administrative recommendation to award the construction of Mount Pleasant #9 Public School to Quad Pro Construction Inc. in the amount of \$ 32,970,010 (including HST). This Kindergarten-Grade 8 school will have a capacity of 850 student spaces and a childcare centre with 73 spaces.

#### 8. Report on Tenders: Mount Pleasant #9 Public School, Brampton (Continued)

Controller Wright reported that Quad Pro Construction Inc. have successfully completed Peel DSB projects, and are currently completing construction of Malala Yousefzai Public School. He advised about the need to expedite construction of the project, and expected student occupancy in September 2025.

PB-68 moved by Will Davies

seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

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

That, the contract for the construction of Mount Pleasant #9 Public School be awarded to Quad Pro Construction Inc., in the amount of \$ 32,970,010 (including HST).

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#### 9. Application Status Update

Intermediate Planning Officer, Nick Gooding, stated that the report provides information on development applications reviewed by Planning and Accommodation staff during the month of August 2023. A trustee commented on an application for development in the Town of Caledon which does not indicate the number and type of units being constructed. It was noted that this information could be provided later by the developer.

PB-69 moved by Karla Bailey

seconded by Jill Promoli

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

..... carried

#### 10. Procurement Activity Report - August 2023

PB-70 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal

seconded by Brad MacDonald

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

..... carried

#### 11. Vandalism Activity Report – June 2023

Acting Controller of Corporate Support Services, Wendy Dobson, noted that the report outlines details of vandalism in June 2023. She stated that there was a significant increase in vandalism activity during the summer months. Responding to a question about investigation of the incidents, she reported that there is additional security at Board locations experiencing increased or repetitious vandalism activity. She advised that the lack of personnel in schools is a primary cause for increased vandalism during the summer months, and that staff do not identify vandals in the event they are apprehended as these are police matters. A trustee spoke of safety concerns due to students using electric scooters on school property. Controller Dobson stated that the principal of the school can be contacted to report safety issues.

	<u>PB-71</u>	moved by Karla Bailey seconded by Jill Promoli		
	Resolved, that	the Vandalism Report for June 2023, be received.		
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12.	Adjournment			
	<u>PB-72</u>	moved by Will Davies seconded by Brad MacDonald		
	Resolved, that	the meeting adjourn (18:20 hours).		
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**Board Meeting** 

October 25, 2023

# MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: PHYSICAL PLANNING, FINANCE AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Arising from a meeting of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee, held October 4, 2023, the following recommendation is brought for Board approval:

#### 1. Report on Tenders: Mount Pleasant #9 Public School, Brampton

That, the contract for the construction of Mount Pleasant #9 Public School be awarded to Quad Pro Construction Inc., in the amount of \$32,970,010 (including HST). (APPENDIX I)

Submitted by:

Jaspal Gill
Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access



Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, October 4, 2023

# Report on Tenders: Mount Pleasant #9 Public School, Brampton

#### **Strategic Alignment:**

This report is aligned with the board's strategic plan goal of building safe, positive, and healthy climates for learning and working to nurture student and staff sell-being.

#### **Report Type:**

Recommendation

Prepared by: Randy Wright, Controller, Planning & Accommodation

Submitted by: Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access

Chief Operating Officer

## **Overview**

#### Recommendation:

That the board approve the award of the contract for the construction of Mount Pleasant #9 Public School to Quad Pro Construction Inc. in the amount of \$32,970,010 (including HST).

#### **Highlights:**

The new Mount Pleasant #9 P.S. will be an 850-student capacity K-Grade 8 school including a Child Care Centre with a capacity for 73 children.

#### School

- 29 regular classrooms
- 8 kindergarten classrooms
- 1 seminar room
- Administration, Library & Gymnasium

#### **Child Care Centre**

- 1 infant room (10 spaces)
- 1 toddler room (15 spaces)
- 2 pre-school rooms (48 spaces)

#### **Background:**

On Wednesday, August 23, 2023, tenders for the construction of Mount Pleasant #9 P.S. were received from the following prequalified General Contractors:

- 1. Quad Pro Construction Inc.
- 2. Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd.
- 3. Tambro Construction Ltd.
- 4. Maystar General Contracting
- 5. Percon Construction Ltd.
- 6. CorBuild Construction Ltd.

