

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a Board Meeting of the Peel District School Board, held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 18:30 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.

Members present:

David Green, Chair	LeeAnn Cole
Satpaul Singh Johal, Vice-Chair	Will Davies
Karla Bailey	Brad MacDonald
Susan Benjamin	Kathy McDonald
Stan Cameron	Jill Promoli
Jeffrey Clark	

Member absent: (apologies received)

Lucas Alves

Student Trustees:

Pradwit Thapa, Student Trustee North
Justin Ko, Student Trustee South
Austin Chrisjohn, Indigenous Student Trustee

Administration:

Rashmi Swarup, Director of Education
Harjit Aujla, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity
Paul da Silva, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity
Jaspal Gill, Chief Operating Officer and Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Alvin Au, Acting Superintendent of Education
Craig Caslick, Superintendent of Education
Lara Chebaro, Superintendent, Curriculum and School Improvement
Yonnette Dey, Superintendent of Education
Donna Ford, Superintendent of Education
Soni Gill, Superintendent of Education
Atheia Grant, Acting Superintendent of Equity, Indigenous Education and Community Engagement
Leslie Grant, Superintendent of Education
Lisa Hart, Superintendent of Education
Rasulan Hoppie, Superintendent of Education
Masuma Khangura, Executive Officer, Human Resources, Partnerships and Equity
Lisa Leoni, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Partnerships
Luke Mahoney, Superintendent of Education
Mark Marshall, Acting Chief Information Officer, Learning Technology Support Services
Ozma Masood, Superintendent of Education

Administration: (Continued)

Neerja Punjabi, Superintendent of Education
Bernadette Smith, Superintendent, Innovation and International Programs
Michelle Stubbings, Superintendent, Safe and Caring Schools
Mathew Thomas, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services
Jasmine Vorkapic, Governance Officer
Kervin White, Superintendent of Education
Mary Zammit, Superintendent of Education

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Call to Order

Chair David Green called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours.

2. Closed Session

Resolution No. 25-29 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the Board move into Closed Session (18:30 hours).

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The meeting recessed at 19:17 hours and reconvened at 19:22 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 viewed.

4. Approval of Agenda

Later in the meeting, the agenda was slightly reordered.

Resolution No. 25-30 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

6. Staff Recognition: Retirements

Vice-Chair, Satpaul Singh Johal recognized retiring staff for their hard work and dedication to Peel DSB. He wished them well in their retirement.

Resolution No. 25-31 moved by Karla Bailey
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the following retirements be received:

Joanne Coats	Silvana Paolucci	Lynette Reston
Martin Fecht	Antoinetta Peluso	Liset Rieger
Dorothy Fenandez	Eunice Randall	Neelam Sharma
Lorna Graham	Protus Rasquinha	Maureen Sim
Terri-Anne Maxwell	Anarosa Rayner	Dianne Witzell

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7. Report from Student Trustees

Student Trustees, Austin Chrisjohn, Justin Ko, and Pradwit Thapa, spoke about their roles as student trustees and their participation in activities related to Indigenous events, leadership workshops and conferences, focus on education in Arts programs, supporting the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, mental health, safety and well-being, podcast initiatives, financial literacy, and equity and innovation. The student trustees thanked the Board of Trustees, staff, and senior administration for their guidance and collaboration in fulfilling their responsibilities and opportunity to engage in meaningful initiatives.

Resolution No. 25-32 moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Jeffrey Clark

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8. Board Chair Announcements – End of Year Message

Chair, David Green, thanked the Board of Trustees, Director of Education, senior team, staff, and leaders of federations and unions for their support over the year. Expressing his belief in the power of collaboration, he highlighted: implementation of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan in Peel schools and central departments; innovation and teaching methodology; strengthening partnerships, engaging with Ministers, attending community events, and responding to media requests. Chair Green encouraged everyone to strive for excellence, foster and nurture an inclusive environment, and work together to support students in Peel. He extended his wishes for Christmas and the Holiday Season.

8. Board Chair Announcements – End of Year Message (Continued)

Resolution No. 25-33

moved by Satpaul Singh Johal
seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the oral report re Board Chair Announcements – End of Year Message, be received.

