

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
to be held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 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 February 23, 2016 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** \*Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS**
1. Elementary Math and Use of Technology – Superintendent Dye
  2. First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Education Update – Superintendent Dye
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD** \*Director
- E. OLD BUSINESS** \*Director
1. **R.L. Beattie Public School**  
Motion:  
That the Board approve an exception to an accommodation review under 3.1(d) Board Policy No. GOV-15 Student Accommodation, to move grade 7/8 students to Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School effective September 2016.
  2. **Proposed Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Renovations** \*SBO  
(grade 7/8 students)
  3. **Previous Minutes** \*Chair  
Motion:  
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 26, 2016 be approved.
  4. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL \*SBO
  5. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** \*Chair
- F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2016 School Year Structure** \*Director  
  
Motion:  
 That the Board approved the 2016-2017 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools.
2. **OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources 2016** \*Chair  
  
 That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources 2016 in Toronto March 30 – April 1, 2016:
3. **Requests for Leave of Absence** \*Chair  
  
Motion:  
 That \_\_\_\_\_ be granted a leave of absence from the February 23, 2016 Board meeting.
4. **Director's Remarks** \*Director
5. **Other Items** \*Chair  
 OPSBA Delegate  
 Student Trustee
6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** \*Chair  
*Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.*
7. **Chairperson's Remarks** \*Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** \*Chair
  1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**  
 2016 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation Dates  
 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Jan 6, 2016 (official)
  2. **Non-Staff Communications**
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** \*Chair  
 Student Senate Meeting April 4, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
 Parent Involvement Committee April 5, 2016 7:00 pm Boardroom  
 Special Education Advisory Cmttee March 2, 2016 12:00 pm Education Centre  
 Strategic Planning Committee March 8, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
 Equity and Inclusive Education, March 10, 2016 4:00 pm Lockerby CS Library  
 Board March 22, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
 First Nation Advisory Committee May 19, 2016 10:00 am Sheshegwaning First Nation  
 Board July 5, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
- I. **ADJOURNMENT** \*Chair  
Motion:  
 That we do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

<b>Title:</b>	Elementary Math and the Use of Technology
<b>Contact:</b>	Lesleigh Dye
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	February 23, 2016
<b>Mandate</b>	To engage elementary students in math through the use of technology
<b>Background</b>	Over the past several years, Rainbow has received funds from the Council of Ontario Directors of Education to use technology to enhance and transform mathematical learning in classrooms, K to 12.
<b>Information</b>	<p>At this time, there are 10 elementary schools that have been provided with iPads or Chromebooks to support students in learning.</p> <p>Elementary schools that have received iPads include:</p> <p>A.B. Ellis Public School          Cyril Varney Public School          MacLeod Public School          Levack Public School          Little Current Public School          Princess Anne Public School          Queen Elizabeth Public School</p> <p>Elementary schools that have received Chromebooks include:</p> <p>Central Manitoulin Public School          Copper Cliff Public School          Monetville Public School</p> <p>Specifically, teachers are using a variety of math iPad and Chrome applications to support, enhance and extend student mathematical learning.</p> <p>As a result of the iPad apps, students are being provided with the opportunity to explain their mathematical thinking and to make it visible to their classmates as well as their teachers.</p> <p>In elementary schools, there is a focus on moving from enhancing math learning to transforming it through the use of technology.</p>

<b>Title:</b>	First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Update
<b>Contact:</b>	Lesleigh Dye
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	February 23, 2016
<b>Mandate</b>	That the Rainbow District School Board provide the First Nations Advisory Committee with an Annual Report which highlights student data as well as various activities to support the students who identify as First Nation, Métis and Inuit as well as all Rainbow students.
<b>Background</b>	Rainbow schools serves eleven First Nation communities through Education Service Agreements. Each year, an Annual Report provides specific data as to the progress of students who live on and off reserve.
<b>Information</b>	<p>Highlights from the First Nations Advisory Committee, 2014-2015 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of students who identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit each year since 2006-2007</li> <li>• Number of students, per school, who identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit</li> <li>• Native Language programs at both elementary and secondary Rainbow schools</li> <li>• Native Studies courses</li> <li>• Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test results</li> <li>• Special Education data</li> <li>• Attendance data</li> <li>• Diploma data</li> </ul>

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 5:35 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via telephone), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala  
Absent: Student Trustee Urban  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Cayen-Arnold - Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, M. Smethurst  
Others: D. Bazinet, R. Jones, N. Mousseau, J. McKibbon, P. Dupont, members of the public

Chair Dewar requested that cell phones should be turned off during the meeting.

