

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday March 26, 2013 at 5:20 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D.Dewar (Chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J.Hunda,
L.Killens (via phone), R. Kirwan, D. Morrison, G. Santala
Student Trustee Michael Niven
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director
L. Dye, S. Speir, B. Bourget – Superintendents
B. Webb - Interim Chief Financial Officer
M. Egan, N. Charette, J. Oshell
Others: media

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 13-R50, G.Santala/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 26, 2013 be approved. –
Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Board Improvement Plan Mid-Year Data Presentation

Superintendents Bourget, Dye and Speir shared mid-year data at the elementary and secondary levels showing learning achievement results. Trustees asked questions and indicated their appreciation for the presentation.

Summer Programming

Superintendents Bourget, Dye and Speir reviewed the extensive programs in place for student learning over the summer. Chair Dewar thanked staff on behalf of trustees.

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

Motion: 13-R51, G.Santala/B. Clement

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 13-R52, G.Santala/T.Campbell

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on February 26, 2013 be approved as amended. The amendment being the inclusion of Trustee G. Fox as present. - **Carried**

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

Motion: 13-R53, G. Santala/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for elevator maintenance services to Schindler Elevator Corporation for \$132,172. - **Carried**

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

Motion: 13-R54, D.Morrison/R.Kirwan

That changes to Policy and Operational Procedures 4.13 Video Security Surveillance be approved. - **Carried**

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **OPSBA AGM**

*Chair

Motion: 13-R55, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA AGM June 6-8, 2013 at Deerhurst resort in Muskoka: Bob Clement, Doreen Dewar, Judy Hunda, Larry Killens, Robert Kirwan. - **Carried**

2. **OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting**

*Chair

Motion: 13-R56, J.Hunda/L.Killens

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Michael Niven at the Ontario Student Trustees' Association AGM May 2013 in Toronto. - **Carried**

3. **Canadian School Boards Association Congress**

*Chair

Motion: 13-R57, D. Morrison/B. Clement

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the Canadian School Boards Association Congress July 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia: Tyler Campbell, Bob Clement, Grace Fox, Judy Hunda. - **Carried**

4. **July Board Meeting**

*Chair

Motion: 13-R58, D.Morrison/R.Kirwan

That the June 25, 2013 Board meeting be moved to July 2, 2013. - **Carried**

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

6. Trustees' Remarks/Questions

Trustee Killens advised that he is withdrawing from the Labour Relations Committee.

Trustee Clement reported that he attended the Labour Symposium conference in Toronto and received valuable information from the presentations. Director Blaseg will send the content to trustees via email.

Trustee Hunda advised that long-time Toronto District School Board trustee Irene Atkinson is in hospital in critical condition suffering from smoke inhalation after a fire in her home.

Trustee Morrison wished everyone peace during the upcoming Easter weekend.

7. Chairperson's Remarks

The Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Robotics Team 4069 and their mentors won the gold medal at the 2013 FIRST Robotics Competition Waterloo Regional held this past weekend (March 23, 2013). This success secured their place at the world championships in St. Louis this April. The team was also honored with the prestigious FIRST "Gracious Professionalism Award" in recognition of their "No Student Left Behind" funding assistance program.

Congratulations to **athletes from Rainbow Schools** who captured top honours at OFSAA. Swimmer **Spencer Allen**, a Lasalle Secondary School student, won two Gold medals and was a mere second away from breaking the fastest time for the 100-metre freestyle. Lockerby Composite School's **Victoria Day** captured Gold in girls' wrestling and **Ward Kyle**, also of Lockerby, won Gold in the Level 1 boys' giant slalom race in OFSAA alpine skiing. The Level II girls' team earned a Bronze in giant slalom.

Mark your calendars:

On **Thursday, March 28, 2013** industry leaders in film and education will converge at Confederation Secondary School for the **official launch of the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in Information and Communications Technology**. Representatives from Cambrian College and Loyalist College will speak to students about postsecondary opportunities in media arts. Students will also hear representatives from the industry including Northern Ontario Film Studios; Motion Arc Studios; and Nortario Films.