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9. Director's Annual Report

Director of Education, Rashmi Swarup, stated that this year's theme is The Future is Now, and highlighted: ongoing efforts to support students in literacy and numeracy; partnerships and programs building pathways to post-secondary education or the workforce; the 2024-2028 Multi-Year Strategic Plan; celebrating diverse cultures and launching the Centres for Indigenous and Black Excellence; developing a mental health strategy outlining key priorities and supports for social and emotional well-being; progress in energy and environmental sustainable efforts. Rashmi Swarup commented on the accolades awarded to Peel students in STEM education, skilled trades, and athletics. She acknowledged the important role that the community plays in Peel DSB's success while collaborating to create an environment where students can thrive.

Resolution No. 25-34

moved by Lee-Ann Cole
seconded by Kathy McDonald

Resolved, that the Director's Annual Report, be received.

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10. Reports from Trustees Appointed to External Organizations

1. Trustee Promoli re Mississauga School Traffic Safety Action Committee (MSTSAC)

Trustee Jill Promoli reported on the numerous events and activities undertaken by the MSTSA Committee members last year. She stated that 79 recommendations were presented to the General Committee in the City of Mississauga and subsequently approved. Trustee Promoli advised that the City of Mississauga recently voted to change rules regarding speeds in local school zones and approximately 400m in front of these schools. The current speed limit in school zones is 30km/hour at all times. The new proposal by the City intends to adjust the speeds in local school zones to create time-of-day rules leaving 30km/hour in place from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and increasing the speed to 40km/hour between the hours of 6 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. Trustee Promoli provided information on the risk involved in raising the speed limits in school zones.

10. Reports from Trustees Appointed to External Organizations (Continued)

1. Trustee Promoli re Mississauga School Traffic Safety Action Committee (Cont'd)

Resolution No. 25-35 moved by Jill Promoli
seconded by Brad MacDonald

That, the Board of Trustees write a letter to the City of Mississauga requesting that any further action on these intended changes to speeds on local road school zones be deferred, until the City has taken time to collect more data and consult meaningfully with the school boards, Mississauga Traffic Safety, and Peel Regional Police.

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Trustees spoke in favour of and against the motion. Trustee Promoli emphasized the importance of safety of students and the community.

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Resolution No. 25-35 carried

2. Trustee Benjamin re Volunteer MBC (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon)

Trustee Benjamin reported on the inter-generational Holiday Card-Making event organized by VMBC on December 6, 2024, where over 200 cards were prepared for distribution to seniors living in isolation. Students from Turner Fenton, Harold Brathwaite Jean Augustine, and Chinguacousy Secondary Schools, as well as a few students from other Peel schools participated. Trustee Benjamin stated that VMBC provides numerous opportunities for volunteering and encouraged schools to register on the VMBC website for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Resolution No. 25-36 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the Trustee Benjamin's oral report re Volunteer MBC, be received.

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11. Minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting, November 20, 2024

Resolution No. 25-37 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting, held November 20, 2024, be approved.

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12. Minutes of the Board Meeting, November 27, 2024

Resolution No. 25-38

moved by Kathy McDonald
seconded by LeeAnn Cole

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Board Meeting, held November 27, 2024, be approved.

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13. Motion for Consideration: Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, November 19, 2024

Resolved that the following recommendation arising from a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, held November 19, 2024, be approved:

1. Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region (LDAPR) Representation

That, effective September 1, 2024, Lea Ann Mallett be appointed as the primary representative for LDAPR, on the Peel DSB SEAC Committee and Carol Ogilvie will continue as the alternate member. (Appendix I, as attached to the Minutes)

Resolution No. 25-39

moved by Susan Benjamin
seconded by Jill Promoli

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14. Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, December 4, 2024

Resolution No. 25-40

moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Karla Bailey

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, held December 4, 2024, be received.

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15. Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, December 4, 2024

Resolution No. 25-41

moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved that the following recommendations arising from a meeting of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee meeting, held December 4, 2024, be approved:

15. Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, December 4, 2024 (Continued)

1. Annual Planning Document (APD) - 2024-2025

That, the following recommendations of the Annual Planning Document – 2024-2025, be approved:

1) New School

That, the submission of Castlemore East 1 Secondary School for Capital Priorities funding consideration to the Ministry of Education, be approved.

