

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
to be held in the Library  
of Sudbury Secondary School, 154 College Street, Sudbury  
on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 5:30 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 May 25, 2016 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** \*Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS** NIL \*Chair
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD** \*Director
- E. OLD BUSINESS** \*Director
1. **Previous Minutes** \*Chair
- a) Motion:  
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 26, 2016 be approved.
- b) Motion:  
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 10, 2016 be approved.
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** \*SBO
- a) Alexander Public School - Siteworks
- Motion:  
That the Board award the contract for Alexander Public School, siteworks - tender #2016-17 to \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School - Renovations
- Motion:  
That the Board award the contract for Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, renovations - tender #2016-20 to \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** \*Chair
- a) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Notice of Motion:

That I or someone on my behalf shall move or cause to be moved at the next Board meeting that **Governance By-Law 10.2** "With the exception of the Executive Secretary or designate, any and all recording and/or notetaking of in-camera meetings is expressly prohibited" be approved.

- b) **Special Education Plan 2016-2017** \*Director

Motion:

That the Special Education Plan be approved.

- F. **NEW BUSINESS** \*Chair

1. **Requests for Leave of Absence** \*Chair

Motion:

That \_\_\_\_\_ be granted a leave of absence from the May 25, 2016 Board meeting.

2. **Director's Remarks** \*Director

3. **Other Items** \*Chair  
OPSBA Delegate  
Student Trustee

4. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** \*Chair  
*Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.*

5. **Chairperson's Remarks** \*Chair

- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** \*Chair

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**  
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Mar 2, 2016 (official)  
Parent Involvement Committee minutes April 5, 2016 (official)  
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Apr 6, 2016 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**  
Email from Premier Kathleen Wynne dated May 6, 2016

- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** \*Chair  
Special Education Advisory Cmttee June 1, 2016 12:00 pm Education Centre  
Strategic Planning Committee June 7, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Student Senate Meeting June 13, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Board July 5, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

- I. **ADJOURNMENT** \*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

## **Recognition of 25 & 35 Years of Service**

### **2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

#### **OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM**

Reg Bonin – Lively District Secondary School  
Cathy Norrie – Cyril Varney Public School  
Cori Pitre – S. Geiger Public School / Webbwood Public School  
Colin Ward – Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School  
Stephen Beausoleil - Lockerby Composite School

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARDS**

YMCA John Island Camp

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

Beth Davidson – Central Manitoulin Public School  
Doris Peristeridis - Gord Ewin Centre for Education  
Lorrilyn Powers – Lansdowne Public School  
Marlene Rantala – Lockerby Composite School  
Heather Theijsmeijer – Manitoulin Secondary School

#### **BARBARA KONAREK MEMORIAL AWARD**

Paula Gorgichuk – Ruth MacMillan Centre

#### **WILLIAM N. ROMAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Sara Neva – R.H. Murray Public School

#### **GO GREEN GLOBE AWARDS**

Cyril Varney Public School  
Central Manitoulin Public School

## **2016 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM**

Patrick Barnholden – Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School

Sandie Martin – MacLeod Public School

Antoinette Purdon – MacLeod Public School

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARDS**

Mike Beaudry – Leuschen Transportation

Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association

Wobniar Construction – Sudbury Secondary School

Jackie Balleny, Jennifer Rifou, Rachel Scanlon, Cindy Watson

### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

Paula Fraser – Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School

Mike Gaudin – R.H. Murray Public School

Michele Henschel – Gord Ewin Centre for Education

Linda Houle – A.B. Ellis Public School

Lise Orsini – Northeastern Elementary School

Line Roberge – Sudbury Secondary School

Jim Wachnuk – Queen Elizabeth II Public School

### **BARBARA KONAREK MEMORIAL AWARD**

Sue Del Riccio – Gord Ewin Centre for Education

### **WILLIAM N. ROMAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Cory Ross – Lively District Secondary School

### **GO GREEN GLOBE AWARDS**

S. Geiger Public School

Confederation Secondary School

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday, April 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, J. Kosmerly D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee Urban

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

Others: N. Mousseau, P. Crowe, Guy Labine, Nicole Chaisson, Naomi Grant, Jenny Martindale, member of the public

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

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 16-R60, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda  
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of April 26, 2016 be approved.  
- **Carried**

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

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Science North's Economic Impact

Nicole Chiasson, Director of Education and Northern Programs, and Guy Labine, Chief Executive Officer, provided trustees with an informative presentation.

2. Community Presentation – Preservation of Wembley Yard Greenspace

Naomi Grant and Jenny Martindale provided a powerpoint presentation to trustees concerning the green space at the board's future Centre for Education site (former Wembley site).