Quad Pro Construction Inc. have successfully completed the construction of a major renovation at T.L. Kennedy S.S., a child care centre at Hickory Wood P.S., and are currently completing the construction of Malala Yousafzai P.S for the Peel District School Board. They have also constructed the new Mayfield West Catholic Elementary School, Caledon for Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board and the Harmony Public School, Corbyville, Hastings & Prince Edward School Board.

On September 15, 2023, the Ministry of Education issued a Revised Approval-to-Proceed that includes the capital funding to proceed with the project.

MC Architects and PDSB Purchasing Services, having examined the bids recommend that Quad Pro Construction Inc., be awarded the contract to construct the Mount Pleasant #9 P.S.

# **Evidence**

#### Findings/Key Considerations:

The new Mount Pleasant # 9 P.S. will address accommodation need in the Mount Pleasant community in Brampton as evidenced in the Annual Planning Document 2021/22 approved by the board December 2021.

# **Impact Analysis**

#### **Board or Ministry Policy Alignment:**

The project is aligned with the Ministry and Board objectives to provide safe, adequate pupil accommodation.

#### **Resource/Financial Implications:**

The project is expected to require the attention of Design & Construction Department staff for a two-year period (from start of construction to student occupancy). The project will require close monitoring of construction progress and payments to ensure total expenditures do not exceed Ministry approved funding.

# **Next Steps**

#### **Action Required:**

Letter of Intent addressed to the successful contractor and contract award of project before expiry of fixed price period. Start of construction before winter conditions.

#### **Communications:**

Ministry of Education requires site signage notifying local residents, parents and members of the public of the Ministry's funding for and the Peel District School Board's construction of the Mount Pleasant #9 P.S.

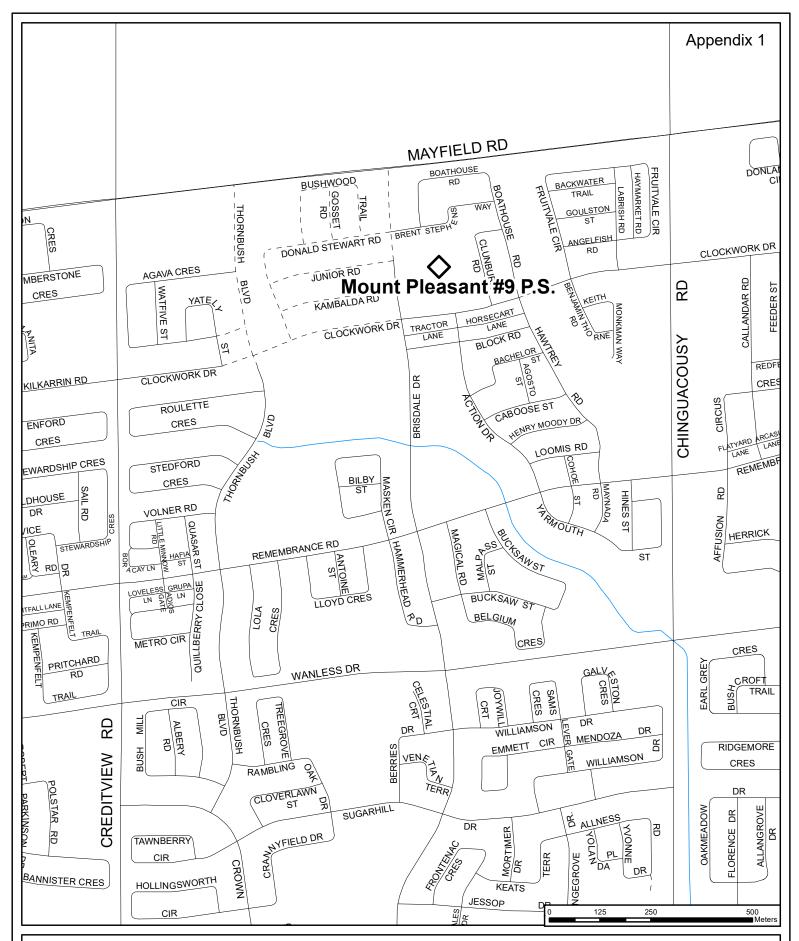
# **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Map

