

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
to be held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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| AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS |
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A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA *Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of April 26, 2016 be approved.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST *Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS *Chair

1. Science North's Economic Impact – Guy Labine, Chief Executive Officer
2. Community Presentation – Preservation of Wembley Yard Greenspace
Naomi Grant and Jenny Martindale
3. Kindergarten Camp 2016 – Superintendent Dye

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

E. OLD BUSINESS *Director

1. Previous Minutes *Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 22, 2016 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals *SBO

a) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for cafeteria and vending services – RFP #2016-07 to _____.

b) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Charles C. McLean Public School, partial roof replacement - tender #2016-09 to _____.

- c) Motion:
That the Board award the contract for Charles C. McLean Public School, partial window replacement - tender #2016-11 to _____.
- d) Motion:
That the Board award the contract for Algonquin Road Public School, partial window replacement - tender #2016-15 to _____.
- e) Motion:
That the Board award the contract for Princess Anne Public School, partial window replacement - tender #2016-12 to _____.
- f) Motion:
That the Board award the contract for Manitoulin Secondary School, partial roof replacement - tender #2016-13 to _____.
- g) Motion:
That the Board award the contract for elevator inspection and maintenance services for the Rainbow District School Board - tender #2016-21 to _____.

3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair

F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair

1. **Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) – Annual General Meeting** *Chair

Motion:
That the Board approve the attendance of incoming Student Trustee at the OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 26 to 29, 2016.

2. **Canadian School Board Association (CSBA) Congress 2016** *Chair

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the CSBA Congress 2016 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 7 – 9, 2016.

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair

Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the April 26, 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**
Parent Involvement Committee minutes February 16, 2016 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Letter from the City of Greater Sudbury dated April 7, 2016
Letter from Bluewater District School Board dated April 13, 2016
2016 Elementary School Graduation dates (revised)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS *Chair

Student Senate Meeting May 2, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee May 3, 2016 7:00 pm Boardroom
Stand Up Speak Out Conference May 4 & 5, 2016, Cambrian College
Special Education Advisory Cmttee May 4, 2016 12:00 pm Education Centre
Equity and Inclusive Education May 5, 2016 4:00 pm Lockerby CS Library
Strategic Planning Committee May 10, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Environmental Education Committee May 18, 2016 3:30 PM Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee May 19, 2016 10:00 am Sheshegwaning First Nation
Board Meeting (Budget) May 24, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board Meeting May 25, 2016 5:00 pm Sudbury Secondary School Library
Board Awards May 25, 2016 6:30 pm Sudbury Sec School Sheridan Auditorium
Board July 5, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT *Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at p.m.

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| Title: | Kindergarten Camp, 2016 |
| Contact: | Lesleigh Dye |
| Date Submitted: | April 26, 2016 |
| Mandate | To provide an opportunity for Year 1 Kindergarten students new to Rainbow schools to engage in learning activities before formally beginning school in September 2016. |
| Background | <p>The following schools will host a Kindergarten Camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Current Public School A.B. Ellis Public School Princess Anne Public School Lansdowne Public School Queen Elizabeth Public School Churchill Public School Northeastern Public School Chelmsford Public School |
| Information | <p>Year 1 Kindergarten students (students new to school) will participate in learning at the school for which they are registered for kindergarten.</p> <p>They will engage in inquiry learning in the classroom as well as in the outdoors.</p> <p>The camp will be hosted:</p> <p>Monday, August 22, 2016 - Thursday, September 1, 2016 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (1/2 days in the mornings)</p> <p>Each camp will be staffed with a teacher and, if numbers permit, a Designated Early Childhood Educator (DECE).</p> <p>Detailed information will be provided at the May Kindergarten Information Sessions for the schools involved.</p> <p>Over the next several years, Kindergarten Camp will be expanded to include all Rainbow schools.</p> |

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (Vice Chair acting as Chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, D. Dewar (via telephone), G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via telephone), Student Trustee Urban

