

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the boardroom
on Wednesday February 26, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison – Vice Chair acting as Chair, T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), R. Kirwan, G. Santala, Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato

Absent: D. Dewar

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, S. Speir - Superintendents of Education
J. Noble – Senior Administrator of Program and Services
H. Thirkill, N. Charette

Staff: J. Oshell, Linda Urisk, Sharon Orlak, Leo Leclair

Other: Josh Evans, Peter Horodziejczyk, Tyler Martin (student presenters), members of the public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 14-R16, J.Hunda/R.Kirwan

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 26, 2014 be approved. –
Carried

Moment of silence for Jean Hanson

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Supervised Alternative Learning – Judy Noble

SAL presentation included information and statistics regarding students ages 14 to 17 who are at risk of leaving school for a variety of reasons. Students involved with SAL have been unsuccessful with various classroom and school-based interventions and require an alternative place to learn. This program has proven to be successful.

Pathways

Linda Urisk presented about Rainbow's co-operative education program that allows students to earn secondary school credits while completing a work placement in the community. Data shown verified that this program is working well for Rainbow secondary students. Graduated student Tyler Martin spoke about his experience with the co-op program.

Sharon Orlak's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) presentation highlighted co-operative education placement in a skilled trade. Graduated student Josh Evans spoke about his experience with OYAP.

Leo Leclair spoke about Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in our secondary schools. SHSM is a Ministry approved specialized program that focuses on student

learning in a specific economic sector. Rainbow provides programs with different focuses at each secondary school. Peter Horodziejczyk (2010 graduate) spoke about his experience in SHSM Business at Lasalle Secondary School.

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

Motion: 14-R17, G. Santala/R.Kirwan

That the Staff Changes as outlined on pages A-4 of the agenda be received.

- Carried.

Motion: 14-R18, R.Kirwan/T. Campbell

That the changes to the terms and conditions of employment for principals and vice-principals for September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2014 be approved. - **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 14-R19, G.Fox/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on January 28, 2014 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

a) Motion: 14-R20, R.Kirwan/T.Campbell

That the Board award the contract for the heating upgrade at Northeastern Elementary School to Greater City Mechanical for \$1,325,000. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 14-R21, B.Clement/T.Campbell

That the Board award the contract for the modular unit at Little Current Public School to NBR Inc. - **Carried**

Motion 14-R-22, T. Campbell/G. Santala

That the Board send a letter of acknowledgement to DSAB (Manitoulin) regarding the 50% contribution to the modular unit for the daycare space at Little Current Public School - **Carried**

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Notice of Motion: 14-R23, T.Campbell

That I or someone on my behalf will move or caused to be moved at a subsequent meeting of the Board, that the Board Governance Policy Manual be approved.

- Carried

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2014 School Year Structure

Motion: 14-R24, G. Santala/T. Campbell

That the Board approve the 2014-2015 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools. - **Carried**

2. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 14-R25, T. Campbell/B.Clement

That Trustee Dewar be granted a leave of absence from the February 26, 2014 Board meeting. - **Carried**

6. Trustees' Remarks/Questions

Trustee Clement spoke about the February 13, 2014 FNMI. Trustee Clement was pleased that the Aboriginal Support Workers attended that meeting and shared stories about Rainbow student experiences.

Trustee Clement was part of a panel for Native Education that was held at Espanola High School. Discussion was focused on student success.

Trustee Clement attended the February 18 meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee. Bob commented on the excellent presentation by Denise Fraser from the Greater Sudbury Police Service regarding cyberbullying.

Trustee Clement attended a "Get Real" presentation at A.B. Ellis PS. Get REAL is a student-run Non-Profit started in 2011, at Western. A group of gay & straight university students, who volunteer their time to speak at high schools and middle schools about homophobia, unlearning language and coming out.

Trustee Clement also mentioned the Equity and Inclusiveness poster campaign.

Trustee Campbell recently toured the schools in his area. He met with principals, students and community partners. Tyler commented on the fabulous work being done by principals in our schools.

7. Chairperson's Remarks

Jeff McKibbon of Lasalle Secondary School has received national recognition for his exceptional leadership from The Learning Partnership. He is among Canada's Outstanding Principals for 2014. The selection is based on a range of criteria from student achievement, to instructional leadership, to professional learning teams, to partnerships with families and communities, to personal growth initiatives. Principal McKibbon received his award at a Gala in Toronto last night (Tuesday, February 25, 2014).

On Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28, 2014, over 30 school ensembles, concert bands, jazz ensembles and guitar ensembles from throughout Northern Ontario will showcase their talent at the Northern Ontario Music Festival. Performances begin at 9 am each day and will run until approximately 4:30 pm at the newly renovated Sheridan Auditorium at Sudbury Secondary School.