Chair Dewar asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the La Loche tragedy.

She said, "Our thoughts are with the students, staff, families and first responders of La Loche as they attempt to cope with the sad and senseless tragedy that occurred last week. This evening, I would ask that we observe a moment of silence as a sign of respect for those who lost their lives and a sign of compassion for a community and a country in mourning".

**MINUTE OF SILENCE**

"May it comfort the residents of La Loche to know that we are thinking of them and joining with them in this time of deep sorrow. May it strengthen our resolve to keep our schools safe".

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 16-R31 J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 26, 2016 be approved as amended. The amendment being the revision of item F 1 on the agenda to "Long Term Capital Data" and the deletion of the motion. - **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Trustee Santala declared a conflict with item D on the agenda as his wife is an employee of the Board. Trustee Campbell declared a conflict with item D on the agenda, as his wife is a member of OSSTF.

**C. PRESENTATIONS NIL**

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

Motion: 16-R32 D.Morrison/G.Fox

That the recommendations from the Labour Relations Committee meeting of January 26, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Efficient Resource Management – International Education Program**

Superintendent Noble reviewed the International Education Program Board Report. Trustees asked questions and discussed timelines.

Motion: 16-R33 J.Hunda/G.Santala

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

**2. Previous Minutes**

**a) Motion: 16-R34 D.Morrison/J.Hunda**

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on December 14, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

**b) Motion: 16-R35 B.Clement/J.Kosmerly**

That the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held on December 15, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

**c) Motion: 16-R36 D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly**

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

**d) Motion: 16-R37 B.Clement/G.Fox**

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 12, 2016 be approved. - **Carried**

**3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL**

**4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Long-Term Capital Data**

Director Blaseg presented the long term capital data. Trustees asked questions and discussed.

Superintendent Noble and Principal Dupont presented the enrolment pressures at R.L. Beattie PS. Trustees asked questions and discussed.

Chair Dewar thanked Superintendent Noble and Principal Dupont for the informative presentation.

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 16-R38, G.Santala/B.Clement

That Student Trustee Ethan Urban be granted a leave of absence from the January 26, 2016 Board meeting. - **Carried**

3. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Board Council Conference**

Motion: 16-R39, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Ethan Urban at the OSTA Board Council Conference in Ottawa February 18 to 21, 2016. - **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

The Director received notice from CFC indicating that:

Child and Family Centre and the respective Union Local OPSEU 666 reached an agreement over the holidays so many of our Section 23 classes, partnered with CFC, will resume normal intake processes.

We have confirmed with Sudbury Theatre Centre that we will be sponsoring a school matinee called the #Watertower. Abstract: *"Tom and Emma were the perfect couple. Then a provocative image of a teen girl hits #TheWatertower, an online social network. Will the fabric of an entire community unravel overnight? Four teens each must separately navigate these dangerous digital waters as they learn how they will stand up for themselves, and one another. Will anything ever be the same? #TheWatertower is an exciting live theatre and interactive digital experience about the important issue of cyberbullying – How we treat others as we live in our social spaces, both real and virtual."*

The performance will target grades 7-12 and will begin on April 1 and conclude on April 8, 2016. Transportation to outlying areas will be subsidized. I encourage all trustees to attend. Please let Heather know if you intend to go.

We met with our stakeholder groups for the school year calendar on January 13, 2016. At that time I informed them that we would be adding February 29<sup>th</sup> as an additional PD day for the 2015-2016 school year. Since then we have had to reschedule the date to Friday, May 20, 2016. This is as a result of a request from two coterminous boards.

International trips – 3-month embargo in France.