Absent: J. Kosmerly, G. Santala

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: R. Jones, B. Blasutti, Pam Potvin, Dave Winsa, Maureen McNamara, Dave St. Amour, Leslie Mantle, Marty Punkari, member of the public

Acting Chair Morrison requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 16-R48, B.Clement/T.Campbell

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 22, 2016 be approved
- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Six secondary community schools provided 21st Century Learning proposal presentations
 - Manitoulin Secondary School – Principal Zahnow
 - Chelmsford Valley District Composite School - Principal Potvin
 - Confederation Secondary School – Vice Principal St. Amour
 - Espanola High School – Principal Punkari
 - Lasalle Secondary School - Principal McNamara
 - Lively District Secondary School - Principal Mantle

Trustees were very impressed with the unique presentations. There was an opportunity for questions and discussion about each proposal.

Motion:

That Rainbow District School Board approve the community-based secondary school recommendations.

Acting Chair Morrison explained that there was a request to split the motion into three separate motions.

Motion: 16-R49, T.Campbell/G.Fox

That Community-based secondary schools offer 21st Century Learning environments funded through Student Focused initiative. (6 x \$ 50,000 = \$300,000). – **Carried unanimously**

Motion: 16-R50, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the motion *That Lively District Secondary School offer French Immersion programming starting September 2017 conditional upon minimum enrolment of 20 students per year* be deferred to March 2017. – **Carried**

Motion: 16-R51, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That the motion *That within RDSB each secondary school provide promotional presentations to their feeder schools only effective September 2016* be deferred to March 2017. - **Carried**

Trustee Dewar excused herself from the meeting (7:15 PM)

2. Summer Programs 2016

Superintendent Dye, Superintendent Noble and Superintendent Wachnuk provided details about summer 2016 programs for elementary and secondary students.

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

Motion: 16-R52, B.Clement/G.Fox

That the in-camera Labour Relations recommendations of March 22, 2016 be approved. – **Carried**

E. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Lo-Ellen Intermediate Program**

a) Motion: 16-R53, T.Cambell/G.Fox

That the grade 7 and 8 students from R.L. Beattie Public School be moved to Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School effective September 2016. – **Carried**

b) Motion: 16-R54, B.Clement/T.Campbell

That funding allocations and renovations at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School to accommodate the students be approved. – **Carried**

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 16-R55, B.Clement/G.Fox

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 23, 2016 be approved - **Carried**

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion: 16-R56, T.Campbell/G.Fox

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the OPSBA Annual General Meeting in Ottawa June 9 to 11, 2016:

Tyler Campbell, Bob Clement, Doreen Dewar, Grace Fox, Judy Hunda, Larry Killens, Gord Santala. – **Carried**

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

Motion: 16-R57, B.Clement/G.Fox

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Ethan Urban at the OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 26 to 29, 2016. – **Carried**

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 16-R58, B.Clement/G.Fox

That Trustee Kosmerly and Trustee Santala be granted a leave of absence from the March 22, 2016 Board meeting. - **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

On Wednesday March 2, I had the opportunity to attend the Skills Competition held at Cambrian College. Amongst many of the activities I observed I was quite intrigued by the student engagement, particularly with the rocket launch and sail competitions. Intermediate students were extremely focused and, without knowing it, were collaborating and using a number of combined skillsets to create very sophisticated structures that exceeded all expectations. The latter was quite enjoyable to watch. A lot of credit to Superintendent Noble for maintaining this day – truly unique and a wonderful opportunity to engage our partner Cambrian College.

On Thursday, March 3 several staff along with some members of the board attended the Community Builders Awards. RDSB sponsored the youth award, won by Christopher McCormick, a Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School student. Without a doubt Christopher had the best speech of the night – truly remarkable young man.

On Friday, March 4, Trustee Morrison and myself attended Churchill Public School's first Pow Wow. The pride and participation of all was on full display. A

great event!