3. Kindergarten Camp 2016

Superintendent Dye reviewed the board report with trustees concerning Kindergarten Camp 2016 that will provide 9-half day sessions to Year 4 Kindergarten students new to Rainbow District School Board starting Monday, August 22, 2016. Vice Principal Jodie Pakkala will be coordinating the new endeavor.

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

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 16-R61, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 22, 2016 be approved - **Carried**

**2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

a) Motion: 16-R62, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract for cafeteria and vending services – RFP #2016-07 to Compass Group Canada Ltd. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 16-R63, G.Santala/T.Campbell

That the Board award the contract for Charles C. McLean Public School, partial roof replacement - tender #2016-09 to Semple-Gooder Northern Limited for \$392,900. - **Carried**

c) Motion: 16-R64, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the Board award the contract for Charles C. McLean Public School, partial window replacement - tender #2016-11 to Nu-Style Construction for \$123,000. - **Carried**

d) Motion: 16-R65, T.Campbell/G.Santala

That the Board award the contract for Algonquin Road Public School, partial window replacement - tender #2016-15 to Alwind Industries Ltd. for \$128,249. - **Carried**

e) Motion: 16-R66, G.Santala/D.Morrison

That the Board award the contract for Princess Anne Public School, partial window replacement - tender #2016-12 to Alwind Industries Ltd. for \$109,772 . - **Carried**

f) Motion: 16-R67, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract for Manitoulin Secondary School, partial roof replacement - tender #2016-13 to Douro Roofing & Sheet Metal Contractors Ltd. for \$1,005,400. - **Carried**

g) Motion: 16-R68, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That the Board award the contract for elevator inspection and maintenance services for the Rainbow District School Board - tender #2016-21 to KONE Inc. for \$130,437. - **Carried**

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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Motion: 16-R69, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

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

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

Motion: 16-R70, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

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

Trustee Campbell, Trustee Clement, Trustee Fox, Trustee Hunda - **Carried**

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

4. **Director's Remarks**

From April 4 to April 8 #Watertower, a play about cyber bullying, was held at Sudbury Theater Centre. It was extremely successful. More than 2000 Rainbow students attended. Many thanks to trustees, teachers and staff for ensuring this important message was shared with our students grade 7–12.

On April 15<sup>th</sup> we had a PA day, where the focus was primarily GAFE training and “Oral Language at Your Fingertips”. The former targeted 7–8, the latter primary grades. Secondary staff reviewed the new administrative procedure, Acceptable use of Information and Communication Technologies followed by Student Success Teams gathering to focus on students at risk of failing credits.

On Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> I had the opportunity to attend and present awards at the 2016 Kiwanis Festival Awards ceremony. I was extremely proud of all of our students, more specifically Lockerby Composite School, lead by Mike Jensen and Dante Mullin-Santone, from SSS. The band and Dante were recommended to attend the OMFA provincial finals in Peterborough. Thirteen other Rainbow students/groups were acknowledged for a variety of awards. Special thank you to Marc Savard and JoAnne Hannaway for having their groups present at the ceremony.

With the new Math Strategy, announced on April 12, we received \$769 000. The monies are not new; they have been shifted from previous EPO's and redistributed. Strategy schools were identified for specific supports. A.B. Ellis PS, Adamsdale PS, Lansdowne PS and Queen Elizabeth PS will receive direct staffing in the form of teaching support while at the secondary level Manitoulin SS and Chelmsford VDCS will receive additional funds to provide release time (one section per school) to support their respective math programs. As well schools must identify math leads and provide a minimum of 5 release days per

school to support the initiative.

A reminder that all trustees received an invitation to attend the OCT conference dated May 26/27, 2016.

Itinerary

March 23     Agenda Setting

March 24     CYMH Advisory Committee, Toronto

March 29     Exec Council

Mar 31/Apr 1     CODE, Niagara Falls

April 4        Exec Council

April 5        Directors Meeting, Lively DSS  
Parent Involvement Committee

April 6        LDAO, Laurentian University

April 8        Sudbury Theater Center #Watertower  
LNS Ministry Meeting

April 9        JMMT awards evening

April 11       Exec Council

April 12       Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

April 13       Agenda Setting – Board

April 14/15    OPSOA – Toronto

April 18       Kiwanis Awards

April 19       C.F.C

April 20       School Visit, A.B. Ellis PS – meeting with Huron Superior CDSB  
Staff

April 21       Strong Districts conference – Kanata, ON

April 22       Ombudsman Office

April 25       Exec Council - Budget

April 26       Child & Family – community input

## Board Meeting

### 5. Other Items

**OPSBA Delegate** – Trustee Clement reported that he would be attending a Director’s meeting in Toronto on April 29, 2016. He will share our secondary school 21C proposals to the group.