On **Saturday, April 6, 2013**, the Sudbury Theatre Centre's production of *Black Dog: 4 Against the World*, which deals with the topic of mental health, will showcase the talent of **Sudbury Secondary School's Arts Education students** – both on and off the stage. Matt Heiti, a graduate of Sudbury Secondary School, wrote the play and the entire cast is made up of Sudbury Secondary School drama students. Visual Art students created drawings that will be on display at the STC throughout the show.

On **Friday, April 19, 2013**, close to 400 French Immersion and Core French students in Rainbow Schools will participate in the fourth Franco-Rainbow competition. The lip sync

contest with French songs will take place at the Sheridan Auditorium at Sudbury Secondary School. Students in Grades 1 to 8 won the honour of competing in the Board-wide event by capturing first place at their in-school competitions.

On April 13 and 14, 2013, Grade 7 and 8 students who won honours following the Rainbow Board's annual elementary Science Fair will participate in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair being held in the Great Hall at Laurentian University. Regional Science Fair projects will be selected for the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Lethbridge, Alberta. We congratulate all science fair participants and extend best wishes to students as they move forward.

I want to extend a special "thank you" to Dave Makela, athletic administrator for the Sudbury District Secondary Schools' Athletic Association for his dedication to students through sports in our Secondary Schools and his insightful columns in the Sudbury Star. Recently he wrote: "Looking ahead, the high school athletic association, led by the same ad hoc committee that implemented sweeping changes two years ago, will be examining incident numbers, officials' reports, considering coaches' feedback and looking under every other rock it can find with a view toward improving standards of behaviour for future seasons. That's what responsible leagues do."

And that leads me to the thought for the month from Henry Ford: **Don't find fault, find a remedy.**

I wish everyone a safe and rejuvenating Easter holiday weekend. Thank you.

8. Director's Remarks

Director Blaseg called on Superintendent Bruce Bourget to comment on the quality of hockey officiating in secondary schools. He gave an indepth report and there has been marked improvement.

Director Blaseg commented that he was disappointed to learn that to date mental health nurses have not met with individual students.

Motion: 13R59, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That a letter be written to Community Care Access Centre expressing our concern about the slow moving implementation of the mental health initiative. - **Carried**

9. Other Items

OPSBA Delegate

The next meeting is the end of April.

Student Trustee

Michael Niven was pleased to mention that a member of Student Senate was on the Lo-ellen Park Secondary's Robotics Team who won gold at the recent competition.

Michael advised that he has been an avid hockey player over the years and reported that he has personally experienced the improvement in sportsmanship. He said that the April Student Senate conference is progressing well and that he will provide details soon.

On February 13th he was invited to Toronto to be part of an Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) planning committee to introduce para sports in secondary schools. He described the three part plan that was created.

Student Trustee Niven attended the OSTA conference in Ottawa in February entitled Unity Through Diversity. He gave an indepth report on the OSTA position paper and survey.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff** *Chair
SEAC minutes January and February (official)
Environmental Education minutes February (unofficial)
FNAC minutes February (unofficial)
Board Meetings and Policy and Finance Meetings Schedule for 2013/14
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS *Chair

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| Student Senate Meeting | - April 2, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom |
| SEAC | - April 3, 2013 12:00 pm Educ. Ctre. |
| Board Agenda Setting | - April 8, 2013 2:00 pm Director's Office |
| Policy & Finance Meeting | - April 9, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom |
| PIC | - April 16, 2013, 7:00 pm Boardroom |
| Board Meeting | - April 23, 2013 5:00 pm Lively District SS |
| Policy & Finance Agenda | - April 24, 2013 12:00 pm Director's Office |

I. ADJOURNMENT *Chair

Motion: 13R60, D.Morrison/B. Clement
That we do now adjourn at 7:40 pm.