On Wednesday, March 9 RDSB held our Regional Science Fair at Lockerby Composite School. I received some great advice; texting and driving for a person my age is not good, secondly, when eating greens, lighter greens are better – who knew?

On March 15 we were advised that the ministry would be conducting enrolment audits at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School and Barrydowne College.

There was a small fire in the music room at Lively District Secondary School last night. Staff was able to put it out before the fire department arrived. The room has been closed. This incident did not affect school today.

This morning we were notified that our overseas students had been re routed to Germany from Italy. The trip is being postponed by 36 hours. We cannot say with certainty that the delay was directly related to the terrorist attack in Brussels however we believe flight times and routes have impacted our student's return.

Itinerary:

February 24 Agenda Setting for upcoming Strategic Planning Committee meeting

February 25 ETFO Meeting
R.L. Beattie Public School Information Meeting

February 26 Wembley tour with trustees
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School visit
OPSEU Meeting

February 29 Directors Meeting – Lively District Secondary School

March 1 Exec Council – Budget deliberations

March 2 Tech Skills Competition – Cambrian College
Long Term Capital Data – Federations/Unions

March 3 Meeting with Trustee Santata
Community Builders Awards Ceremony

March 4 School visits with Trustee Morrison
C.R. Judd Public School
Northeastern Elementary School
Churchill Public School

March 7 Exec Council
Student Transportation Consortium AGM

Ministry Of Education – teleconference

- March 8 School Visits with Trustee Kosmerly
Pinecrest Public School
Confederation Secondary School
OSSTF Meeting
Strategic Planning Committee meeting
- March 9 Chamber of Commerce meeting
Agenda setting – Board meeting
Science Fair – Lockerby Composite School
- March 10 Exec Council – Budget deliberations
Ministry of Education teleconference
- March 11 Discipline Committee meeting
- March 14-18 March break
- March 21 Exec Council
- March 22 Ministry for Children and Youth teleconference
Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – NIL

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Urban commented on the success of the Talent Show, which took place on March 4, 2016 at Sudbury Secondary School. There were three winners and prizes were donated locally. This will become an annual event.

Trustees were reminded of the upcoming Stand Up Speak Out Conference scheduled for May 4 and 5, 2016 at Cambrian College.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Clement commented on a Pow Wow that he attended at Cambrian College on March 11, 2016.

Trustee Hunda voiced her pleasure to all who took part in the Talent Show.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

A Grade 12 student from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School was honoured at the Community Builders Awards on Thursday, March 3, 2016. Christopher McCormick received the Young Leader Award. Also at the ceremony, retired educator Wayne Hugli was recognized for his leadership with the Ugliest

Schoolyard Contest. Denise Fraser, who served as a School Liaison Officer with the Greater Sudbury Police Service for many years, received a Community Builders Award for her contribution to education.

Innovative projects are being implemented in Rainbow Schools thanks to funding provided by the Ministry of Education's Student Voice program. Ten Rainbow Schools will share a total of \$14,500 in SpeakUp Project grants to support the Ministry's renewed vision of Achieving Excellence. Projects range from promoting First Nation, Métis and Inuit perspectives and healthy schools to equity and inclusive education.

Our next environmental challenge is Water Bottle Free Day. Rainbow District School Board invites students and staff to bring re-usable water containers to school and use water filling stations on March 24, 2016. The Board began installing water filling stations in 2009. To date, the stations have saved the equivalent of some 1.1 million water bottles from our local landfill sites.

On Thursday, March 31, 2016, all Grade 10 students in Ontario will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, including Rainbow District School Board. The OSSLT is a graduation requirement administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that their children are present for the test and prepared to do their best.

A number of students in Grades 7 to 12 will participate in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair being held in the Alumni Hall at Laurentian University on Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10, 2016. Sudbury Regional Science Fair projects will be selected for the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Montreal, Quebec from May 15 to 20, 2016. Congratulations to all participants.

Rainbow District School Board's fifth International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Older Adult Centre in Sudbury. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new musical instruments and equipment in Rainbow Schools.