**Student Trustee** – Student Trustee Urban invited trustees to attend the upcoming Stand Up Speak Out Conference scheduled for May 4 and 5, 2016 at Cambrian College. The two guest speakers are medical doctor and life coach, Dr. Susan Biali, and human potential and leadership expert, Randy Taylor. There will also be community speakers at the breakout sessions for the 86 students registered for the two-day session.

### 6. Trustees’ Remarks/Questions

Trustee Santala spoke about attending recent school council meetings at Lively District Secondary School and the interest in a French Immersion program at that school. Director Blaseg and Superintendent Bourget spoke about timelines, and staffing and made reference to the recommendations from the 2008 Accommodation Review.

Trustee Hunda recently represented the board at the opening of the Sudbury Theatre presentation of #Watertower. She mentioned that the Sudbury Theatre was very appreciative of the partnership with Rainbow District School Board.

Trustee Hunda reminded trustees that on May 4 to 6, 2016, media arts students at Sudbury Secondary School would have displays in the library for viewing. Everyone is welcome to attend. She also reminded trustees of Dance Extravaganza taking place at Sudbury Secondary School on May 19, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Also, on May 21 and 22, 2016, Sudbury Secondary school will be celebrating 30 years of Arts Education.

Trustee Clement recently attended a community breakfast at Webbwood PS. He toured the school and made special mention of the innovative 21 C classroom.

Trustee Clement attended the Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health in Toronto on April 7 & 8, 2016.

### 7. Chairperson’s Remarks

Congratulations to Manitoulin Secondary School for receiving a \$1,600 grant from the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Sudbury Branch to purchase tools for the school’s technology classrooms.

Just a reminder that all Rainbow Schools will offer Kindergarten orientation sessions in May for children starting school this fall as well as their parents/guardians. Visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) for a list of dates and times.

We are entering a very busy month with a huge number of events planned. As always, trustees are invited to participate.

Lasalle Secondary School will host a workshop called "*Destination Readiness*" on Friday, April 29, 2016 from 10 am to 1 pm to help students with special needs prepare for the future. A number of community agencies will provide information about services that students with special needs can access while in high school and beyond.

Author Cary Fagan will join Princess Anne Public School students in a *Read Aloud* of his children's book "Mr. Zinger's Hat" on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 11 am for Reading Town. A number of Rainbow Schools are participating in this event.

The A.B. Ellis Public School Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 11:30 am. This 33 year long tradition for Espanola has yielded \$392,298.85 in research dollars, an amazing accomplishment.

Confederation Secondary School's Evolutionary Band will take to the stage for its *36th Annual Mother's Day Concert* on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

On Monday, May 9, 2016 from 7 pm to 9 pm, the Lasalle Secondary School Music Department will host its annual *Spring Concert* in the school gymnasium.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual *Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair* will be held on Wednesday, May 18, and Thursday, May 19, in the Alumni Hall at Laurentian University. The awards ceremony will take place in the Fraser Auditorium on May 19 from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm.

Sudbury Secondary School will celebrate *the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arts Education Program* with an Alumni Reunion the long weekend in May.

Rainbow Schools will celebrate Education Week from May 2 to 6, 2016. This year's theme is *Achieving Excellence: Promoting Well-being*. A list of events too numerous to mention tonight, will be posted on [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) this week. Trustees are reminded that the public is welcome to attend and celebrate student achievement.

Central Manitoulin Public School is calling on all citizens to "vote, vote, vote" so they have a chance to win an outdoor learning classroom through the CST Inspired Minds Learning Project. For details, visit the Board website.

Thought for the month comes from Zig Ziglar, author, salesman, and motivational speaker: "*You don't have to be great to start .....but you have to start to be great*"

## **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

### **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**

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**

Motion: 16-R71, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we now adjourn at 7:15 p.m. – **Carried.**

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee E. Urban  
Absent: G. Fox  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 16-R72, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of May 10, 2016 be approved. – **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

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

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

Motion: 16-R73, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the item listed in the report of the Labour Relations be approved. – **Carried**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 16-R74, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That we do now adjourn at 5:17 pm. - **Carried**

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

**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

**Time: 12:00 PM**

**Simulated Healthy Independent Living Opportunity (SHILO) Program  
245 Mountain Street, Sudbury, Ontario**

**Present:**

**SEAC Members:**

Kelly-Lee Assinewe	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Maureen Beaudry (Vice-Chair)	Canadian Hearing Society
Bob Clement	Trustee
Natasha Delaney	Autism Ontario (Sudbury)
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Leo Marcoux	IEWS

