



In Motion

Highlights from regular meetings of the Halton District School Board


March 2010

Names chosen for three new HDSB elementary schools

At the March 3, 2010 meeting of the Halton District School Board, trustees selected names for three new elementary schools.

The names chosen for the new schools and the school addresses are as follows:

James W. Hill Public School at 2860 Kingsway Drive, Oakville; **Tiger Jeet Singh Public School** at 640 Yates Drive, Milton; and **Palermo Public School** at 2561 Valleyridge Drive, Oakville.


All three schools are slated to open to students and staff in September 2010. 

Trustees review wards for October 2010 election

At the March 24 and March 31 meetings, Halton District School Board Trustees reviewed the allocation of trustees, and the wards they would be elected in for the 2010 election.

The overall number of trustees (11) doesn't change for this election, as the region's population hasn't increased enough to hit the next plateau according to the Ministry of Education numbers. However, the allocation of trustees based on an "electoral quotient" suggested a change from two trustees to one in Halton Hills, and from one trustee to two trustees in Milton.


While finally accepted, this allocation garnered much discussion, as did the combination of wards for trustee representation in Burlington.

The ward distribution for Oakville remains the same. For Burlington, Wards 1 & 3 will be combined and represented by one trustee; as will Wards 2 & 4 will be combined with one trustee. A trustee will also represent Ward 5, and another trustee will represent Ward 6. 

Review of new school builds

At the February 3, 2010 Board meeting, trustees asked for information regarding how enrolment projections stacked up against actual enrolment statistics for new schools the Board has recently constructed.

The motion reads as follows:

Be it resolved that the Director of Education bring a report to the Board, no later than April 2010, that would include projected enrolment for newly built schools by the Halton District School Board within the past seven years; the data to include the projected enrolment statistics submitted to the Board and the Ministry at the time the Board approved the builds, as well as actual enrolments for years one, three and five of the operation of the schools . 

Upcoming Meetings


Board meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Regular Board Meetings – The regularly scheduled meeting of April 7 has been cancelled (it was rescheduled to March 31) due to Halton Music Showcase. The Board will meet on April 14 (6 p.m.) to finish the agenda from March 31. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

The agenda for the Wednesday, April 21 meeting agenda will be posted on the Board's website (www.hdsb.ca) on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Committee meetings (Program and Accommodation, Policy, By-law and Governance Committee and the Trustee Communication Committee) are held on the alternate Wednesdays.

For more information, check www.hdsb.ca

All meetings are open to the public, and are held at the JW Singleton Education Centre, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington. 

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Trustees have first review of 2010-11 school year calendar

In the Board package for the March 31 Halton District School Board meeting, trustees received their first glance at the proposed calendar for the 2010-11 school year calendar. Debate on the issue will occur at the next meeting (April 14) – a date set to finish the agenda which wasn't completed on March 31, 2010. A decision is expected April 21.

While there are 196 potential school days between September 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (the dates set out by the Ministry of Education), there are *not* 194 instructional days available between Labour Day (September 6) and June 30. With only 193 days available; the school year must begin prior to Labour Day. School begins for students on September 7, and for staff on Thursday, September 2, 2010. Friday, September 3 will be a Board designated holiday for teaching staff.

For the first time, the Halton District School Board is completely aligned with the Halton Catholic District School Board's calendar. This alignment saves the Halton District School Board \$78,962 (primarily in transportation costs).

Proposed dates are as follows:

NOTE: The proposed calendar still requires Board approval (slated for April 21, 2010), and must be submitted to the Ministry (before May 1, 2010).

September 2	PA Day: Elementary/Secondary
September 6	Labour Day
September 7	School Begins
October 8	PA Day: Elementary/Secondary
October 11	Thanksgiving Day
November 12	PA Day: Elementary/Secondary
December 20-January 2 (inclusive)	Christmas Break
January 31	PA Day: Elementary/Secondary
February 21	Family Day
March 14 - 18	Spring Break
April 8	PA Day: Elementary/Secondary
April 22	Good Friday
April 25	Easter Monday
May 23	Victoria Day
June 10	PA Day: Elementary
June 30	PA Day: Secondary

High School Exams:

January 21 – January 27, 2011 (Semester One)

June 22 - 28, 2011 (Semester Two)

New high school plans reviewed

In their Board package for March 31, trustees received their first look at plans for the new West Oak Trails and Alton area High Schools.

Reports 10064 and 10065 are on the Halton District School Board website (www.hdsb.ca) and show details of the proposed facilities.

Green school pilot launched

Trustees have reviewed a proposal to spend more than \$1.2 million in funding for a Green Schools Pilot Initiative, involving two high schools, and eight elementary schools within the Halton District School Board. A decision on this matter will occur April 21.

The Green Schools Pilot Initiative is a joint initiative with the Ministry of Research and Innovation and the Ministry of Education, designed to provide school boards with the ability to purchase, test, and showcase new and innovative green products/technology while providing companies with real world demonstration to enable local and global expansion.

A total of 46 school boards expressed interest in 52 projects totaling approximately \$36M. The Ministry of Education approved \$22.5M consisting of 25 Green Pilot Initiatives involving 40 boards.

The Halton District School Board submitted several pilot project business cases for wide varieties of innovative green products and technologies and was approved for \$1,285,142.

The secondary schools involved include Iroquois Ridge High School, MM Robinson High School. Elementary schools include West Oak Public School, Silver Creek Public School, CH Norton Public School, McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School, Hawthorne Village Public School, Pineview Public School, Limehouse Public School, and Eastview Public School.

A detailed look at the projects can be found in Report 10050 on the Halton District School Board website (www.hdsb.ca)

Halton District School Board schools and workplaces will be closed Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5, 2010.