Sudbury Secondary School will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Arts Education Program with an Alumni Reunion on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday May 22, 2016. Visit rainbowschools.ca for event and registration information.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

First Nation Advisory Committee minutes November 12, 2015 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes January 5, 2016 (official)
Equity and Inclusive Education minutes January 7, 2016 (official)
Special Ed Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Feb 3, 2016 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Environmental Education Committee March 23, 2016
Student Senate Meeting April 4, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee April 5, 2016 7:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee April 6, 2016 12:00 pm Education Centre
Strategic Planning Committee April 12, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board April 26, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Stand Up Speak Out Conference May 4 & 5, 2016, Cambrian College
Equity and Inclusive Education May 5, 2016 4:00 pm Lockerby CS Library
First Nation Advisory Committee May 19, 2016 10:00 am Sheshegwaning First Nation
Board July 5, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 16-R59, T.Campbell/B.Clement
That we now adjourn at 7:50 p.m. – **Carried.**



LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY AND SERVICE FOR MANITOBA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS

March 30, 2016

TO: All School Trustees, Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers

FROM: Heather Demetriooff, Director of Education and Communication Services

RE: CSBA Congress 2016 Registration is **OPEN**

On-line registration for the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education and the Canadian School Boards Association 2016 Congress is now open at <http://plannersplus.ca/csba>. Here are a few things to note.

- Early-bird registration fees are available until May 31, 2016.
- There are two options for Congress registration—with or without the Saturday banquet.
- Cancellations made up to and including June 15, 2016 will be assessed a \$50 administration fee. No cancellations will be accepted after June 15, but substitutions will be allowed.
- Additional banquet tickets may be purchased through the registration site. Advanced purchase is required; no banquet tickets will be sold on site.
- Payment may be made via credit card or cheque (preferred). If paying via cheque, you will receive an invoice via email with payment instructions, as soon as your registration is received.

Please note that for these events, registration is being managed by our event planner, Planners Plus, not the association office. While we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have, issues specific to a registration (such as cancellations or substitutions) should be directed to the Planners Plus contact indicated on the registration page.

Also, pre-selection of workshops, which will be posted to the Congress website in the next two weeks, is not required. To assist us with logistical planning, we will be surveying registrants closer to the events to determine the level of interest in each session, but delegates will be able to determine which sessions they will be attending on-site.

Thank you.

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Cc Valerie McLeod, Executive Director, Canadian School Boards Association



Courageous Leadership

CSBA Congress 2016 Winnipeg, Manitoba July 7 - 9, 2016

CSBA Congress 2016 Program

| Thursday, July 7 | Event |
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| All Day | Registration is available at the Delta Hotel |
| 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. | CSBA Annual General Meeting |
| 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. | Buses and walking groups depart the Delta Hotel for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights |
| 5:30 p.m. | Gallery tours at CMHR available (to 7:00 p.m.) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Official welcome and opening |
| 7:30 p.m. | Keynote Address: Joseph Boyden (boyden.php) |
| 8:30 p.m. | Adjournment and reception |
| 9:30 p.m. | Event concludes; buses and walking groups return to the Delta and/or Alt Hotels |
| Friday, July 8 | Event (all events at the Delta Hotel) |
| 7:30 a.m. | Registration and breakfast |
| 8:45 a.m. | Opening remarks |
| 9:00 a.m. | Keynote: Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish (drizzeldinabuelaish.php) (co-sponsored by the Canadian Association of School System Administrators) |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. | Workshops 1 |
| 12:00 Noon | Lunch |
| 1:30 p.m. | Workshops 2 |
| 2:45 p.m. | Break |
| 3:15 p.m. | Keynote: Michael Redhead Champagne (michaelredheadchampagne.php) |
| 4:15 p.m. | Adjournment |
| 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. | Reception |
| Saturday, July 9 | Event (All events at the Delta Hotel) |
| 7:30 a.m. | Registration and breakfast |
| 8:45 a.m. | Opening remarks |
| 9:00 a.m. | Keynote: Big Daddy Tazz (bigdaddytazz.php) |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. | Cross Canada Check-In |
| 12:00 Noon | Lunch |
| 1:30 p.m. | Workshops 3 |
| 2:45 p.m. | Closing Keynote: TBA |
| 4:00 p.m. | Adjournment |
| 6:00 p.m. | Cash bar/reception |
| 7:00 p.m. | Banquet |
| 10:00 p.m. | Congress concludes |