We are monitoring trips. We expect tour companies to be working with school organizers if trip agendas are to be revised. Two of our schools, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School and Lockerby Composite School are affected. The advisory for France is very clear as stated by the Canadian Government trip advisory as of January 26, 2016: *"Following the November 13, 2015 attacks*

*in Paris, the French authorities have raised the Vigipirate alert to the highest level (terrorist alert) and have declared a country-wide state of emergency. Controls have been reinstated at points of entry, enhanced security measures have been put in place at airports, curfews could be imposed in certain areas, traffic could be restricted in some neighbourhoods and there could be disruptions to public transportation in Ile-de-France. Due to the state of emergency, there is a heightened potential for police raids to take place. If you are in an area where a police raid is being conducted, remain indoors, close all windows and blinds, and stay away from windows. Exercise a high degree of personal security awareness, maintain a heightened level of vigilance and be aware of your surroundings at all times.”*

On January 21, 2016, Superintendent Dye and Acting Vice Principal Kelly McCauley presented RDSB Math Apps to the Council Of Directors of Education and to Superintendents of Business at the CEO-CFO Annual Conference of 2016 in Toronto. All 72 boards were present. They were excellent!

Kris Longston from the City of Greater Sudbury has confirmed he will present population data for the City of Greater Sudbury at the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.

#### Itinerary

December 16	Ministry Of Education – Re: Hubs Served turkey lunch to Sudbury SS students Attended Princess Anne PS turkey lunch
December 17	Attended Manitoulin Secondary School Annual Awards
December 18	Agenda Setting
January 5	Exec Council
January 6	Espanola – Tour of Construction site
January 7	Superintendent Of Business Interviews
January 11	Exec Council
January 12	Director’s Meeting, Sudbury Secondary School Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
January 13	Future Leaders Committee Meeting Sudbury Theatre Centre – Meeting Board Agenda Setting School Year Calendar Stakeholder Meeting
January 14	Partners for Children and Youth meeting at Science North OPSEU meeting



January 15            Discipline Committee Meeting

January 18            Exec Council  
ETFO Joint Committee

January 20-22        CODE- Toronto

January 25            Exec Council  
Joan Mantle Music Trust Committee Meeting

January 26            Meeting with Social Committee members  
Labour Relations Committee Meeting  
Board Meeting

5.    **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate** – Trustee Clement will attend a meeting in Toronto scheduled for February 19, 2016. He will discuss the difficulties in securing accommodation at hotels for the trustees attending OPSBA conferences.

**Student Trustee** – NIL

6.    **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison spoke about coding in curriculum and wondered about gathering input from the Student Senate.

Trustee Kosmerly shared a very moving poem written by a student at Cecil Facer. Trustees were very appreciative.

Trustee Fox informed that she has been asked by the Ontario College of Teachers to be part of a writing team for training modules.

Trustee Morrison informed trustees that the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016 has been cancelled.

7.    **Chairperson's Remarks**

Five grade 8 students at Alexander Public School have raised \$6000 toward their goal of \$10,000 to build a school in Ecuador by the time they graduate this spring. This goal was inspired by a geography assignment on child labour when these students were in grade 6.

Rainbow secondary students garnered both gold and silver medals at this year's Mock Trial Competition. Congratulations to the competitors, and a special thank you to the staff and to the coaches from the legal community who enable our students to have this unique experience.

Many thanks to everyone who participated and packed a "Litterless Lunch" last Fri, Jan 22, 2016. The "Reduce the Refuse" initiative was a great success.

Queen Elizabeth II Public School will celebrate Family Literacy Day on Wednesday, Jan 27 (that's tomorrow). The day is intended to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in a variety of literacy-based activities. Members of our community have been invited to bring in their favourite stories and share them with students.

RDSB invites all students and staff to wear a sweater on Sweater Day, Friday, February 12, 2016 when we will be turning down the heat.

We would like to continue to remind everyone that Secondary school information nights continue to take place in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.