**Staff:**

Kara Bolton	Teacher, Princess Anne PS
Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
James Norrie	Principal, Jean Hanson PS, RMC, & SHILO
David Squarzolo	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent of Schools
Danielle Williamson	Principal, Princess Anne PS
Jan Yeomans	Teacher, SHILO

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

W. Larouche welcomed everyone.

**2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members**

Quorum was established

**3.0 SEAC Mission Statement**

M. Beaudry read aloud the mission statement.

**4.0 Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by: K. Assinewe

Seconded by: L. Marcoux

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of March 2, 2016 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 Kosmerly

Seconded by: M. Beaudry

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of February 3, 2016 be approved.

Motion carried.

**7.0 Business Arising**

None

**8.0 New Business**

SHILO Visit

Principal James Norrie and SHILO teacher Jan Yeomans shared information about the program. The program was created in partnership with Health Sciences North and Sudbury Developmental Services for as many as 10 students between the ages of 17 and 21 with developmental needs. The program emphasizes functional academics and life skills for adult living.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Intensive Support Program Classroom

Principal Danielle Williamson and ISP teacher Kara Bolton shared information about this piloted approach to learning at Princess Anne PS. Students use current technology in an easily changeable and accessible physical environment using little to no paper. The Board supports the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning initiative and has approved applications made for pilots in regular classes at Queen Elizabeth II PS, Little Current PS, and some secondary schools. Parents have been supportive of the implementation.

### Google

Superintendent Wachnuk shared that all students in higher grades beginning in Grade 7 have been provided with Google accounts. This allows for easier collaboration between students removing barriers including travel distances between where students live. The Board will look into any specific circumstance brought to attention where a student does not have Internet access before or after school.

### IEPs

Superintendent Wachnuk reported that the Board would be focusing on improving the content of IEPs for students to meet student needs more effectively.

## **9.0 Superintendent's Report**

### Multi-Year Strategic Plan

SEAC input is requested into the various categories.

### Special Education Invitation for Input

The Board has received 33 online and 85 paper responses. There are 2565 students identified with exceptionalities in the Board. If a parent includes their contact information and a comment that requires follow up, Superintendent Wachnuk is in contact with the parent and the school. SEAC recommends the creation of a plain language version of the survey to be made available for any parents who may need it.

### Future Initiatives

IEP development and implementation in secondary schools has been targeted as an area for improvement by the Board.

Lasalle Secondary School will pilot a project called "Road to Advocacy" to promote teacher collaboration with a focus on ownership, accountability, and student advocacy.

The Board is looking at possible ways of improving programs and services for students with learning disabilities including short-term small group settings for

intensive instruction, and improved implementation of assistive technology. The Ministry is considering the closure of provincial demonstration schools including those for students with LD.

The Board may pilot a program for gifted students.

## **10.0 Special Education Staff Report**

### Updates

The Board has sent six secondary teachers to Commence 2016, an annual conference hosted by Community Living Ontario.

### April 15 Professional Development (PD) Day

Training will be provided for all DECEs, Kindergarten, Grade 1 to 3 teachers, and SERTs in the Oral Language at Your Fingertips program. Professor Michèle Minor-Corriveau at Laurentian University will be providing the training to assist teachers to improve reading instruction for students with speech-language delays.

## **11.0 Board Report**

### Updates

At the February 23 meeting, the Board approved the relocation of Grade 7 and 8 students at R.L. Beattie PS to LoEllen Park Secondary School for September 2016.

The 2016-2017 school year calendar was approved. Students will attend 194 instructional days from September 7 to June 30. The school year will include seven PD days.

## **12.0 Chairperson's Report**

W. Larouche reported that the Ministry of Education is in consultation regarding the possible closure of all demonstration schools in the province.

## **13.0 Information Sharing and Success Stories**

### Wendy Larouche

The most recent edition of the LDAS newsletter is available. The LDAS received funding through a Parent Reaching Out Grant to partner with Todd Cunningham to offer a monthly evening program for a limited number of parents across Northern Ontario to connect over the Internet to receive information, share best practices, and support each other.

### Autism Ontario (Natasha Delaney)

The Raise the Flag campaign will take place at Tom Davies Square on April 4.

Local schools will be participating. The chapter office will be moving to the Rainbow Mall. Former Autism Ontario representative and SEAC member Kathy Wagner passed away February 7.

**14.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC**

No correspondence was received.

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

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

**16.0 Next Meeting Date**

April 6, 2016 from 12:00 until 2:00 PM at N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre.