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Board Office**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Jessica Joy, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Queen Elizabeth II Public School and Lansdowne Public School; Cheryl Ewin, Parent, Valley View Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; David Douglass, Teacher, Algonquin Road Public School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College; Susan Cousineau, Principal, Redwood Acres Public School; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Tara Labranche-Brosseau, Parent, Queen Elizabeth II Public School; Andrea MacInnes, Parent, Larchwood Public School; Martin Lee, Parent, Alexander Public School; Jason Innis, Parent, Alexander Public School; Alison Bujold, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Tern Bate, Parent, Ernie Checkeris Public School; Kathy Dokis, Principal, Gord Ewin Centre of Education; Debbie Digby, Nurse, Sudbury & District Health Unit; Adam Pitre, Parent, Larchwood Public School; Cynthia Loiselle-Seguín, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School; Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Michele Henschel, Program Coordinator, Science and Technological Studies, Gord Ewin Centre for Education

Espanola Site: Dan Koziar, Vice-Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School; Jennifer Tilston, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School

Regrets: Melissa Depatie, Parent, Ernie Checkeris Public School; Karla Allen, Parent, Lasalle Secondary School / Northeastern Elementary School; Heather Downey, Vice-Principal, Sudbury Secondary School; Erum Aamir, Parent, Ernie Checkeris Public School; Tammy Bergeron, Parent, Levack Public School; Dahnja Schoengen, Parent, Levack Public School

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

2. **Welcome:** Chair Jessica Joy

Chair Jessica Joy welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited PIC members to introduce themselves.

3. **Presentations**

Inquiring Minds, Kindergarten Inquiry in Rainbow Schools – Kathy Dokis

The Full-Day Kindergarten program is designed to enable children to maximize their learning through free explorations, focused explorations, and guided inquiry-based learning opportunities. Inquiry is organic. It grows and changes and no two inquiries will be the same. The inquiry cycle includes provocation, exploration, investigation and communication. Provocation can be driven by the teacher or may emerge spontaneously from the children's interactions with materials, experiences or each other. In the exploration phase, students explore topics at their own pace.

How each student explores a concept can happen in very different ways. Student questions drive the investigation and teachers provide the materials and support. (For example, students may compare their own height to that of a friend or use materials such as blocks to measure their height.) In communication, new inquiries are often sparked by questions during circle time, and the cycle begins again as students learn from each other.

Kinder-architecture - An Example of Inquiry - Emily Caruso Parnell

The Student Success Policy Branch and the Laurentian University School of Architecture conducted a Learning Pilot Project at Ernie Checkeris Public School. Students built three dimensional objects using cardboard and tape. Students were then taught how to draw three dimensional pictures using green peppers. They were taught to draw the pepper from different angles and views. The students then used the techniques they learned to draw scaled pictures of their models. In the final step of the project, students were given the same materials used by architects, and with the help of their teachers, built scale models of their designs. The entire project was documented on the school website. The students were excited to showcase their designs to their families and friends at an open house.