Appendix 2 – Site Plan

Appendix 3 – Floor Plans

Appendix 4 – Elevation



Mount Pleasant #9 P.S. School Location

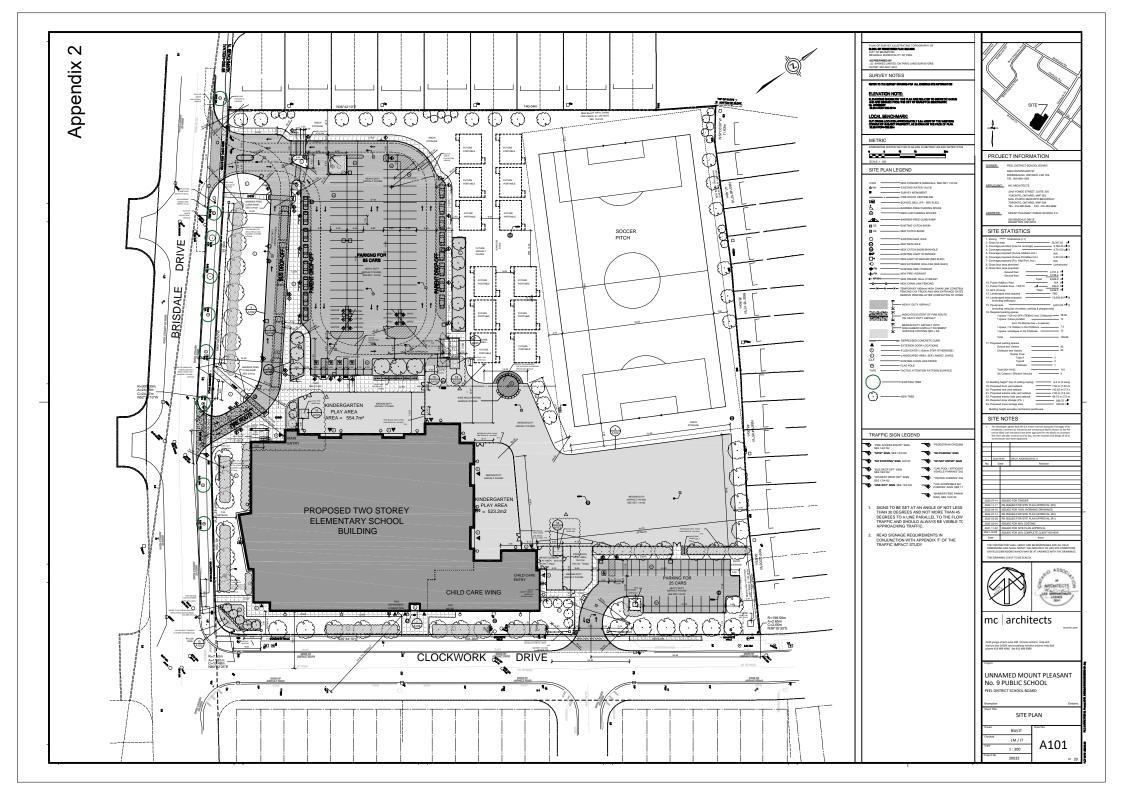


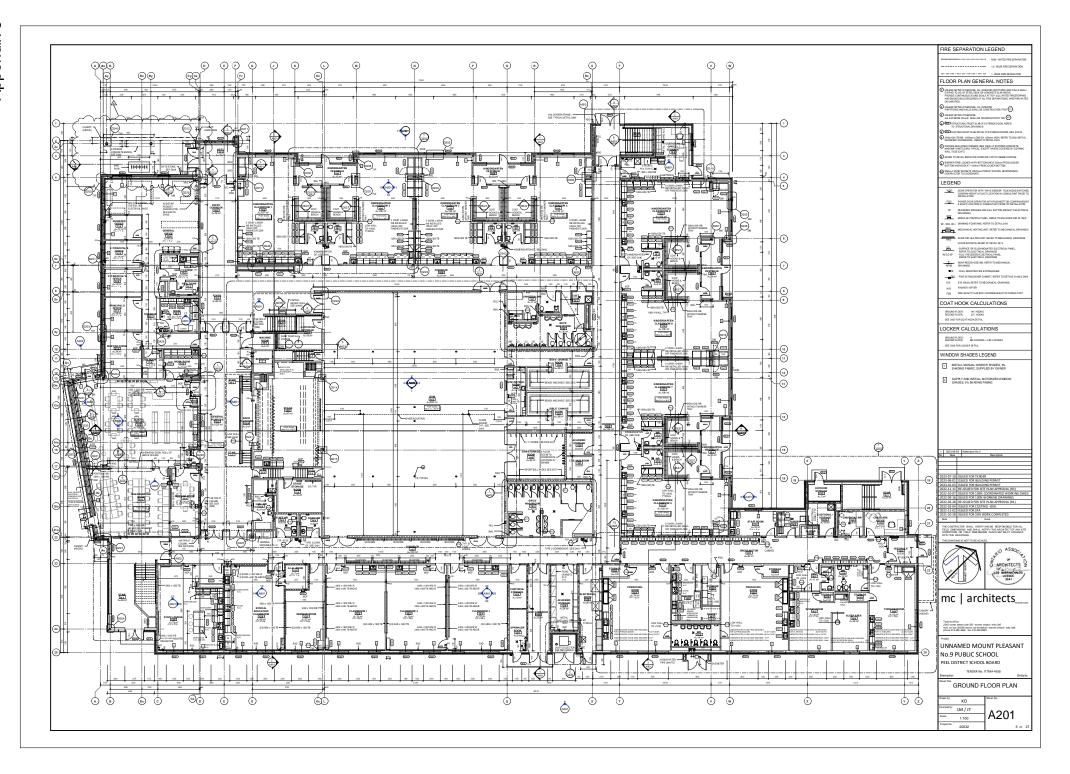
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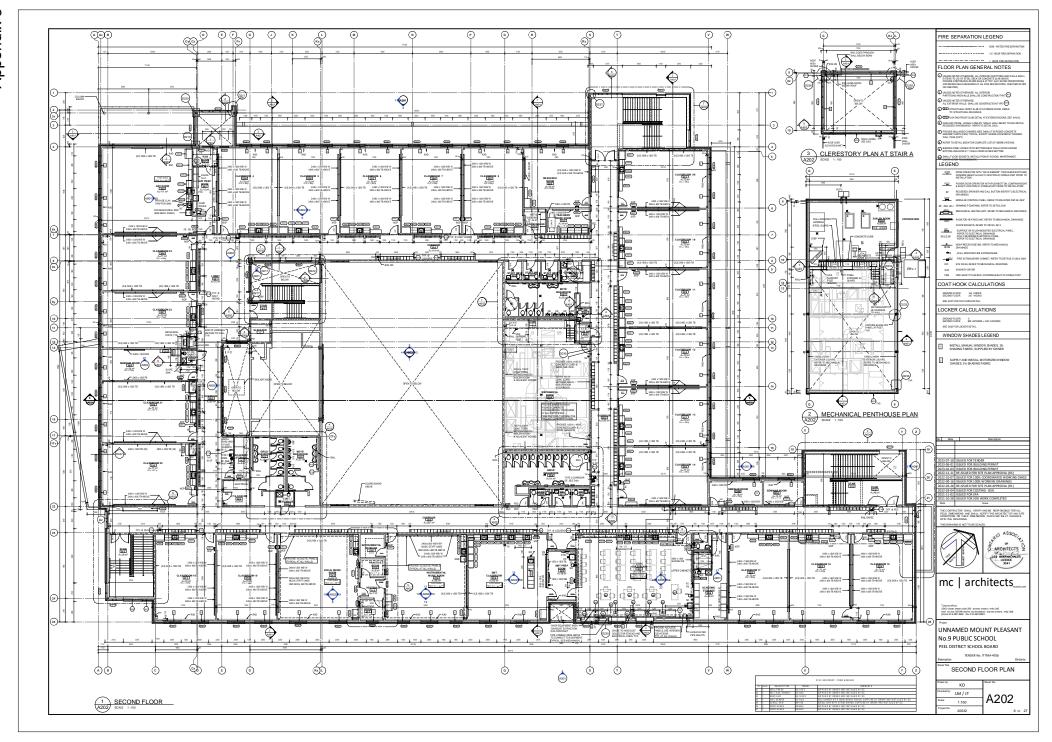
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### PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Board and Committee Agenda Review Committee of the Peel District School Board, held on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 17:35 hours. The hybrid meeting was held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario, and by electronic means, under Ontario Regulation 463/97.

#### Members present:

David Green, Chair (electronic) LeeAnn Cole, Vice-Chair Lucas Alves (electronic) Stan Cameron (electronic) Brad MacDonald Satpaul Singh Johal (electronic) Jill Promoli (electronic) Trustees also present:

Karla Bailey (electronic) Will Davies Kathy McDonald (electronic)

Member absent (apologies received):

Susan Benjamin

#### Administration:

Kathryn Lockyer, General Counsel and Governance Officer (Executive Member) Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

#### 1. Call to Order

Trustee Brad MacDonald chaired the meeting as Chair, David Green attended remotely.