Thought for the month: Thomas Edison once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

## **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

### **1. Reports from Officials and Staff**

Audit Committee Meeting minutes September 15, 2015 (official)  
Parent Involvement Committee minutes November 3, 2015 (official)  
Equity and Inclusive Education Committee minutes Nov 19, 2015 (official)  
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Dec 2, 2015 (official)

### **2. Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Minister of Education Liz Sandals dated December 2, 2015  
Letter from Waterloo District School Board dated December 4, 2015  
Letter from Peel District School Board dated December 8, 2015  
Letter from AECOM dated December 15, 2015  
Letter from Minister of Children & Youth Services Dated Dec 23, 2015

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Student Senate Meeting February 8, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Parent Involvement Committee February 16, 2016 7:00 pm Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Feb 3, 2016 12:00 pm Education Centre  
Strategic Planning Committee February 9, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Board February 23, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 11, 2016 10:00 am Sagamok First Nation  
Board July 5, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 16-R40, D.Morrison/T.Campbell  
That we now adjourn at 7:05 p.m. – **Carried.**

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OVERVIEW OF THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 2016/17 for  
Elementary and Secondary Schools**

1. **Structure of School Year**

Labour Day	September 5
First School Day (students)	September 7
Thanksgiving	October 10
Christmas Break	December 26 – January 6
Family Day	February 20
Mid Winter Break	March 13 – 17
Good Friday	April 14
Easter Monday	April 17
Victoria Day	May 22
Last School Day (students)	June 30
First Semester (secondary)	September 7 – February 2
Second Semester (secondary)	February 6 – June 30

2. **Professional Activity Days**

September 6  
September 30  
October 28  
November 28  
February 3  
April 28  
June 16

3. **Examination Days**

January 27 – February 2  
June 26 – 30

## Preliminary Program Outline

# OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium

**March 31 - April 1, 2016** Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

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### PRE-SYMPOSIUM

**Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 31, 2016**

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| 1:00 PM        | Registration         |
| 1:30 PM        | Workshop             |
| 2:30 PM        | Refreshments         |
| 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Workshop continues   |
| 4:30 - 6:00 PM | Networking Reception |

### MAIN SYMPOSIUM

**Friday 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, April 1, 2016**

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| 8:00 AM        | Registration continues |
| 8:00 AM        | Breakfast              |
| 9:00 AM        | Keynote Speaker        |
| 10:00 AM       | Networking Break       |
| 10:30 AM       | Workshops              |
| 12:00 PM       | Lunch                  |
| 1:15 PM        | Workshops              |
| 2:45 PM        | Networking Break       |
| 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Panel Discussion       |

### ACCOMMODATION

Sheraton Centre Hotel  
123 Queen Street West,  
Toronto  
Book online or  
phone 416-361-1000 or  
Toll Free 1-888-627-7175.  
Request special rate for "OPSBA Labour  
Relations Symposium"  
Hotel cut-off date: Monday, February 29,  
2016

### Registration Fee

Pre-Symposium: \$100  
Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Main Symposium: \$375  
Thursday, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. and  
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BOTH Pre and Main Symposium:  
\$475

### REGISTER ONLINE

see [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org)



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**ELEMENTARY GRADUATION DATES 2016**