Presentation - Michele Henschel and Andrea MacInnes

Andrea MacInnes, Grade 7 and 8 teacher at Larchwood Public School, has built a unique website that encourages students to talk. The same processes she uses can be implemented for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. The process is the 5E Model. Students engage, explore, explain, extend and evaluate. Getting students curious begins with questions. To prove how curious humans are, parents were given different items - liquid filled glasses, fortune telling fish, and balls. Parents were then asked to share questions and wonderings about the items to the group. Questions ranged from what is the item made from, to can we take the item home with us. Andrea then explained how she takes the questions and sorts them into the following groups - research, create/build, ponder and experiment. This creates authentic learning. Students take the information and share or communicate it with their peers. They extend the knowledge, with new wonderings. They then handed out iPads with periscopes attached to them. Parents were invited to work together to investigate how different fibers react when they become wet. Parents realized that it doesn't take much to get kids talking.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Queen Elizabeth Public School

Seconded by: Tara Labranche-Brosseau, Queen Elizabeth and Lansdowne Public School

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on January 5th, 2016

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on January 5, 2016 be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Tara Labranche-Brosseau, Queen Elizabeth and Lansdowne Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Queen Elizabeth Public School

Carried

6. Discussion based on the presentation

Discussion was held during the presentations

7. Communications Report

Another Professional Activity Day has been added to the 2015-2016 school year. There will be no school for elementary and secondary students on Friday, May 20, 2016. There are now three Professional Activity Days remaining - April 15th, May 20th and June 17th, 2016.

Some 130 elementary students from Rainbow Schools will hit the trails for a cross-country skiing race on Friday, February 26, 2016 at the Capreol Cross-Country Ski Club. Students from Grades 3 to 8 will compete in a series of 2.5 km races starting at 10:30 am. The final race is set to take place at noon. The awards ceremony will begin at 12:45 pm outside the ski chalet. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

The Lasalle Secondary School Music Department will host "An Evening of Festival Music" on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7 pm in the school gym. All proceeds will go to the Joan Mantle Music Trust.

The musical Cats is currently being presented at Sudbury Secondary School.

Rainbow District School Board will host its Technological Skills Competition at Cambrian College on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Secondary students will test their skills in events such as carpentry, welding, auto-CADD, cabinet making, and TV/video production.

Rainbow District School Board will host its seventh symposium aimed at creating and enhancing school-based supports for students who are lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning (LGTBQ) as well as students with friends and family members in these communities on Friday, March 4, 2016. The Dare to Stand Out Conference, being presented in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity, will take place at Chelmsford Valley District Composite School.

Grade 7 and 8 students from Rainbow Schools will participate in the Rainbow District School Board's annual Elementary Science Fair on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Lockerby Composite School.

Dr. David Buley has been selected as this year's 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, April 9, 2016 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Older Adult Centre, 140 Durham Street, in Sudbury.

For more news, visit rainbowschools.ca

8. School Announcements

Dan Koziar, A.B. Ellis - Local artist Pierre Sabourin will be in the school to teach students about colors, shapes and forms. The students built and raced cardboard boats at a competition in Sturgeon Falls.

Adam Pitre, Larchwood – The school recently held a successful fundraiser to help a former Larchwood student who is currently battling cancer. Their volleyball team just finished up a very successful season. Students will be attending Sudbury Secondary's presentation of the musical Cats.

Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne – The students raised \$7,800 towards new gym equipment, the playground and updated sports uniforms by holding a GM Test Drive event. Recent field trips have included Lake Laurentian Conservation Area and Sudbury Secondary's performance of Cats.

Tara Labranche-Brosseau, Queen Elizabeth – The school recently held a Literacy Day and invited community members, including Norm Blaseg, Sudbury Wolves hockey players, news anchors, and newspaper reporters, to read with students. Students were very excited to participate in a Question and Answer Session with astronaut Col. Chris Hadfield.

Levack – Students in Grades 5 to 8 will be attending the musical Cats at Sudbury Secondary. For the first time in 20 years, the school has new athletic wear and team uniforms. The older students will be hosting and running winter carnival games for the younger students. The older students will be rewarded with a school dance.

Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School - Second semester has just begun. They held an open house at the beginning of February.

Denis Plouffe, CVDCS - The trees that came down in the wind storm have been cleared away and there wasn't any damage done to the building. There are many upcoming events at the school, including sports tournaments, the Women of the Future Conference, and Purple Day. The school has decided to grow crops in the greenhouse and donate the harvest to the local food bank and area seniors' residence.

