

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

to be held in boardroom  
on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 5:15 p.m.

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<b>AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS</b>
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**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

\*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 24, 2015 be approved.

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

\*Chair

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

\*Chair

1. Restart - Sudbury – Superintendent Bruce Bourget
2. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning Fund 2014-2015 -  
Superintendent Lesleigh Dye and Superintendent Judy Noble

**D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING OF THE BOARD**

\*Director

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Previous Minutes**

\*Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 24, 2015 be approved.

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

\* SBO

Motion:

That the Board award the contract for heating plant and ventilation upgrades at Lasalle Secondary School to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Magnet Program Report**

a) Motion:

That the Integrated Technology Program (IT) at Lively District Secondary School be maintained in the Rainbow District School Board.

- b) Motion:  
That the Science and Technology Education Program (STEP) at Lockerby Composite School be maintained in the Rainbow District School Board.
- c) Motion:  
That the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School be maintained in the Rainbow District School Board.
- d) Motion:  
That the Arts Education Program at Sudbury Secondary School be maintained in the Rainbow District School Board.
- e) Motion:  
That transportation to magnet programs be maintained.
- f) Motion:  
That community schools continue to receive additional supports.
- g) Motion:  
That all schools with magnet programs review their mandates in keeping with their: mission statement, set of core beliefs, student learning outcomes, admission requirements.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting**

\*Director

Motion:

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the OPSBA Annual General Meeting June 11 to 13, 2015 in Collingwood:

2. **Ontario Student Trustee Association Annual General Meeting**

\* Chair

Motion:

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Liam Brunton at the OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 21 to 24, 2015.

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

\*Chair

Motion:

That \_\_\_\_\_ be granted a leave of absence from the March 24, 2015 Board meeting.

4. **Director's Remarks**

\*Director

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

\*Chair

***Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.***

6. **Chairperson's Remarks** \*Chair
7. **Other Items** \*Chair  
 OPSBA Delegate  
 Student Trustee
- G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** \*Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**  
 Parent Involvement Committee minutes January 6, 2015 (official)  
 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Feb 4, 2015 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**  
 Letter from Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)
- H. FUTURE MEETINGS** \*Chair  
 Environmental Ed Committee March 25, 2015 3:30 pm Boardroom  
 Accessibility Planning Committee March 30, 2015 1:00 pm Boardroom  
 Special Education Advisory Committee April 1, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre  
 Parent Involvement Committee April 7, 2015 7:00 pm Boardroom  
 Student Senate April 13, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom  
 Strategic Planning Committee April 14, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom  
 Board April 28, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom  
 Stand Up Speak Out May 6 & 7, 2015 Cambrian College (Student Lead Conference)  
 First Nation Advisory Committee May 21, 2015 10:00 am Lively DSS  
 Board Awards Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Council Chambers 6:30 PM
- I. ADJOURNMENT** \*Chair
- Motion:  
 That we do now adjourn at            p.m.

<b>Title:</b>	Restart - Sudbury
<b>Contact:</b>	Bruce Bourget
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	March 24, 2015
<b>Background</b>	Restart - Sudbury is a program to re-engage students who have been suspended or expelled from their school. The program is located at Barrydowne College. The program runs Monday to Friday and consists of an academic component and a non-academic component.
<b>Process</b>	<p>Students who are suspended for more than five school days can attend and will work on assignments provided by their school. Assistance is provided and work completion is monitored by Restart teachers and returned to the home school for evaluation.</p> <p>Students who are expelled will work on Independent Learning Centre (ILC) courses, Co-op (if relevant) and e-Learning courses. These courses are monitored and evaluated by the Restart teachers. Each student is offered individual support in order to further develop learning strategies, work skills, literacy and numeracy. In the non-academic component, programming is designed to meet the individual needs of the student. Students aim to develop a variety of coping strategies and community supports with the assistance of the project leader. This is accomplished through group work, assessments, referrals, one on one counseling, etc. Students are encouraged to work on a variety of life-skills including character building, goal setting, addictions, and anger management while in the program. Each expelled student will have a series of self-specific goals and expectations that are developed based on individual behaviours, personality and barriers to school success. The process for return to school is determined by each individual student's growth in the academic and non-academic portion of the program. Once criteria are met and the student is ready to successfully return, the expelled student is reintegrated into school.</p>