School	Mun.	Ministry Funding	Org.	Capacity (Est.)	Estimated Student Occupancy	Site Status	SOE	Trustee
Castlemore S.S.	B	No	9-12	1,500	2030	Designated	KW	SJ

2) Boundary Changes

a) Mount Pleasant 9 Public School (Kindergarten-Grade 8) Boundary Change

That, effective September 2025, the Kindergarten-Grade 8 holding boundary for Mount Pleasant 9 Public School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Thornbush Boulevard and Mayfield Road
then east along Mayfield Road to Chinguacousy Road
Then south along Chinguacousy Road to Wanless Drive
Then west along Wanless Drive to Thornbush Boulevard
then north along Thornbush Boulevard to the point of commencement.

b) Aylesbury Public School (Kindergarten-Grade 8 Boundary Change

That, effective September 2025, the Kindergarten-Grade 8 boundary for Aylesbury Public School be as follows:

Part A:

Commencing at the intersection of Mississauga Road and Sandalwood Parkway West
then east along Sandalwood Parkway West to Creditview Road
then south along Creditview Road to Bovaird Drive West
then west along Bovaird Drive West to Mississauga Road
then north along Mississauga Road to the point of commencement.

Part B:

Commencing at the intersection of Mississauga Road and Mayfield Road
then east along Mayfield Road to the watercourse west of 1209 Mayfield Road
then south along the watercourse to Wanless Drive
then west along Wanless Drive to Mississauga Road
then north along Mississauga Road to the point of commencement.

15. Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, December 4, 2024 (Continued)

2) Boundary Changes (Cont'd)

c) Dolson Public School (Kindergarten-Grade 8) Boundary Change

That, effective September 2025, the Kindergarten-Grade 8 boundary for Dolson Public School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the watercourse west of 1209 Mayfield Road and Mayfield Road
Then east along Mayfield Road to Thornbush Boulevard
Then south along Thornbush Boulevard to Wanless Drive
Then west along Wanless Drive to the watercourse west of 76 Divinity Circle
Then north along the watercourse to the point of commencement.

d) Port Credit Secondary School (Grades 9-12) Boundary Change

That, effective September 2026, the Grades 9-12 boundary for Port Credit Secondary School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Mavis Road and Dundas Street West
Then east along Dundas Street West to Hurontario Street
Then south along Hurontario Street to Queensway East
Then east along Queensway East to Cliff Road
Then south along Cliff Road, continuing in a straight line to Carmen Drive
Then south along Carmen Drive to the north property line of 1624 Carmen Drive
Then west along the north property line of 1624 Carmen Drive to the west property line of 1624 Carmen Drive
Then south along the west property line of 1624 Carmen Drive, continuing in a straight line to the north property line of 325 Willa Road
Then east along the north property line of 325 Willa Road, continuing south along the eastern rear property line of Willa Road to the east property line of 309 Mineola Road East
Then south along the east property line of 309 Mineola Road East continuing in a straight line to the north property line of 1061 Seneca Avenue
Then east along the north property line of 1061 Seneca Avenue to the east property line of 1061 Seneca Avenue
Then south along the east property line of 1061 Seneca Avenue, continuing in a straight line to the east property line of 348 Lakeshore Road East

15. Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, December 4, 2024 (Continued)

2) Boundary Changes (Cont'd)

Then south along the east property line of 348 Lakeshore Road East to the north property line of 98 Wanita Road

Then east along the north property line of 98 Wanita Road, continuing south along the east property line of 98 Wanita Road to the north property line of 120 Wanita Road

Then east along the north property line of 120 Wanita Road to the east property line of 120 Wanita Road.

Then south along the east property line of 120 Wanita Road, continuing in a straight line to Lake Ontario

Then west along the shoreline of Lake Ontario to the Credit River

Then north along the Credit River to a point parallel to Queensway West

Then east along a point parallel to Queensway West to Queensway West

Then east along Queensway West to the west property line of 845 Damien Way

then north along the west rear property line of 845 Damien Way, continuing in a straight line to the rear property line of Pollard Drive

then north along the rear property line of Pollard Drive, continuing along the rear property line of Pollard Court to Mavis Road

then north along Mavis Road to the point of commencement.

e) Lorne Park Secondary School (Grades 9-12) - Boundary Changes

That, effective September 2026, the Grades 9-12 boundary for Lorne Park Secondary School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Southdown Road and the Queen Elizabeth Way

Then east along the Queen Elizabeth Way to the Credit River

Then south along the Credit River to Lake Ontario

Then west along the shoreline of Lake Ontario to Sheridan Creek

Then north along Sheridan Creek to the west property line 1498 Marshwood Place

Then north along the west property line 1498 Marshwood Place to the north property line of 1493 Marshwood Place

Then east along the north property line of 1493 Marshwood Place to the west property line of 834 Silver Birch Trail

Then north along the west property line of 834 Silver Birch Trail, continuing north along the west property line of Silver Birch Trail to the watercourse north of 926 Silver Birch Trail

Then west along the watercourse to Lakeshore Road West

Then west along Lakeshore Road West to Southdown Road

Then north along Southdown Road to the point of commencement.

15. Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, December 4, 2024 (Continued)

3) Elm Drive Public School Enrolment Class Cap

That, the overview of the plan to implement an enrolment/class cap at Elm Drive Public School, be received.

2. Report on Tenders: Caledon East Public School, Caledon

That, the contract for the construction of Caledon East Public School be awarded to Quad Pro Construction Inc. in the amount of \$32,009,510 (including HST).

3. Mount Pleasant 9 Public School: Naming of School

That, Red Cedar Public School be approved as the official name for the school known currently as Mount Pleasant 9 Public School.

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16. Multi-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report: Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Jaspal Gill, Chief Operating Officer and Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access recalled that one of the core values of the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan is to reduce energy consumption and increase participation of Peel schools in the Eco Schools Program. Thomas Tsung, Controller of Facilities and Environmental Support Services outlined the proposed 4-year strategic plan for the areas of energy management and environmental sustainability at Peel DSB. He highlighted: reduction of energy consumption at Peel DSB by 5.5% over the past 5 years; a net savings target of 12.5% energy reduction over the next four years; approximately 35% of Peel DSB schools have participated in the Eco Schools program as of June 2024; a Board-wide plan being developed to have all PDSB schools Eco Schools Canada certified by 2028. Thomas Tsung advised that the Eco Schools Canada program is run through the Toronto and Region Conservation authority (TRCA) and that for the 2024-2025 school year Peel DSB will mandate all schools to be at a minimum participation level in the program. Thomas Tsung advised that Peel DSB students participated in a survey on Climate Action in 2024 to provide input on actions for Peel DSB to address climate change. In addition, energy and environmental sustainability actions are being developed, including to reduce carbon emissions to comply with the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act. Next steps will include communication and consultation with stakeholders, and key performance indicators will be tracked and measured for success. In response to a question regarding additional resources required to sustain the Eco Schools program, it was noted that a business case will be submitted in the next budget cycle.

16. Multi-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report: Facilities and Environmental Support Services (Continued)

Resolution No. 25-42

moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the report re Multi-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report: Facilities and Environmental Support Services, be received.

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17. Multi-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report: Curriculum and School Improvement

Resolution No. 25-43

moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the report re Multi-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report: Curriculum and School Improvement, be deferred to the next Board Meeting.

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18. Multi-Year Strategic Plan In Action

Paul da Silva, Associate Director, School Improvement and Equity, stated that the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, developed in collaboration with the Board of Trustees, serves as a guiding framework for advancing Peel DSB's core goals of student achievement, well-being, safety, equity and inclusion, and community engagement. Luke Mahoney, Superintendent of Education, highlighted initiatives in schools which included a Literacy Café organized and hosted by the Black Parent Advisory Committee, to promote community engagement and student well-being at Robert H. Lagerquist Public School, and inquiry-based learning projects at Conestoga Public School, which spark creativity and critical thinking. He explained that the hands-on approach fosters technical skills, builds confidence, curiosity and collaborative problem-solving among students. Superintendent of Education, Mary Zammit, shared information on Lorne Park Secondary School's second annual STEAM Day, attended by over 300 Grade 8 students, as part of the School Improvement and Equity Planning goal to advance belonging and well-being, offering student leaders to benefit from communication and presentation skills. Students from feeder schools had the opportunity to browse through experiential learning stations in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, and share experiences.

Resolution No. 25-44

moved by Jeffrey Clark
seconded by Jill Promoli

Resolved, that the report re Multi-Year Strategic Plan Progress Report: Curriculum and School Improvement, be received.