**17.0 Adjournment**

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Board Office**

**Attendance**

**Sudbury site:**

Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Queen Elizabeth Public School and Lansdowne Public School; Cheryl Ewin, Parent, Valley View Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Susan Cousineau, Principal, Redwood Acres Public School; Judy Noble, Superintendent; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Tara Labranche-Brosseau, Parent, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Jason Innis, Parent, Alexander Public School; Chantal Belanger, Nurse, Sudbury & District Health Unit; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services, Gord Ewin Centre for Education; Lindsay Bennett, Teacher, Princess Anne Public School; Trish Kitching, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Karla Allen, Parent, Lasalle Secondary School / Northeastern Elementary School; Cynthia Loiselle-Seguin, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School / Carl A. Nesbitt Public School; Tonya Marcotte, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Gord Santala, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Colin Granby, ERI Teacher, Rainbow District School Board

**Espanola Site:** Dan Koziar, Vice-Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School; Jennifer Tilston, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board

**Regrets:** Jessica Joy, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public 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; David Douglass, Teacher, Algonquin Road Public School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College; Andrea MacInnes, Parent, Larchwood Public School; Martin Lee, Parent, Alexander Public School; Alison Bujold, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Tern Bate, Parent, Ernie Checkeris Public School; Kathy Dokis, Principal, Gord Ewin Centre for Education; Adam Pitre, Parent, Larchwood Public School

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

2. **Welcome:** PIC Vice-Chair Bernadette Rémillard  
PIC Vice-Chair Bernadette Rémillard chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.  
She invited PIC members to introduce themselves.

### **3. Presentation on Early Reading Intervention (ERI) by Colin Granby, Itinerant Teacher**

The presentation explored how the early identification of reading ability is critical to boost children's confidence to acquire this essential skill. ERI is a 16 to 20 week program for Grade 1 students who require extra support. In order to participate in the program, students must have good home support, good attendance, and not exhibit behaviour concerns or been identified with an exceptionality.

Students are engaged in a daily 30-minute one-on-one lesson with the ERI teacher. During this time, students reread two or more familiar books, review high frequency words and write sentences, and explore a new book. Students also gain a number of reading strategies, from predicting the story through the pictures to using words that make sense. Success in ERI involves a team effort, with parents engaged throughout the program. Parents are invited to observe a lesson so they can continue to work with their children at home.

Although not every school or student has an opportunity to participate in the program, the ERI reading strategies are used in primary classrooms throughout the Board for the benefit of all.

There was a brief discussion on how to increase parent volunteers in the classroom to assist with reading. Superintendent Judy Noble indicated that community members are invited into schools to read with students. Schools also have reading buddies where older students read with younger students. There are also partnerships with seniors' homes.

One parent inquired about phonics. Phonics is an important part of reading strategies when students break words into sounds.

### **Presentation - Lexia Core 5 by Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services and Lindsay Bennett, Special Education Resource Teacher at Princess Anne PS**

The presentation began with a short video of a student from Adamsdale Public School who describes his experience using the program, and how it has helped him with his reading. Lexia is a web-based reading tool available at school and at home.

In the Board, there are 1,700 registered users for Lexia Core 5 for younger students and Lexia Reading Strategies for older students. The program is designed to improve reading abilities and is most beneficial for students who require additional support.

Parents had the opportunity to explore Lexia on iPads. Lindsey Bennett talked about features the program offers to teachers. For instance, the teacher can receive an email alert when a student is experiencing difficulties with a specific lesson.

There was a brief discussion about fundraising and school budgets. Jason Innis, a parent at Alexander Public School, would like the Board to allocate more funds for technology. Superintendent Noble indicated that Principals have a school budget and that School Councils can

Speak with their respective administrators to learn more about the allocation of funds from these budgets.

Natasha Delaney asked if Jean Hanson Public School would have enough iPads to accommodate non-verbal students. There will be a follow up with the Principal.

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

*Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as amended. The planning meeting is for the 2016-2017 school year."*

Moved by: Cynthia Loiselle-Seguin, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School and Carl A. Nesbitt Public School

Seconded by: Tonya Marcotte, Parent, Lansdowne Public School

**Carried**

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on February 16, 2016**

*Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting on February 16, 2016 be approved, as amended. Cynthia Loiselle-Seguin was present. Tara Labranche-Brosseau is a parent at Queen Elizabeth Public School only. Bernadette Rémillard is a parent at Queen Elizabeth Public School and Lansdowne Public School."*

Moved by: Tonya Marcotte, Parent, Lansdowne Public School

Seconded by: Karla Allen, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School and Lasalle Secondary School

**Carried**

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

The discussion was held during the presentation.