<b>Title:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning Fund 2014-2015								
<b>Contact:</b>	Judy Noble and Lesleigh Dye								
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	March 24, 2015								
<b>Mandate</b>	Ensure effective stewardship of the Board's resources								
<b>Background</b>	<p>In 2014-2015, the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) provided a Technology and Learning Fund Enhanced Support Allocation of \$312 346.95 for the following:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Technology Acquisition</td> <td>\$178 677.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Learning</td> <td>44 669.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21<sup>st</sup> Century Research Initiative</td> <td><u>89 000.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$312 346.95</td> </tr> </table>	Technology Acquisition	\$178 677.56	Professional Learning	44 669.39	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Research Initiative	<u>89 000.00</u>	Total	\$312 346.95
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<b>Process</b>	<p>The allocation for Year 4 of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning Fund in Rainbow Schools allowed the project to move forward in 2014-15 across grades 1-12.</p> <p>Participating schools and teachers were chosen based on an application process and submission of an Expression of Interest. 28 class sets of 15 (450 iPads) were purchased under Technology Acquisition with the intent to develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills in our classrooms, grades 1 to 12.</p> <p>The official launch for this project was held March 6, 2014 with all participating teachers. The professional learning included training from an Apple Distinguished Educator.</p> <p>Professional learning and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research Initiative funds cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two learning coaches \$93 000 to provide at the elbow pedagogical and technical support;</li> <li>• Apple training and staff release \$13 000;</li> <li>• research component \$17 000;</li> <li>• purchase of online resources for students \$10 000.</li> </ul> <p>Participating schools include:          Copper Cliff PS, Assiginack PS, Manitoulin SS, Sudbury SS, Espanola HS, Lo-Ellen Park SS, Lockerby CS, AB Ellis PS, Little Current PS, Macleod PS and Queen Elizabeth PS.</p>								

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday February 24, 2015 at 5:15 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement (via phone), J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), G. Santala, Student Trustee Brunton

Absent: D. Morrison, G. Fox, J. Kosmerly

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble - Superintendents of Education  
K. Wachnuk - Senior Administrator, Special Education  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: D. Bazinet, R. MacLeod, N. Mousseau, R. McIntosh, presenters, members of the public and media

Chair Dewar reminded everyone to turn cell phones off.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 15-R40, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 24, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Public Presentations: Magnet Program Report

- a) Roberto Bagnato, former Student Trustee
- b) Denis Plouffe, parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School
- c) Students, Lockerby Composite School

2. Presentation: First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education (FNMI)

Superintendent Lesleigh Dye and Principal of Program and First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Kathy Dokis provided a powerpoint presentation for trustees.

Topics discussed included: Education Service Agreements, enrolment, Native language course enrolment, Native studies enrolment, attendance, suspension, special education and graduation rates. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. Trustees thanked Superintendent Dye and Principal Dokis for the work done in this area.

**D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Motion: 15-R41, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the human resources update be received. - **Carried.**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 15-R42, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on January 27, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

**2. Efficient Resource Management**

\*Director

Motion: 15-R43, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the project as outlined be funded through the student focused initiative reserve. – **Carried**

Superintendent of Business Cayen-Arnold explained that these enhancements are required due to the number of devices used simultaneously on the wireless network. The goal is to have one access point per teaching area in order to provide the required capacity. Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

**3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

a) Motion: 15-R44, T.Campbell/G.Santala

That the Board award the contract for Eyewash Station Upgrades Package A to Independent Energy Services Co. Ltd. for \$70,684. – **Carried**

b) Motion: 15-R45, T.Campbell/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Eyewash Station Upgrades Package B to Metal-Air Mechanical Systems Ltd. For \$20,725. – **Carried**

c) Motion: 15-R46, G.Santala/ J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Workplace Environmental Consulting Services to DST Consulting Engineers Inc. – **Carried**

d) Motion: 15-R47, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That “*Motion 15-R21, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly - That the Board award the contract for casual cleaning services to: Titan Building Division Of LaMaid Inc.*” be rescinded. – **Carried**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Revised Estimates 2014-15**

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold presented the Revised Estimates for 2014-2015 and answered trustees questions.

