

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7 pm**  
**Rainbow District School Board**  
**Board Office – 69 Young Street - Sudbury**

**Attendance:**

PIC Executive: Leo Bisson, David Muldoon and Stephanie Cooke  
RDSB: Jean Hanson, Trustee Ruth Ward, Trustee Gord Santala, Diane Cayen-Arnold, Norm Blaseg, Fred Law, Lesleigh Dye, Sharon Speir, Nicole Charette, Sherry Conroy, Chantal Lacroix, Dawn Chew, Lesley Fisher and Pablo Gil-Alfau.  
Guests: Bill Querney of Grand & Toy Muirheads  
Parent Reps: Jan Leomans, Lisa LaCroix, Darryl Harris, Martha Musicco, Paul Giommi, Lesley Whealon

**1. Welcome:** Norm Blaseg

- Amendments to the Agenda: Elections will be moved and held following New Business.
- Agenda approved

**2. Proposed School Valuation for the Accommodation Review Committee:**

Presented by Diane Cayen-Arnold, Chief Financial Officer, RDSB

- Framework document was forwarded to all schools and was to be reviewed prior to the meeting
- Community Representative: Bill Querney of Grand & Toy Muirheads is present. He was invited by the Board Administration to provide input into the School Valuation Framework as a member of the business community within Greater Sudbury.
- City of Greater Sudbury Official: Ron Dupuis, Deputy Mayor, was also invited to provide input from a municipal perspective but was unable to attend the meeting. Diane Cayen-Arnold will seek his input directly.
- This document is intended to provide a profile of the school based on four categories - value to the Student, to the Community, to the School Board, and to the Local Economy.
- Diane presented the School Valuation Framework Draft. Parents were invited to offer suggestions for changes to the document. A number of suggestions were presented and accepted at the meeting.
- Additional suggested changes were to be submitted to the Board by February 19, 2007 – by email to [accommodation@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:accommodation@rainbowschools.ca) or by fax to 674-3167.
- The proposed document will be presented for approval at the Board Meeting on March 19, 2007.

**3. Literacy in Rainbow Schools:**

Presenter – Sherry Conroy, Elementary Program Consultant

- Sherry provided a brief overview of the Literacy Program within the Board
- A Learning Resource Teacher (LRT) is now present in every school
- Board Literacy Initiatives: Differentiated Instruction: Which looks at tailored instruction so that all students are successful  
In-School Support: Going into the schools to work with teachers
- 3 Factors that provide success: Environment, Involvement and Realistic Expectations
- 3 Ways to help your child learn to read: Read TO them, Read WITH Them and Let THEM Read.

- Levels of text difficulty: What is the appropriate level for your child?  
Independent: 95 and 100% accuracy – the “just right” text  
Instruct: Approximately 90 – 95% accuracy  
Difficult: Less than 90% accuracy
- At the end of the presentation, Sherry modeled a story for us - Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg

#### 4. **New Business:** Superintendent Norm Blaseg

- Provincial Parent Board applications are due by Friday February 16, 2007
- Parent Involvement Committee received \$25,000 from the provincial Parent Engagement Office. Nicole Charette and Norm Blaseg modified the initial proposal on behalf of PIC and re-submitted a revised budget for funding by February 9, 2007.

#### 5. **Elections:** Superintendent Norm Blaseg

- Position of Chair: Nominations open.  
Leo Bisson: Nominated by David Muldoon - Leo accepted nomination  
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- Superintendent Fred Law and Superintendent Lesleigh Dye volunteered to count votes.
- Leo Bisson elected as Chair for PIC
- Position of Vice-Chair: Nominations open  
David Muldoon: Nominated by Trustee Ruth Ward - David accepted nomination
- David Muldoon elected as Vice-Chair
- Secretary: Stephanie Cooke - acclaimed

#### 6. **Communications Report:** Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, Nicole Charette

- Promoting FSL Programs
- Core French program begins in Grade 1
- RDSB received federal funding for FSL outreach, consultant, and cultural activities
- New website is online - [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca)
- French Immersion: Information will be posted online which will provide resources to parents (ie. Homework Helper)
- FSL Brochure for parents provided.
- FSL web pages are 75% complete and will be up and running within the month

#### 7. **Next Meeting Date**

- Tuesday March 20, 2007
- Topic: First Nations Cultural Awareness - Presented by Trustee Grace Fox and Pamela Toulouse
- Motion to Adjourn: Trustee Ruth Ward, second by David Muldoon