Jason Innis, Alexander Public School - 2016-17 JK numbers are good. There were 27 Kindergarten registrations at the information night. The school will be holding a winter carnival with a pancake breakfast, poutine truck, carriage rides and other fun activities aimed at promoting French culture.

Susan Cousineau, Redwood Acres - Students are participating in many different trips, including Laurentian Conservation, Sudbury Secondary's performance of Cats, and Dynamic Earth. The students are looking forward to their upcoming book fair. The school is currently collecting Canadian Tire money to be used to purchase door prizes for the Fun Fair, which is being held in May. Students can earn invitations to VIP lunches with the VP or Cupcakes with the Principal, every Friday.

Debbie Digby, Sudbury & District Health Unit - The SDHU wants to better understand our culture. They want to see positive education outcomes when they work with the schools, and be able to provide schools with extra resources to meet needs.

Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Barrydowne College - They are taking advantage of the resources offered by the SDHU. Staff members are receiving resiliency training at every staff meeting. The health unit is also offering healthy eating cooking classes to students. Students are responsible for preparing the food for the upcoming Dare To Stand Out Conference. (Friday is the last day to register). They have just launched their Facebook Page and hope to reach even more students. They currently have 90 students on track to graduate this year.

Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson - Preparations for the annual black light production are underway, and they are looking for donations of cardboard boxes. The school is accepting submissions for a new school logo. Construction of the new vestibule is now complete. They have as many as six students who are on track to graduate this year.

David Douglass, Algonquin Road Public School - The fish eggs in the science lab have hatched. They will be released in the next few weeks into one of the area lakes. The students participated in the provincial cardboard boat races in Sturgeon Falls.

Carl A. Nesbitt - The breakfast program lost many of its volunteers. They are focusing on getting it back up and running and are training Grade 7 and 8 students to help out with this important program.

Bob Clement, Trustee – Work is progressing on the revitalization of the Espanola High School site to accommodate two distinct schools – A.B. Ellis Public School (K to Grade 8) and Espanola High School (Grades 9 to 12). The Espanola High School renovations are complete. A.B. Ellis is set to move into their new facilities in the fall.

Jessica Joy, R.L. Beattie - The school will be holding a used book sale fundraiser. The Grade 7 and 8 students will be moving to Lo-Ellen Park in September 2016. There will be an information night on February 25, 2016 to help with the transition. With more than 80 new Kindergarten students registered for the fall, this is the only option. The students, in conjunction with the daycare, will be growing a vegetable garden. When they harvest the crops in the fall, the school will be donating the food to the local food bank.

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Queen Elizabeth II Public School

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

7 pm

Board Office, 69 Young Street, Sudbury

Topic: Early Reading

April 7, 2016

Ms. Doreen Dewar
Chair
Rainbow District School Board
69 Young Street
Sudbury, ON P3E 3G5

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Dear Ms. Dewar:

**Re: Second Avenue (MR72) Infrastructure Improvements
Notice of Study Completion**

The City of Greater Sudbury (City) is proposing road improvements on Second Avenue (MR72) between Donna Drive and First Avenue, including road widening to accommodate additional lanes between Donna Drive and Kenwood Street. An overall plan showing the limits of the proposed improvements is enclosed as part of the Notice of Study Completion.

The City has planned this project as a component of a Master Plan Study (City of Greater Sudbury Transportation Study) in accordance with the requirements of the Schedule 'B' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. The City published the Notice of Commencement for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP), on January 4, 2012 and hosted two Public Information Centres (PICs) on January 11, 2012 and June 19, 2013.

Further to the Project File submitted in March 2015, the Project File has been updated to document the additional study that was undertaken to identify and address the existing and future traffic congestion on Second Avenue and evaluate alternative solutions to address the problem/opportunity statement.