TRUSTEES	SCHOOLS	GRADUATION (DATE/TIME)
Tyler Campbell (Area 2)	CVDCS (Gr 8)	Thursday June 23, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
	CVDCS (Elem)	
	Lansdowne	Tuesday, June 28, 2016 @ SSS @ 6:00 pm
	Larchwood	Thursday, June 23, 2016
	Levack	Wednesday, June 22, 2016 @ 6:00pm
Bob Clement (Area 8)	AB Ellis	Tuesday, June 28, 2016
	S. Geiger	Thursday, June 23, 2016
	Webbwood	Monday, June 27, 2016
Doreen Dewar (Area 5)	Alexander	Thursday June 23, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
	Algonquin	Monday, June 27, 2016
	RL Beattie	Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 pm @ Hellenic Centre
	MacLeod	Wednesday, June 29 @ 6:00 pm
Grace Fox	First Nations system wide	
Judy Hunda (Area 6)	Carl A. Nesbitt	Tuesday, June 28, 2016
	Queen Elizabeth (JK/6)	Gr 6 Stepping Up ceremony Tuesday, June 28 @ 11:40 AM
Larry Killens (Area 7)	Assiginack	Monday, June 27, 2016
	Central Manitoulin	Tuesday, June 28, 2016
	Little Current	Wednesday, June 29, 2016
	CC McLean	Friday, June 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Judy Kosmerly (Area 3)	Pinecrest	Tuesday, June 28, 2016, in the Confederation gym
	Redwood Acres (JK/5)	
	Valley View	Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Dena Morrison (Area 4)	Churchill	Wednesday, June 29, 2016 @ 6:00 pm at Churchill
	CR Judd	Wednesday June 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm
	Markstay	Monday, June 27, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
	Monetville	Tuesday, June 28, 2016
	Northeastern Elem	Tuesday June 28, 2016
Gord Santala (Area 1)	Copper Cliff	Wednesday, June 29, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
	Jean Hanson	Tuesday, June 14, 2016 @ noon
	RH Murray	Tuesday, June 28, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
	Princess Anne	Wednesday, June 29, 2016 @ 5:00 pm
	Walden PS	Stepping Up ceremony is Monday, June 27, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
	Lively (Elem)	Tuesday, June 28, 2016

**GRADUATION DATES 2016**

SECONDARY	DATE & TIME
BARRYDOWNE COLLEGE	Thursday June 23, 2016 @ 5:30 pm
CHELMSFORD VDCCS	Wednesday June 15, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
CONFEDERATION	Wednesday, June 8, 2016
ESPANOLA	Wednesday June 29, 2016
LASALLE	Thursday, June 16, 2016
LIVELY	Wednesday, June 15, 2016
LOCKERBY	Monday, June 6, 2016 @ 6:30 pm @ Cambrian College
LO-ELLEN PARK	Thursday, June 16, 2016
MANITOULIN	Thursday, June 9, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
SUDBURY SECONDARY ADULT ED N'SWAKAMOK	Wednesday, June 15, 2016 Thursday, June 16, 2016 Thursday, June 9, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

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

**Wednesday, January 6, 2016  
Time: 12:00 PM  
The Gord Ewin Centre for Education**

**Present:**

**SEAC Members:**

Maureen Beaudry (Vice-Chair)	Canadian Hearing Society
Natasha Delaney	Autism Ontario (Sudbury)
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Leo Marcoux	IEWS

**Staff:**

Leslie Hamill	Coordinator of Special Needs
Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
Michele Smethurst	Executive Assistant to the Superintendents
David Squarzolo	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent of Schools

**Regrets:**

Kelly-Lee Assinewe	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Bob Clement	Trustee

**Guests:**

Chrissy Battistoni	LDAS
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## 1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Superintendent Wachnuk welcomed everyone.

## 2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established

## 3.0 Election of Chair/ Vice-Chair

Wendy Larouche and Maureen Beaudry were acclaimed as chair and vice-chair of the SEAC for 2016.

## 4.0 SEAC Mission Statement

M. Beaudry read aloud the mission statement.

## 5.0 Approval of the Agenda

### **Motion 1:**

Moved by: M. Beaudry

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of January 6, 2016 be approved.

Motion carried.

## 6.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

## 7.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

### **Motion 2:**

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: L. Marcoux

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of December 2, 2015 be approved.

Motion carried.

## 8.0 Business Arising

### Assistive Technology Training and Google Apps For Education (GAFE)

Leslie Hamill shared the RDSB Assistive Technology Tutorial website she developed in 2015 with a group of teachers. It is undergoing piloting with different staff and schools. It is a work in progress and can be accessed at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/rscloud.ca/at/>



Leslie Hamill reviewed GAFE being used throughout the Board. All staff and students have individual accounts. Google Drive allows for unlimited electronic storage of files by staff and students and the collaborative sharing and transfer of documents. Accessibility, editing, and research features can be added and customized to suit the individual.