Trustee MacDonald called the meeting to order at 17:35 hours.

#### 2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

A video of the Land Acknowledgement was played.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was slightly reordered.

Item 6.1, November 8, 2023, Governance and Policy Committee Agenda Face Page was moved to Item 6.3., and Item 6.3, November 16, 2023, Physical Planning Finance and Building Committee Agenda Face Page, was moved to Item 6.1.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda (Continued)

BCAR-01 moved by LeeAnn Cole seconded by Stan Cameron

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

..... carried 2/3rds' majority

#### 4. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### 5. Draft Agendas

General Counsel and Governance Officer, Kathryn Lockyer, stated that the purpose of this Committee is for members to review items listed on the agenda, and not for discussion of items. She noted that the agendas presented today are in the draft stage. Later in the meeting, she clarified that trustees could suggest topics for future meetings.

# 1. November 16, 2023 Physical Planning Finance and Building Committee Meeting Agenda Face Page (Open and Closed Sessions)

Kathryn Lockyer reviewed the Open and Closed Session agendas. In response to a trustee's request for adding Britannia Farm to a future agenda, Associate Director of Operations and Equity of Access, Jaspal Gill, stated that a plan was presented in the Closed Session of the Physical Planning Finance and Building Committee meeting in September 2023.

Chair of the Physical Planning Finance and Building Committee, Trustee Cameron, confirmed that the Open and Closed session agendas are in order.

BCAR-02 moved by Stan Cameron seconded by LeeAnn Cole

Resolved, that the Draft Agenda for the November 16, 2023, Physical Planning Finance and Building Committee Meeting Agenda Face Page (Open and Closed Sessions), be received.

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#### 2. November 15, 2023 Audit Committee Meeting Agenda Face Page

The Audit Committee Agendas (Open and Closed Sessions) were reviewed.

BCAR-03 moved by Stan Cameron seconded by LeeAnn Cole

Resolved, that the Draft Agenda for the November 15, 2023, Audit Committee Meeting (Open and Closed Sessions), be received.

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#### 5. **Draft Agendas** (Continued)

# 3. November 8, 2023 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting Agenda Face Page

Kathryn Lockyer reviewed the agenda. She clarified that Items 7.1 to 7.13 are Policies being recommended for approval. Items 7.14, Al and Plagiarism for Staff, and 7.15, Ontario Student Records Stewardship, are information reports in response to previous questions from trustees. Kathryn Lockyer advised that Review of Procedure By-law may be added to the agenda. Some trustees expressed concern about the volume of reading in the agenda package and the need for sufficient time to read and understand the policies. Responding to trustees' questions, Kathryn Lockyer clarified that: procedures do not always accompany the policies as they are operational; some policies are new, while others have minor changes to language; changes will be highlighted in the package. She will consult with the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair to work out a balanced agenda.

BCAR-04 moved by Jill Promoli seconded by Lucas Alves

Resolved, that the Draft Agenda for the November 8, 2023 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting, be received.

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## 4. November 22, 2023 Organizational Board Meeting Agenda Face Page

Kathryn Lockyer stated that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Standing Committees were elected for two years and will not need re-election this year. The rest of the Committees will be conducting selection of committee membership. A show of interest form will be sent to trustees to determine potential membership. Kathryn Lockyer responded to questions of clarification and noted that meetings of more than a majority of members, a quorum of members, must be with notice and with opportunity for public participation.

BCAR-05 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the Draft Agenda for the November 22, 2023 Organizational Board Meeting, be received.

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#### 5. Draft Agendas (Continued)

#### 5. November 29, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda Face Page

Kathryn Lockyer described the process and format for drafting the Board agendas. It was noted that, as some of the meetings scheduled are more than a month away, there may be additions and/or deletions in order to balance the agendas.

	BCAR-06	moved by Lucas Alves seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal		
	Resolved, tha	at the Draft Agenda for the November 29, 2023, Board	d Meeting, be	e received.
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6.	Adjournment	t .		
	BCAR-07	Moved by Jill Promoli Seconded by Lucas Alves		
	Resolved, tha	at the meeting adjourn (18:10 hours).		
			c	arried

..... Chair