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

April is Volunteer Month, an ideal time for Rainbow District School Board to recognize and thank School Council members for their contribution. Parent Involvement Committee Appreciation Certificates and School Council pins were sent to schools for presentation.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 to mark Day of Pink, the International Day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia, transphobia and transmisogyny in schools and communities. It's part of Rainbow District School Board's ongoing efforts to build community and promote inclusion.

A number of students in Grades 7 to 12 from Rainbow Schools 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.

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, 140 Durham Street, in Sudbury. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new musical instruments and equipment in Rainbow Schools. Dr. David Buley, this year's recipient of the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award, will be honoured at the dinner for his contribution to music and education.

This Month's Environmental Challenge is Lights Out for Earth Day on April 22, 2016. Lights will be turned off in Rainbow Schools. Staff and students will take advantage of natural light and learn how their actions prevent climate change.

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. Student Voice funds projects that help promote important initiatives such as healthy schools, student success, and equity and inclusive education.

Rainbow District School Board's community based secondary schools will share a total of \$300,000 to transform traditional classrooms into 21st century learning environments. The investment was approved at the regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. Confederation Secondary School, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School, Espanola High School, Lasalle Secondary School, Lively District Secondary School and Manitoulin Secondary School will receive \$50,000 in the current school year. Each school has developed an implementation plan that responds to their respective school community. 21st century classrooms engage students in learning activities that build 21st century skills, including creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking and citizenship. Picture classrooms with green screens, whiteboards, robotics, smart TVs, laptops, iPads, and 3D printers where students are challenged to imagine and create.

Grade 7 and 8 students from R.L. Beattie Public School are moving to Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School effective September 2016. The move was approved at the regular meeting of Rainbow District School Board on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. Despite three recent additions, there is not enough space to accommodate all students at R.L. Beattie in the coming school year. More importantly, students will benefit from enhanced educational opportunities in the secondary school environment. Grade 7 and 8 students will have a distinct and separate wing at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Renovations, which will begin this spring, include a new gym.

Sudbury Secondary School will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Arts Education Program with an Alumni Reunion the long weekend in May. Current and former students and staff will come together on Saturday, May 21, 2016 and Sunday, May 22, 2016 to relive the history and evolution of the program, the first of its kind in Northern Ontario. Community members and patrons of the

arts who have participated in and contributed to the advancement of Arts Education at Sudbury Secondary School are invited to join the celebration.

Parents asked if Grade 7 and 8 students are moving into all secondary schools. It is a model that may be considered as part of future accommodation plans.

## **8. School Announcements**

Cynthia Loiselle-Seguin indicated that Cyril Varney Public School has been focusing on its breakfast program. Due to a decrease in parent volunteers, the school has begun to rely on Grade 7 and 8 students to run the program. This is challenging because it is dependent on the arrival of buses. Cyril Varney has become a 21<sup>st</sup> Century school without parents having to raise funds.

Karla Allen indicated that Lasalle Secondary School has received \$50,000 of additional support for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and new pathways.

Trustee Gord Santala recommended the play #thewatertower which looks at the issue of cyberbullying. The audience can engage with police officers at the end of the play.

Cynthia Loiselle-Seguin of Cyril Varney Public School asked why parents were not notified that students had been given rscloud email accounts and access to Google hangouts. Superintendent Noble indicated that staff training is ongoing and discussed the role of the Red Green Committee. She will relay the concerns and look at a communications strategy.

Natasha Delaney of Jean Hanson Public School indicated that the Black Light Production is scheduled for the first week of May. School performances are sold out. She added that 21 local schools and businesses participated in the Raise the Flag Campaign on Monday, April 4, 2016. The local Autism Ontario office is moving on May 1st to 1191 Lansing Avenue in Sudbury.

Cheryl Ewin of Valley View Public School talked about the April 21<sup>st</sup> Fun Fair and how it has been made accessible to all students. She also indicated that Confederation Secondary School will be hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2017.

Trish Kitching of Jean Hanson Public School announced that the Silver Birch String Quartet will be hosting a sensory friendly concert. The event will include an instrument petting zone and a musical therapist. For more information, visit [birchstringquartet.com](http://birchstringquartet.com).

Dennis Plouffe of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School thanked everyone who helped out with the recent Dare to Stand Out conference. In May, the school will host its annual plant sale with proceeds going towards bursaries and scholarships. CVDCS has partnered with Belanger Lincoln Ford to hold a BBQ and test drive fundraiser.

Bernadette Rémillard, Queen Elizabeth Public School, said the school has used fundraising dollars to purchase 25 additional Chromebooks and a docking cart. The goal is to continue to expand the 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning program at the school. The Crosstown test drive event is scheduled for May.