Trustee Campbell thanked Administrative Staff for the work that has been done and the tough decisions that have been made to ensure RDSB is in a favourable and enviable financial position.

**2. 2015 School Year Structure**

Motion: 15-R48, G.Santala/T.Campbell

That the Board approved the 2015-2016 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools. – **Carried**

**3. Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 15-R49, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That Trustee Fox, Trustee Kosmerly and Trustee Morrison be granted a leave of absence from the February 24, 2015 Board meeting. – **Carried**

**4. Director's Remarks**

Along with five trustees, I had the pleasure of attending the Public Education Symposium (PES) hosted by the city of Toronto on January 29 - 31, 2015. It was very interesting and it offered many highlights. In addition to Minister of Education Liz Sandals and Deputy Minister George Zegarac, many Assistant Deputy Minister's (ADM's) and various stakeholders presented timely topics. Most interesting were two Canadian icons; Amanda Lang and Peter Mansbridge. The highlight of the conference was the recognition of Chair Dewar's acknowledgement of 25 plus years as a trustee. Chair Dewar was one of three trustees recognized by OPSBA, through Michael Barrett, president of OPSBA. It was a proud moment for RDSB.

I attended the tenth anniversary of the Ontario Education Research Symposium (OER) on February 10-12 in Toronto. This research based conference focused on evidence that has the potential, if implemented, to create significant educational and societal change in our province. Topics included Measuring Child well-being, Research, Data and indicators supporting Large Scale change, the Nature and importance of Self Regulation and several First Nation workshops. I will be bringing forward some of the data provided when we cover well-being at a future Strategic Planning meeting.

Last Thursday night I had the good fortune to attend and speak at OFSSA's 2015 Nordic Skiing banquet. The event was held at the Steelworkers Hall with over 600 students and 100+ coaches and volunteers from all over the province. The weather was a bit extreme however organizers Parry Sakki, Kerry Abols, along



with many dedicated staff and volunteers did a superb job with all the events held at the Laurentian Ski trails. A special thanks goes to Gilbert Briscoe for all his efforts.

On Friday, February 20, 2015 Chair Dewar, Trustee Fox, Principal Zahnow, Robert Beaudin and I met at Manitoulin Secondary School. We had frank discussion about a number of items and determined that we would establish dates to explore opportunities for enhancing the relationship between First Nation communities and RDSB. Topics covered included: Cultural sensitivities, nuance of language, employment, challenges and celebrations, sharing of ideas, mutual respect and Manitoulin Island history as it pertained to the First Nations.

On Monday, February 23 boards were advised of key dates and information items as it pertained to the Health & Physical Education curriculum that will be implemented in September 2015. Several support documents, along with many other resources were made available for the first time. Information about training will be announced in the near future. Once staff has had a chance to review the near 500-page document we will bring a detailed board report to the board.

**Itinerary:**

January 28 – Exec Council

January 29-31 – Public Education Symposium, Toronto

February 2 – OSSTF meeting

February 3 – ETFO meeting

February 4 – Exec Council  
OSSTF meeting

February 5 - School visits with Trustee Kosmerly  
Confederation Secondary School  
Pinecrest Public School  
Barrydowne College

February 6 – School visits with Chair Dewar  
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School  
R.L. Beattie Public School  
Barrydowne College

February 9 – CUPE meeting  
School Year Calendar tele-conference (Four boards)

February 10 – CUPE meeting  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