On Thursday, March 27, 2014, all Grade 10 students in Ontario will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) – including students in Rainbow Schools. The OSSLT is a graduation requirement administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that their child is present at school for the test and prepared to do his or her best.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, Grade 7 and 8 students will showcase their projects at the Elementary Science Fair. The public is invited to view the projects in the Lockerby Composite School Auditorium. Students will be vying to compete at the Sudbury Regional Science Fair.

Rainbow secondary school students will test their skills in carpentry, welding, auto-CADD, fashion and TV/video production, among others, at the Technology Skills Competition at Cambrian College on March 5th. As part of the event, Grade 8 students will have an opportunity to learn about the trades by completing a series of hands-on workshops.

Students from three Rainbow secondary schools have built robots for the 2014 FIRST Robotics Competition - Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, Lasalle Secondary School and Lively District Secondary School. The teams will put their robots to the test at the first event in North Bay from March 27 to 29, 2014. Rainbow District School Board would like to thank the many sponsors who are supporting our students in these efforts.

Rainbow District School Board invites the community to enjoy cuisine from around the world at its third International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust. The dinner, which will feature student entertainment, will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Older Adult Centre.

Teams of Grade 7 and 8 students will participate in the Math, Science and Technology Olympics on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at Science North. The event will culminate with an awards ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School will celebrate its 50th anniversary on July 11 and 12, 2014. For more information about the Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School 50th anniversary reunion, visit Lo-Ellen.rainbowschools.ca and click on “alumni” or call 705-522-2320.

8. Director's Remarks

* Director

The Director attended the Gala in Toronto on Tuesday, February 26 acknowledging Principal Jeff McKibbon as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals for 2014. Samsung donated \$20,000 to each Outstanding Principal's school for technical devices. Jeff also attended Rotman this week as a reward for this national recognition.

Director welcomed Heather Thirkill to her new position. Michèle Smethurst will be replacing Heather and Cindy Whitson will be replacing Michèle.

Director is engaging in a project with the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL). Director will distribute "Strong Districts & Their Leadership". Our focus is directed toward *Nine Critical Features of Strong Districts*. Our participation in this project will include other projects ie: BLDS, 21st Century Learning and our own Strategic Plan. Our goal is to ensure alignment and build on our Multi Year Strategic Plan (MYSP).

Director's Schedule

January 29, Exec Council

January 30, Mary Tasz, Mental Health Nurse consult

January 31, Professional Activity Day

February 3,

- PCY – Youth Suicide Tele-conference
- Consult – Greater Sudbury Police Service
- Armoury – Review of Cadets and Presentation

February 4,

- Exit Debrief – Retiring Principal
- ETFO president/director meeting
- PCY teleconference

February 5,

- Exec Council
- CAS – Protocol review

February 6,

- Curriculum Review / Exec Council Planning
- Attend Junior Volleyball Tournament
- School Visit – CVDCS/ Pam Potvin

February 7,

- Health & Safety meeting / Bob Cullens
- SDHU meeting ie: Community Health Challenge

February 10, Board Agenda setting

February 11,

- Teleconference – Four Boards – School Year Structure/Calendar
- Interviews – Exec Assistant

February 12, Exec Council

February 14, School Visits: Trustee Campbell

- Levack PS

- Larchwood PS
 - CVDCS
 - Chelmsford PS
- February 19,
- Exec Council
 - Ontario Leadership Congress
- February 20,
- Chair Partners for Children & Youth
- February 24,
- CODE Teleconference
 - CBC interview
- February 25,
- Teleconference – IEL project
 - Most Outstanding Principal Awards
- February 26,
- OSSTF Liaison Committee
 - Board Meeting

9. **Other Items**

Delegate – Trustee Clement will be taking Trustee Campbell’s place at the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting this weekend. OPSBA contacted the board asking if they could share the handbook entitled *First Nation, Métis and Inuit Presence in Rainbow Schools*. Grace Fox will be speaking to this document.

Student Trustee – NIL

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff** *Chair
- AODA minutes December (official) February (unofficial)
 - SEAC minutes January (official)
 - Policy and Finance minutes February (unofficial)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

*Chair

- Board Agenda Setting - March 3, 2014 1:30 pm Director’s Office
- Student Senate Ctte - March 3, 2014 5:00 pm Boardroom
- SEAC - March 5, 2014 12:00 pm Gord Ewin Centre
- Accessibility Committee - March 24, 2014 1:00 pm Boardroom
- Board Meeting - March 25, 2014 5:00 pm Boardroom
- Policy and Finance Agenda - March 26, 2014 1:00 pm Director’s Office
- Environmental Education Ctte - March 26, 2014 4:00 pm Boardroom

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair

Motion: 14-R26, T.Campbell/B. Clement
That we do now adjourn at 6:50 p.m.