Tara Labranche-Brossau indicated that the school will host a summer food drive to collect donations for the food bank and promote community.

Tonya Marcotte of Lansdowne Public School indicated that the FNMI club is organizing a wellness day. Students have been organizing all aspects of the event, including pricing out activities, inviting speakers, and working with the Sudbury & District Health Unit. The school is planning for a Pow Wow in June. There will be workshops in the morning followed by the ceremony in the afternoon.

Dan Koziar of A.B. Ellis Public School reported that the recently held pasta dinner fundraiser was a success. A group of students will be travelling to London, Ontario to participate in the Future Builders Conference. Students on this trip will have the opportunity to tour the Toyota Plant.

Trustee Bob Clement informed PIC members that he would be participating in a mental health symposium.

**9. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.**

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

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Queen Elizabeth Public School

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

**7 pm**

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

**Topic: Planning meeting for the 2016-2017 school year**

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

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

**Time: 12:00 PM**

**N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre  
110 Elm Street, Sudbury, Ontario**

**Present:**

**SEAC Members:**

Kelly-Lee Assinewe	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Bob Clement	Trustee
Natasha Delaney	Autism Ontario (Sudbury)
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

**Staff:**

Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
David Squarzolo	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent of Schools

**Regrets:**

Maureen Beaudry (Vice-Chair)	Canadian Hearing Society
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**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

W. Larouche welcomed everyone.

**2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members**

Quorum was established for the initial part of the meeting.

**3.0 SEAC Mission Statement**

Trustee Kosmerly read aloud the mission statement.

**4.0 Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by: Trustee Clement

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of April 6, 2016 be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

**5.0 Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were noted.

**6.0 Superintendent's Report**

Wear Blue for Autism

Schools participated last Friday and Monday including many that do not have Intensive Support Programs.

The WaterTower

The Board has provided funding for all schools to send students to attend the Sudbury Theatre Centre's production of "The WaterTower". The play addresses the theme of cyberbullying and has been well received.

OSSTF Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP)

The Board and PSSP have ratified their collective agreement.

Future SEAC Meetings

The SEAC will review EQAO data at a future meeting to discuss patterns of achievement and ways of improving results. Karin Kozman, Manager of Finance, will present the proposed 2016-2017 special education budget and staffing at the May meeting. Quorum at the May meeting is paramount.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

Program and special education staffs are collaborating at the Board level to assist schools and improve student achievement. Christine Beaudry, Grade 1 teacher at Queen Elizabeth II PS, is utilizing 21<sup>st</sup> century learning ideas to create a learning environment where students with all abilities can meet with success and not appear as different from their peers.

**7.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The SEAC meeting no longer had quorum. Approval of the minutes deferred to the May 2016 meeting.

**8.0 Business Arising**

The SEAC toured the Mishko-deh-wendam program.

Superintendent Wachnuk will share her report at the May meeting on the results of the Special Education Invitation for Input.

**9.0 New Business**

None

**10.0 Special Education Staff Report**

IEPs

The Board is looking to improve teacher access to the IEPs for their students by linking the IEP Engine with the Trillium Student Management System.

April 15 Professional Development (PD) Day

Training will be provided for all DECEs, Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 3 teachers, and SERTs in the Oral Language at Your Fingertips program. Professor Michèle Minor-Corriveau at Laurentian University will be providing the training.

Secondary Special Education Program Leaders, SERTs, and ISP Teachers will collaborate to create lessons and units of study. Elementary ISP Teachers will receive training in the use of Proloquo and improving the IEPs for students.

Ministry of Education Consultation

The Ministry is consulting with two students and two staff in person or via teleconference from each board. They have asked to interview students with either a learning disability or are Deaf or Hard of Hearing attending regular classes and have never attended provincial schools to determine what has worked educationally for them.

## *Special Education Advisory Committee*

### Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

A presentation on Lexia was provided to the PIC at their recent meeting. Lexia is an intervention tool but is not to replace a student's literacy block or classroom instruction. The SEAC may connect with the PIC to establish a carousel event for parents.

### Raise the Flag

Raise the Flag ceremonies for autism awareness occurred throughout the Board.

### PEERS Training

The Board is funding eight staff to attend the three-day training in June taking place in Sudbury.

D. Squarzolo to share information about the program with K. Assinewe.

## **11.0 Board Report**

### Updates

The Board approved the relocation of Grade 7 and 8 students at R.L. Beattie PS to LoEllen Park Secondary School for September 2016 and begin renovations to accommodate the move.

The Board approved additional proposals from schools to become 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environments.

A decision about Lively District Secondary School offering French Immersion programming was deferred until January 2017.

The Board deferred a decision that would require each secondary school to provide promotional presentations for their feeder schools only.

Summer programming for students with ASD will be provided at Princess Anne PS.

## **12.0 Chairperson's Report**

The SEAC should look at ways of developing more awareness in the community about the committee and will look to connect with the Board's PIC.

## **13.0 Information Sharing and Success Stories**

### LDAS (Wendy Larouche)

Angie DeMarco will be presenting on emotional well-being in June. It will be available through teleconference in Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins, and North Bay. Parent support sessions with Todd Cunningham continue.

Autism Ontario (Natasha Delaney)

Swag bags are being shared with families at different events to provide information to help them connect with one another. The bags were shared with the SEAC. The Ministry of Education announced \$33 million to fund IBI therapy for children under the age of 5 years. Families of children older than 5 years and service providers are uncertain of the impact of this change. Parents are invited to contact Autism Ontario with their questions. The Raise the Flag campaign took place at Tom Davies Square on April 4 with the mayor of Sudbury. The Sudbury office of Autism Ontario will be moving to Lansing Avenue in Sudbury as of May 1. Scholarships are available for a student with autism as well as a student with a sibling with autism. SEAC members can contact Jean Hanson PS for tickets to the black light performances. Autism Ontario will be at Lasalle Secondary School on April 29 for Destination Readiness, a series of free workshops for parents, students, and staff to provide information about services that students with special needs can access during and after secondary school.

D. Squarzolo to look into a link to information about Destination Readiness on the Board's website.

**14.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC**

No correspondence was received.

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

- Special Education Invitation for Input results – May 2016
- Special Education Budget – May 2016
- Special Education Staffing – May 2016
- EQAO Achievement Data – 2016
- Childhood Trauma – Colleen McDonald & Sue Del Riccio – 2016

**16.0 Next Meeting Date**

May 4, 2016 from 12:00 until 2:00 PM at the Gord Ewin Centre for Education.

**17.0 Adjournment**

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:59 PM.

K. Assinewe toured the SEAC through N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Premier of Ontario | Première ministre de l'Ontario [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)  
May 6, 2016 10:58:03 AM

**Subject:** An email from Premier Kathleen Wynne / Un courriel de la première ministre Kathl

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Dear Chair:

We all know that schools can play an important role as a hub for programs and services that benefit the broader community. We also know that more can be done to reduce the barriers to creating community hubs in schools.

We are working to help meet that challenge. I am proud to tell you that Ontario is making regulatory changes and investing nearly \$90 million dollars to expand child care and child and family support programs in local schools. This investment, along with regulatory changes, will improve the opportunities for the use of schools as community hubs.

Today's announcement represents the latest in a series of many steps our government has taken towards implementing all 27 recommendations presented in *Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan*.

This investment is an important step in the province's plan to unlock the value of existing public buildings by promoting community hubs that will provide integrated services for Ontarians under one roof.

In the next year, we will be providing:

- \$20 million to create space for new child care and [child and family support programs](#) through Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres in schools
- \$18 million to retrofit existing space within a school to open up more spaces for children under four years old
- \$50 million to renovate surplus school space to make it available for use by community partners and the public; and
- Expanded eligibility for funding to help build community space in new schools or additions to existing schools. These spaces will accommodate eligible partners who lost their community space due to a school closure.

Furthermore, we have made amendments to Ontario Regulation 444/98 – *Disposition of Surplus Real Property* following consultations in fall 2015. The amendments include:

- Extending the current surplus school circulation period from 90 days to 180 days, providing listed public entities with 90 days to express interest in the property and an additional 90 days to submit an offer; and

- Expanding the list of public entities to receive notification of surplus school property disposition.

As a result, as of September 2016, all school boards will be required to circulate surplus school properties that they are seeking to sell or lease to a list of public entities that will be expanded to include Section 23 Agencies, DSSABs/CMSMs, Children's Mental Health Agencies, Local Health Integration Networks, Public Health Boards and First Nations and Métis Organizations.

These amendments will provide more opportunities for community organizations to purchase or lease surplus school properties in order to allow for continued community use.

More information about these policy changes and new funding programs will be shared with your board over the following weeks.

I know these initiatives will support the government's objectives of removing barriers to community hubs, coordinating planning opportunities for public assets to serve as hubs, providing integrated service delivery to communities, and respecting the importance of local planning decisions.

We are committed to continuing to engage collectively with our partners to build on the strengths of our partnerships. This will further improve community access to schools to support the communities they serve, as well as supporting our vision for Ontario as the best place to live, work and raise a family.

I look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne

Premier

c: Liz Sandals, Minister of Education

Karen Pitre, Special Advisor on Community Hubs