February 11 - 12 Ontario Research Symposium – Toronto

February 13 – Ministry CTCC tele-conference

February 17 – Expulsion Hearing

February 18 – Exec Council

Meeting with Director & Chair, French Catholic School Board

February 19 – OFSSA Nordic Skiing Banquet, Steelworkers Hall

February 20 – Meeting at Manitoulin Secondary School re: First Nations/RDSB

February 23 - Ministry tele-conference re: Health and Physical Education

February 24 – Directors’ meeting (Four Boards)

5. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions** NIL

6. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

On Friday, February 27, Grade 7 and 8 students from Rainbow Schools will participate in the Board’s annual Elementary Science Fair. The public is invited to view the 50 or so projects in the gymnasium at Lockerby Composite School from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. The awards ceremony will take place in the auditorium from 1:45 pm to 2:15 pm.

Judges and community professionals with a science related background will select up to 37 projects for the Sudbury Regional Science Fair to be held at Laurentian University’s Alumni Hall on March 28 and 29, 2015.

On Wednesday, March 4, Rainbow will host its tenth annual Technological Skills Competition at Cambrian College.

Over 120 secondary school students will vie for an opportunity to compete in the provincial Skills Competition in Waterloo this May in events such as carpentry, welding, fashion, TV/video editing, photography, auto-service technology, 2D character animation, cabinet making and small-powered equipment.

As part of the competition, 225 Grade 8 students will visit Cambrian College to learn more about the trades. Students will complete a series of hands-on workshops geared to technology on a number of topics including rocket launchers, sail design competitions, solar systems kits, GPS in mining and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

On March 6, the Lasalle Secondary School Dance Team will host *Dance, Act & Sing*, a premiere event to showcase student talent. The Dance Team will host a matinée at 10:45 am for students in Grades 5 to 8, and an evening performance at 7 pm for the general public.

On Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 29, at 1 pm, Sudbury Secondary School's Arts Education Program will present a full-length collective dance creation of "Peter Pan". Students will create original choreography, sets, and costumes for the re-telling of this classic story.

Long-time educator and musical performer Peter Schneider has been selected as this year's (posthumous) recipient of the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award.

The award will be presented at the International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Trust on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Peter Schneider began teaching music in the elementary panel in the 1960s and went on to devote 33 years as an instrumental music educator and music supervisor. He was one of the first music teachers in Sudbury to lead a Grade 7-8 instrumental music program.

During his career, Peter conducted countless student bands, combos and choirs, and infused his passion for music into schools and students. He passed away in September 2014, leaving a lasting legacy in music and music education.

The thought for the month comes from writer and columnist William Arthur Ward who said, "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

7. **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate** – Trustee Clement reported that he attended the February 20, 2015 meeting in Toronto. Discussion included First Nations, OPSBA membership model and code of conduct

**Student Trustee** – Student Trustee Brunton will be in Ottawa later this week to attend the OSTA conference February 26 to March 1, 2015. Student Trustee Brunton reminded trustees of this year's Stand Up Speak Out conference, which will be held on May 6, & 7, 2015 at Cambrian College. Keynote speaker will be Ian Tyson.

Chair Dewar referred to a letter that was received today from OSTA with a trophy thanking RDSB for being a member of OSTA. Chair Dewar thanked Liam for his work as a student trustee.

**G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

2015 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation Dates

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letters to external Audit Committee Members

Letter to Thames Valley DSB RE: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Special Education Advisory Committee Mar. 4, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre  
Student Senate March 9, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Strategic Planning Committee March 10, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Board March 24, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Environmental Ed Committee March 25, 2015 3:30 pm Boardroom  
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Board Awards Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Council Chambers 6:30 PM

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 15-R50, G.Santala/J.Hunda  
That we now adjourn at 7:30 p.m. – **Carried**

Unofficial

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2015**  
**Board Office**

**Attendance**

**Sudbury site:**

Selena Lavigueur, Parent, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School; Tonya Marcotte, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School / Adamsdale Public School; Irene Koren, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Cheryl Ewin, Parent, Valley View Public School / C.R. Judd Public School / Alexander Public School / Redwood Acres Public School; Lesley Fisher, Principal, Ernie Checkeris Public School / Carl A. Nesbitt Public School; Judy Noble, Superintendent; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Pablo Gil-Alfau, Principal, Confederation Secondary School; Gord Santala, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Mitch Ross, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Tara Labranche-Brosseau, Parent, Queen Elizabeth Public School

**Regrets:** Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Jennifer Michaud, Parent, Walden Public School and Lively District Secondary School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Vice-Principal, Lockerby Composite School; Karla Allen, Parent, Lasalle Secondary School / Northeastern Elementary School / Carl A. Nesbitt Public School; Melissa Depatie, Parent, Ernie Checkeris Public School; Cynthia Loiselle-Seguin, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School / Carl A. Nesbitt Public School

1. **Call to Order:** 7 pm

2. **Welcome:** Chair Tonya Marcotte

Chair Tonya Marcotte welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited PIC members to introduce themselves.

3. **Presentation on myBlueprint: Individual Pathways Plan (IPP)**  
**by Superintendent Judy Noble**

Superintendent Judy Noble made a presentation on the myBlueprint Education Planner. PIC members were given iPads to login to myBlueprint and complete various assessments as part of the presentation. myBlueprint was introduced to RDSB students in Grades 7 to 12 as a result of the *Creating Pathways to Success* policy document from the Ministry of Education. The online tool enables students to answer the following questions – Who am I? What are my opportunities? Who do I want to become? What is my plan for achieving my goals? It builds an awareness of pathways and courses needed to achieve education, career and life goals.

Superintendent Noble explained that students in Grades 7 to 12 are required to complete an Individual Pathway Plan (IPP). How students answer questions on activities and assessments helps them to define their interests, career goals and learning styles, and create plans for achieving these goals. Students are required to review their IPP twice a year. myBlueprint has an option that allows parents to connect with and review their child's IPP, provided the child consents to the connection. This feature is designed to increase the opportunity for parents and students to talk

about education and career goals. Teachers can also access student IPPs on myBlueprint and run reports that illustrate the mix of learning styles (visual, auditory, and kinesthetic) in the classroom, allowing them to adapt their lessons.

In the Post-Secondary Planner in myBlueprint, students can compare program descriptions, grade average requirements, course requirements, tuition costs, and other potential costs for up to three post-secondary institutions on one page. myBlueprint includes additional tools such as a Job Finder (with real time job postings), Resume and Cover Letter Builder, Financial Planner, and Occupation Planner (including videos and articles detailing job descriptions and requirements).

Parents/guardians received a number of hand-outs, including a summary of the education planner, getting started for parents, a template letter on how to access the site, and grade by grade activities on goals, skills, abilities, courses and occupations.

PIC members asked if students have in-class time to work on their IPP. It was confirmed that students are indeed given time to work on their IPPs at school. There was some discussion as to what platform the students in Grade 1 to 6 are going to use in the future. The RDSB is looking at the All About Me program by the same developer (a graduate of Lockerby Composite School). An official decision about All About Me has yet to be made.

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion: "That the Agenda for the meeting of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be approved, as presented."*

Moved by: Mitch Ross, Lockerby Composite School

Seconded by: Selena Lavigueur, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School

**Carried**

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be approved, as presented."*

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Queen Elizabeth Public School

Seconded by: Mitch Ross, Lockerby Composite School

**Carried**

#### **6. Discussion based on the presentation**

Discussions occurred during the presentation.

#### **7. Communications Report**

Nicole Charette delivered the communications report.

On Friday, January 9th, 2015, Grade 12 law students will participate in the Mock Trial Competition at the Sudbury Court House.

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to Information Nights at Rainbow secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend. A flyer with dates and times was distributed at the meeting. This information is available at [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca).

Information Nights for Early Learning - Kindergarten will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 for the English Program and Thursday, January 22, 2015 for the French Immersion Program. Schools offering English and French Immersion will host one information night on Thursday, January 22, 2015. Visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) for a list of schools and programs offered or call your area Rainbow School. Copies of the 2015 ELK brochure were distributed.

Rainbow District School Board's Annual Report for the 2013-2014 school year is now available online at [www.rainbowschools.ca](http://www.rainbowschools.ca). Copies were distributed at the meeting. The report will be mailed to School Council Chairs. The Annual Report provides an overview of the key activities undertaken by Rainbow District School Board to address its strategic priorities during the 2013-2014 school year. It also offers an overview of the current Board budget.

Rainbow District School Board is currently accepting nominations for the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. The award honours Joan Mantle's positive impact on music and music education within Rainbow District School Board and the broader community. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, January 15, 2015. For more information, including a nomination form, visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) and click on "community". The award will be presented at the International Dinner in support of the Trust on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Centre in Sudbury.

On behalf of Director of Education Norm Blaseg, Superintendent Judy Noble asked parents if they were consulted on the school year calendar. Parents confirmed that they had seen the calendar in the past. They were informed that the calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year has been provided to Principals for sharing with School Councils.

## **8. School Announcements**

Tonya Marcotte talked about a fundraising project for Lansdowne, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Anne and Sudbury Secondary to bring schools together towards a common goal. Each school would choose an individual fundraising activity, but the money raised would be pooled together to support a single local charity. Some of the charities being considered are Autism Sudbury and the Human League.

Tara Labranche-Brosseau discussed the possibility of another presentation of Sext Up Kids (Doc Zone/CBC) at Sudbury Secondary School, for School Council members and staff. The

documentary, which focuses on growing up in a hyper-sexualized culture, would be of interest to a broad audience.

**9. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.**

*Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned."*

Moved by: Selena Lavigneur, Parent, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Queen Elizabeth Public School

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

**7 pm**

**Board Office, 69 Young Street, Sudbury**

**Topic: Growth Mindset**

Official



**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2015**

**Time: 12:00 PM**

**The Gord Ewin Centre for Education**

**Present:**

**SEAC Members:**

Maureen Beaudry  
Natasha Delaney  
Judy Kosmerly  
Wendy Larouche  
Leo Marcoux  
Dena Morrison

Canadian Hearing Society  
Autism Ontario (Sudbury) (Alternate)  
Trustee  
Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury  
VIEWS  
Trustee

**Staff:**

Sue Del Riccio  
Carol Fortin  
Leslie Hamill  
Lauri Christison  
Celia Wiley  
Brenda Dumontelle  
Tracey Whitehouse  
Amber Geddes  
Chantal Robert  
Lisa Harber  
Shelley Buckland  
Laurie-Ann Lielkalns  
Brien Managhan  
Sandra Brosseau  
Paula Corradini  
Brenda Field  
Amber Perry  
David Squarzolo  
Kathy Wachnuk

ASD/IEP Itinerant Teacher  
Social Worker  
Special Needs Coordinator  
Special Education Consultant  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Special Needs Training and Program Officer  
Special Education Consultant  
Social Worker  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Communication Disorder Assistant  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Special Education Coordinator  
Certified Behaviour Analyst  
Psychometrist  
Psychometrist  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Chief Psychologist and Mental Health Lead  
Special Education Consultant  
Senior Administrator of Special Education

**Regrets:**

Kelly-Lee Assinewe  
Mary MacGregor  
Kathy Wagner

N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre  
Council for Exceptional Children  
Autism Ontario (Sudbury)

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

W. Larouche welcomed everyone.

**2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members**

Quorum was established.

**3.0 SEAC Mission Statement**

L. Marcoux read aloud the mission statement.

**4.0 Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: M. Beaudry

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of February 4, 2015 be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

**5.0 Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were noted.

**6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Motion 2:**

Moved by: Trustee Morrison

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of January 7, 2015 be approved.

Motion carried.

**7.0 Business Arising**

None

**8.0 New Business**

Requests for Leaves of Absence

**Motion 3:**

Moved by: Trustee Morrison

Seconded by: L. Marcoux

That the SEAC approve the absence of Kelly-Lee Assinewe, Mary MacGregor, and Kathy Wagner from the February 4, 2015 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

**9.0 Senior Administrator's Report and Special Education Update**

Staffing Updates

The Board approved the hiring of another social worker to service the Espanola and Manitoulin areas. The position will be advertised. The Board also approved the hiring of mental health nurse with a background in addictions to support students in existing programs, transition from existing programs to their community schools, and support new programs in development. The nurse will liaise with HSN and assist with access to child psychiatry. This position will not replace CCAC nurses.

Invitation for Input into Special Education Programs and Services for 2015-2016

The invitation was distributed to approximately 2500 identified students to share with their parents. The Board has received 82 responses to date. Senior Administrator Wachnuk will share interesting opinions and ideas expressed in the survey responses with the SEAC, and speak with Nicole Charette about establishing a link to the survey on the Board's homepage.

Special Education Budget 2015-2016

Karin Kozman, Manager of Finance, will present the 2015-2016 proposed budget for special education at an upcoming meeting.

**10.0 Board Report**

Updates

There are no additional schools up for review this school year. The Long Lake Public School building is for sale. The Board approved a feasibility study for a Board Office that would accommodate all central staff. The Board is reviewing the secondary school magnet programs with a final decision to be made at the March 24 Board Meeting.

The Board passed a motion to send a letter of support about FASD as per the SEAC recommendation. The SEAC membership was also approved.

**11.0 Chairperson's Remarks**

Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

The provincial advocate's "I Have Something to Say" campaign is seeking input from youth in the special needs community about their experiences to improve

provincial systems.

Community Safety Wellbeing Conference

Information shared at this local conference lead by the Greater Sudbury Police Services indicated that 80 percent of all calls to 911 are not crime related. Discussions occurred about supporting people in the community to better access services that are not emergent. Mental health and poverty are prevalent issues.

**12.0 Information Sharing and Success Stories**

LDAS (Wendy Larouche)

The LDAS newsletter was distributed and is available electronically. Richard Lavoie will be coming to Sudbury to present to RDSB staffs on April 27 and provide an evening workshop for parents.

Senior Administrator Wachnuk confirmed that the Board is following the PPM 8 LD definition and maintaining that a student must have average to above average intelligence to be eligible for identification.

CHS (Maureen Beaudry)

The CHS will host an open house on March 11 from 4:00 until 6:00 PM in celebration of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All are invited to attend.

**13.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC**

Information items

**14.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests**

- Jean Hanson PS visit – Spring 2015
- Supports for adult education
- Proposed 2015-2016 Special Education Budget – Karin Kozman – Spring 2015
- Lasalle Secondary School visit – Spring 2015
- Updating of the SEAC handbook – Kathy Wagner and Mary MacGregor to initiate a review

**15.0 Next Meeting Date**

March 4, 2015, 12:00 until 2:00 PM. Location to be determined.

**16.0 Adjournment**

**Motion 5:**

Moved by: Trustee Morrison

Seconded by: M. Beaudry

That the February 4, 2015 SEAC meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

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Dear Doreen Dewar,

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 4, 2015 informing us of your board's motion supporting the Thames Valley DSB position on seeking supports for students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

This matter was raised at a meeting of the OPSBA Board of Directors by the Thames Valley DSB representative. The issue was also discussed at the Executive Council meeting around the same time. Subsequently, Trustee Cheryl Lovell who is OPSBA's representative on the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE), was asked to take the issue of supports and assessment mechanisms for fetal alcohol spectrum disorder forward to the next MACSE meeting which was scheduled for February. The minutes from that meeting will be posted on the OPSBA website once they have been approved by MACSE for release.

We also provided Trustee Lovell with additional background information we received as a result of a discussion with the Director of Education at Keewatin-Patricia DSB, Sean Monteith. Sean is the CODE representative on the provincial Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Ontario Network of Expertise (FASD ONE) and is a passionate advocate for the need to build capacity in this area.

Thank you for adding your voice to this important issue. OPSBA intends to continue to advocate on this issue as the opportunity arises.

Sincerely,

Michael Barrett,  
President

c. Ruth Tisdale, Chair, Thames Valley DSB