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19. Motion re Appointment of Peel Learning Foundation as PDSB Charity of Choice

Resolution No. 25-45

moved by Will Davies
seconded by Jill Promoli

Whereas, the Peel Learning Foundation is a corporation without share capital incorporated by Letters Patent under the Corporations Act (Ontario);

And Whereas, the Peel Learning Foundation is the only registered charitable organization with the sole mandate to raise funds in support of PDSB students and is recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency;

And Whereas, the Peel Learning Foundation operates under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Peel District School Board, dated October 29, 2019;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Peel District School Board (PDSB) endorse the Peel Learning Foundation as the charity of choice of the Peel District School Board;

And further, that the Peel DSB Parent Engagement and Communications staff work with Peel Learning Foundation staff to develop and implement a plan on an annual basis to raise awareness and funds on behalf of the Peel Learning Foundation from staff, schools, parents, unions, and associations and the general Peel DSB community, to benefit PDSB students in need;

And further, that the Peel DSB Parent Engagement and Communications staff work with the Peel Learning Foundation staff to develop and communicate a policy that endorses the Foundation as the charity of choice, while also indicating that this does not restrict fundraising by staff, schools or others for charities of their choosing.

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20. Adoption of the Closed Session Report

Resolution No. 25-46

moved by Satpaul Singh Johal
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the report of the Closed Session re: Minutes of the Board Meeting (Closed), November 27, 2024; Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting (Closed), December 4, 2024; Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting (Closed), December 4, 2024 re Installation of Artificial Track and Field Surfaces, and Senior Team Appointments, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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21. PDSB Success Stories

School, staff, and student successes were highlighted, aligned with the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Information was shared on: Youth in Action Day for secondary students in the Explore High Skills and Specialist High Skills Major programs developed in partnership with the City of Mississauga and Sheridan College; second annual Muslim Youth Leadership conference with the theme Empowered Through Hope, was held over two days to affirm and celebrate student identities; the second annual Lincoln Science Fair held at the Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary School focused on Innovation as the theme for STEM education; member of the Toronto Argonauts 2024 Grey Cup Champions visited Castlebridge Public school; the Peel Black Family Engagement Committee organized family-oriented workshops at Darcel Avenue Public school, on numeracy and a love of math; James Bolton Public School students were encouraged to think creatively about how they can spread kindness and a culture of giving and a Wall of Kindness was built to share messages of positivity and encouragement.

Resolution No. 25-47

moved by Stan Cameron
seconded by LeeAnn Cole

22. Adjournment

Resolution No. 25-48

moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Susan Benjamin

Resolved, that the meeting adjourned (20:48 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN CLOSED SESSION, DECEMBER 18, 2024

Members present:

David Green, Chair	LeeAnn Cole
Satpaul Singh Johal, Vice-Chair	Will Davies
Karla Bailey	Brad MacDonald
Susan Benjamin	Kathy McDonald
Stan Cameron	Jill Promoli
Jeffrey Clark	

Member absent (apologies received) :

Lucas Alves

1. Approval of Agenda

That, the agenda be approved.

2. Minutes of the Board Meeting (Closed), November 27, 2024

That, the Minutes of the Board Meeting (Closed), held November 27, 2024, be approved.

3. Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting (Closed), December 4, 2024

That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting (Closed), held December 4, 2024, be received.

4. Motions for Consideration: Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting (Closed), December 4, 2024

That, following recommendations, arising from the December 4, 2024 Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee meeting, be approved:

1. Installation of Artificial Track and Field Surfaces

That, the Resolution be adopted, as prescribed under Ontario Regulation 374/23, Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property, to enable the Peel District School Board, as a reasonable step in providing pupil accommodations, to enter into lease arrangements with the private entities noted to dispose of a portion of the property at the following schools in order to allow for construction of turf field amenities:

- (i) Camilla Road Senior Public School & Corsair Public School (with Field Recreation Inc./Community Sports Partners)
- (ii) Erindale Secondary School (with Field Recreation Inc./Community Sports Partners)
- (iii) Cawthra Park Secondary School (with 1000388332 Ontario Inc.)
- (iv) Turner Fenton Secondary School (with Colab Sports)

7. Senior Team Appointments

That, the following appointments, be approved:

Alvin Au, from Acting Superintendent of Education, Humberview and Mayfield Family of Schools to Superintendent of Education, Humberview and Mayfield Family of Schools.

Atheia Grant, from Acting Superintendent of Equity, Indigenous Education and Community Engagement to Superintendent of Equity, Indigenous Education and Community Engagement.

8. Director's Performance Plan Mid-Year Update

That, the oral report re Director's Performance Plan Mid-Year Update, be received.