The Project File is available at the following locations:

City of Greater Sudbury Engineering Services
3rd Floor, Tom Davies Square, 200 Brady Street
Sudbury, ON, P3A 5P3
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 311
Website: www.greatersudbury.ca/secondavenue

New Sudbury Public Library
1346 LaSalle Boulevard
Sudbury, ON, P3A 1Z6
Mon-Thur: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns which you or your group may have about this project. For further information, please contact:

Rob Rocca
Project Manager, Infrastructure Services
City of Greater Sudbury
200 Brady Street
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(705) 674-4455, ext. 2360

David Shelsted, P.Eng.
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Interested persons should provide written comments to the municipality on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to: second_comments@greatersudbury.ca, Attention: Rob Rocca and David Shelsted.

If concerns arise regarding this project, which cannot be resolved in discussion with the City, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of the Notice of Study Completion. A copy of the request must also be sent to Rob Rocca and David Shelsted. If there is no request received by May 6, 2016, the project will proceed to design and construction as presented in the Project File.

Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON, M4V 1P5

Yours very truly,



Rob Rocca
Project Manager

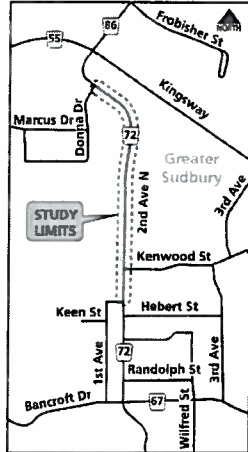
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Encl(s)

cc: Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Infrastructure Services
David Shelsted, Director, Roads & Transportation Services
Councillor Lynne Reynolds, Ward 11

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Second Avenue Infrastructure Improvements



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This Notice Issued April 7, 2016.



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April 13, 2016

Donna Howard, Executive Director
Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA)
3 Concorde Gate, Suite 204
Toronto, ON
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Dear Donna Howard:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Bluewater District School Board, I am sending this letter to bring to your attention the following motion that was passed at our Regular Meeting of the Board on March 22, 2016:

Moved by D. Mason, Seconded by J. Thomson

THAT Bluewater District School Board write to the Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) requesting that OFSAA undertake a review of the exceptions allowed under the current regulations in regards to transferring student athletes between schools, and as part of this review reach out to student athletes, parents, coaches and school board trustees and school board officials for input, and further,

THAT the letter when written be copied to all school board chairs in Ontario.

We believe that the current OFSAA Transfer Policy, which does not allow students to resume involvement in their chosen athletics for a period of twelve months when transferring from one secondary school to another, to be restrictive and discouraging of student participation in school sports activities. It is our understanding that the policy was initially implemented to prevent schools from recruiting 'star' student athletes from each other. While we recognize the importance of ensuring that schools are not 'stacking their teams' so to speak, our concern is that such a blanket policy negatively impacts the broader student population by limiting participation in sports activities that can only serve to enhance student mental and physical health. We feel that the current policy exemptions are onerous and potentially problematic, especially for those students who are changing schools for very private reasons but must produce ample personal documentation as proof. The current policy also poses challenges for rural boards such as ours, where students may choose to transfer schools to access course offerings not available at their home schools.

Our board encourages OFSAA to undertake a review of this matter in consultation with its education stakeholders, which may result in a less restrictive and more balanced policy, thus enabling a greater inclusion of student athletes in school sports.

As always, our shared commitment remains focused on providing quality education for every student in a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Motz'.

Ron Motz
Chair

cc: Ontario School Board Chairs
Ontario School Board Directors of Education

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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 |
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| Bob Clement (Area 8) | AB Ellis | Tuesday, June 28, 2016 |
| | S. Geiger | Thursday, June 23, 2016 |
| | Webbwood | Monday, June 27, 2016 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | Monday, June 27, 2016 @ 7:00 pm |
| | Walden PS | Stepping Up ceremony is Monday, June 27, 2016 @ 6:00 pm |
| | Lively (Elem) | Tuesday, June 28, 2016 |