## 9.0 New Business

### **Motion 3:**

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: L. Marcoux

That the SEAC approve the absences of Kelly-Lee Assinewe and Bob Clement from the January 6, 2016 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

## 10.0 Superintendent's Report

### Special Education Invitation for Input Letter

Principals have been asked to distribute this letter to all parents of children with special needs for their input into special education programs and services in the Board. Input can also be provided on line through the RDSB website at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/specialeducationsurvey2016>

Response data will be shared with the SEAC at a future meeting. D. Squarzolo will share the invitation letter with the SEAC.

### Budget Proposal Input Letter

Principals have been asked to share this letter with their parent councils at their next meetings. D. Squarzolo will share the letter with the SEAC.

### Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Applications

SIP applications for 197 students have been submitted to the Ministry for \$3.8 million. The Board received \$2.8 million in SIP funding from the submission for 2015-2016.

### Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) and Rapid Mobilization Table (RMT)

VTRA is a reactive process and the RMT is meant to be proactive. Both processes will access community-based intervention. The Board has opened 14 VTRA processes and referred 15 cases to the RMT since September 2015. Sue Del Riccio, Itinerant Teacher, is the Board's RMT representative and has been involved with 35 cases referred within the community to the RMT.

Superintendent Wachnuk will ask Amber Perry, Chief Psychologist, to determine if provincial funding for the RMT is being reduced.

Lexia Reading Program

The Board purchased an additional 100 licenses in December to support approximately 1700 students using the Lexia program. The majority of students using the program attend Grades 3 to 8. Students attending an ISP as well as English Language Learners also use Lexia. The first Syrian family has arrived and their children are attending CR Judd. Another family will be arriving next week with students attending Confederation Secondary School.

Child and Family Centre (CFC) Labour Dispute

CFC has announced that the pending labour dispute has been resolved.

RDSB Annual Report 2014-2015

Superintendent Wachnuk distributed and highlighted sections of the recently released report.

**11.0 Special Education Staff Report**

Itinerant Teachers of the Blind

The Board has hired a qualified and experienced teacher from outside the Board to provide supports for children in the Espanola and Manitoulin areas.

February 5 PD Day

Teachers will be involved in assessment and evaluation. Training in Behaviour Management Systems and First Aid will be provided for Educational Assistants.

Predicted Enrolment

Consultants and Coordinators have begun gathering data for predicted enrolment and special education staff planning for 2016-2017.

Special Education Plan

The plan is currently under review. The document will be prepared with a unifying style, font, and format for 2016-2017.

**12.0 Board Report**

Updates

Trustees Doreen Dewar and Dena Morrison were acclaimed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for 2016. Trustees Judy Kosmerly and Bob Clement will serve as Trustee representatives on the SEAC. Trustees Judy Hunda and Dena Morrison will serve as alternates. Trustees will now be submitting biannual updates to report the activities of the committees on which they serve.

A recent audit indicated a budget surplus for the Board to be reinvested.

The Board passed a motion to renovate the former Wembley PS building and relocate all Board-level staff and services as well as the Restart and O'Connor

Park programs into the one location. The existing Board Office will be offered for sale following the move to offset the costs of renovation. The Ministry does not provide new funding to replace school board administrative buildings.

### **13.0 Chairperson's Report**

The LDAS received a 3-year Trillium grant from the province in the amount of \$600 000 to expand their services into North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, and Timmins.

### **14.0 Information Sharing and Success Stories**

#### Autism Ontario (Natasha Delaney)

The vestibule at Jean Hanson PS is now complete. City bylaws and property ownership prevented it from being longer. The IBI worker who has been working with Natasha's son has agreed to work with school staff to orient themselves about her son's routines and use of Proloquo2Go. D. Squarzolo will distribute information about the local ADHD Parent Support Group.

### **15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC**

No correspondence was received.

### **16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests**

- SHILO visit – March 2016
- N'Swakamok Native Alternative School and Mishko-deh-Wendam visit – April 2016
- Special Education Budget – May 2016
- Special Education Staffing – May 2016
- Childhood Trauma – Colleen McDonald & Sue Del Riccio – 2016

### **17.0 Next Meeting Date**

February 3, 2016 from 12:00 until 2:00 PM at the Gord Ewin Centre for Education.

### **18.0 Adjournment**

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM.