

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday October 29, 2013 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar - Chair, T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda,
L. Killens, R. Kirwan, D.Morrison

Absent: G. Santala, Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, S. Speir - Superintendents of Education
J. Noble – Senior Administrator of Program and Services
M. Egan, N. Charette, J. Oshell, staff of Queen Elizabeth PS
Kathy Dokis, Tiffany Roberts, Sheridawn Maloney,
Suzanne Montgomery,
Media, members of the public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 13-R132, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 29, 2013 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item E.2a) Update on Espanola. -
Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury Exceptional Educators Award

Rhonda Lenti presented Rainbow teacher Shasta Dusick with the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury (LDAS) Exceptional Educators Award. Trustee Morrison expressed her thanks to the association for recognizing our outstanding educator. Chair Dewar thanked Rhonda Lenti and LDAS for sharing with us the recognition of this worthy recipient and she congratulated Shasta Dusick for her outstanding service.

Student Achievement 2012-13

Superintendent Dye and Senior Administrator Noble along with Sheridawn Maloney, Suzanne Montgomery and Tiffany Roberts, presented the 2013 EQAO results. Trustees asked questions and received additional information. Chair Dewar thanked the presenters.

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

Motion: 13-R133, D.Morrison/B. Clement

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

Motion: 13-R134, D.Morrison/ J.Hunda

That the 2013/14 Internal Audit Plan and the Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be approved. - **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 13-R135, T.Campbell/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on September 24, 2013 be approved. - **Carried**

Motion: 13-R136, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on October 15, 2013 be approved. - **Carried**

2a) Espanola Update

Superintendent of Business provided a verbal update on the application for funding to renew Espanola High School to accommodate two distinct schools, AB Ellis PS and Espanola High School.

Motion: 13-R137, B. Clement/J.Hunda

That AB Ellis PS (JK to Grade 8) be relocated at Espanola High School (Grade 9 to 12) subject to capital funding from the Ministry of Education. - **Carried**

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Carried

Tyler Campbell: In Favour

Judy Hunda: In Favour

Robert Kirwan: Opposed

Bob Clement: In Favour

Grace Fox: In Favour

Dena Morrison: In Favour

Doreen Dewar: In Favour

Larry Killens: Opposed

Gord Santala: Absent

A letter from the Ministry of Education dated October 22, 2013, in response to our letter dated September 30, 2013, was distributed to trustees. Trustees commented that RDSB has received notices beginning in 2008 from the French Catholic board that their students would be moving out of Espanola High School.

b) Tenders NIL

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

a) **Motion: 13-R138, D.Morrison/T.Campbell**

That the structure for Board policies that establishes Board governance policies and the Director of Education's administrative procedures as described in the attached report be approved. - **Carried**

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Carried

<i>Tyler Campbell: In Favour</i>	<i>Judy Hunda: In Favour</i>	<i>Robert Kirwan: Opposed</i>
<i>Bob Clement: In Favour</i>	<i>Grace Fox: Opposed</i>	<i>Dena Morrison: In Favour</i>
<i>Doreen Dewar: In Favour</i>	<i>Larry Killens: Opposed</i>	<i>Gord Santala: Absent</i>

Defer: 13-R139, R. Kirwan/L.Killens

That the motion be deferred until the consultant has had an opportunity to review and present a complete report to the P&F committee, and then to stakeholders. - **Defeated**

Trustee Kirwan requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Defeated

<i>Tyler Campbell: Opposed</i>	<i>Judy Hunda: Opposed</i>	<i>Robert Kirwan: In Favour</i>
<i>Bob Clement: Opposed</i>	<i>Grace Fox: In Favour</i>	<i>Dena Morrison: Opposed</i>
<i>Doreen Dewar: Opposed</i>	<i>Larry Killens: In Favour</i>	<i>Gord Santala: Absent</i>

b) **Notice of Motion: 13-R140, D.Morrison**

That I or someone on my behalf will move or caused to be moved at a subsequent meeting of the Board, that changes to Governance Bylaws section 6.03 be approved.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion: 13-R141, R. Kirwan/ L.Killens**

That AB Ellis PS be relocated at Espanola High School effective September 2014. – **Defeated.**

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Defeated

<i>Tyler Campbell: Opposed</i>	<i>Judy Hunda: Opposed</i>	<i>Robert Kirwan: In Favour</i>
<i>Bob Clement: Opposed</i>	<i>Grace Fox: Abstain</i>	<i>Dena Morrison: Opposed</i>
<i>Doreen Dewar: Opposed</i>	<i>Larry Killens: In Favour</i>	<i>Gord Santala: Absent</i>

2. **OSTA-AECO Fees**

*Chair

Motion: 13-R142, T. Campbell/B. Clement

That the 2013/14 membership fees in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association be approved. - **Carried**

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Carried

<i>Tyler Campbell: In Favour</i>	<i>Judy Hunda: In Favour</i>	<i>Robert Kirwan: In Favour</i>
<i>Bob Clement: In Favour</i>	<i>Grace Fox: In Favour</i>	<i>Dena Morrison: In Favour</i>
<i>Doreen Dewar: In Favour</i>	<i>Larry Killens: Abstain</i>	<i>Gord Santala: Absent</i>

3. **OSTA-AECO Conference** *Chair

Motion: 13-R143, G. Fox/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato at the OSTA-AECO in Toronto November 14, 15, 16, 17, 2013. – **Carried unanimously**

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

Motion: 13-R144, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That Gord Santala and Roberto Bagnato be granted a leave of absence from the October 29, 2013 Board meeting. - **Carried**

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair

Notice of Motion: 13-R145, L.Killens

That the motion: “ That AB Ellis PS (JK to Grade 8) be relocated at Espanola High School (Grade 9-12) subject to capital funding from the Ministry of Education”, be rescinded.

Trustee Fox reported that TVO was at Laurentian University last week speaking to aboriginal educators. She invited trustees to explore the links and requested that Maureen Egan make them available to trustees.

Trustee Hunda spoke about the Student Senate meeting under the leadership of Superintendent Dye. She said that the secondary schools are well represented. Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato is currently participating in the Lockerby Cancer Drive.

Trustee Hunda reported that has she is pleased to see all the enthusiasm in Rainbow schools.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair

Some 700 students and staff from Lockerby Composite School are canvassing the community this evening to raise funds for the Northern Cancer Research Foundation. To date, the school has raised a phenomenal \$600,000 for pediatric cancer care in the north in memory of Laura Cotesta who is the inspiration for the yearly fundraiser.

Shari Blasutti, a law teacher at Lockerby Composite School, has received the Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educators' Award from the Ontario Justice Education Network. The award pays tribute to Shari Blasutti's leadership role in supporting the Sudbury Mock Trial Competition and recognizes her contribution to teaching excellence and her collaboration with other teachers.

On Saturday, November 2nd, Sudbury will for the first time, host the second largest sporting event for Ontario high school students. Close to 1,700 athletes from more than 300 high schools will participate in the OFSAA Cross-Country Running Championships. The races

are free to the general public and everyone is welcome to come to the trails near Laurentian University and watch the top student runners in Ontario.

On Wednesday, November 6th, Grade 9 students in Rainbow Schools will spend the day job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host as part of the national Take Our Kids to Work program. This program provides an opportunity for students to experience the world of work and the variety of career opportunities that await them. We thank area businesses for opening their doors and welcoming our students into their places of work.

On Tuesday, November 19th, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, Rainbow District School Board will present Making the Transition: Finding Your Way from Grade 8 to 9 in the Student Centre at Cambrian College. This free information session will focus on the changes, challenges and choices students face as they enter high school. Everyone is welcome.

Finally, October is the time for School Councils to be set in place for this school year. I would like to encourage parents and community members to become actively involved in their local school through these groups.

The thought for the month comes from an unknown author and reads, "When you are intelligent, you believe only half of what you hear. When you are educated, you know which half."

7. **Director's Remarks**

*Director

Great to Excellent - Consultation

The Ministry of Education invited stakeholders to a regional meeting, held at Laurentian University, on Thursday, Oct 17. The gathering was referred to as the "Next Phase in Ontario's educational journey - going from Great to Excellent". Members of the community were asked to choose from seven questions (typically 3 or 4) and provide input while the Ministry recorded the response. Director Blaseg had requested that the Ministry contact First Nations members with an invitation to attend the consultation. They apologized to RDSB as they did not contact the Chiefs that were identified as possible participants. The Ministry is willing to consult with the Chiefs/delegates of the 11 First Nation communities identified if they wish.

School Board Efficiencies and Modernization Consultations – Memo, October 25

The Ministry is looking for new ways to deliver key priorities within current fiscal realities as follows: "We must keep in mind and respect the constitutional framework and resulting rights, as well as Ontario's great diversity." The Ministry will initiate the consultation process the week of November 18. Stakeholders will be notified, however associations not identified through the consultative phase are invited to submit suggestions. A number of topics have been identified: underutilized and small schools, declining enrolment supports, improving accountability, sharing efficiency savings, e-books and e-learning, getting the balance right, moving ahead together. The consultation phase is slated to conclude by the end of November 2013.

Supporting Student Achievement

Staff is working on a homework/parental involvement strategy that will support the following: math fluency, literacy and cursive writing. Staff will focus on developing tools, used by students and parents to support the classroom. The goal is provide foundational support to enable higher level learning during the school day.

Ontario's Children's Outdoor Charter

Launched October 23 by Ministry Sandals, the Charter includes 12 outdoor activities that all children should do before their teens, they include: following a trail, camping under the stars, harvesting something to eat, swimming in a lake, paddling a canoe, playing in the snow, observing plants and wildlife, building an outdoor fort, visiting a farm, exploring a park, going fishing, and creating an outdoor adventure. Focus is on parental and school involvement in an attempt to build environmentally responsible citizens. Director Blaseg said that he is proud that RDSB incorporates most, if not all the activities identified. "Our goal is to ensure every child has the opportunity to engage in all of the above prior to grade 12."

Wednesday November 6 is Take our Kids to Work day. Grade 9 students experience a day in the life of the world of work.

- Sept. 26 Visited Island with Chair Dewar and attended Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute's Annual Fall Harvest
- Sept. 30 Governance review/workshop
- Oct. 2 SEAC presentation – "Opportunity for All"
- Oct. 3 CODE Mentoring meeting – Peel District School Board
- Oct. 4 CODE Directors meeting – Peel District School Board
- Oct. 7 School visit – Confederation Secondary
- Oct. 7 Introduced Service Collaborative initiative to community partners
- Oct. 8 Telephone call with Ministry Re: Capital planning
- Oct. 9 Attended Fall feast gatherings – Princess Anne & Churchill
- Oct. 10 Dare to Stand Out at Lo-Ellen Park S.S.
- Oct. 11 Presented goals and direction 2013/14 to Board office staff
- Oct. 15 Policy and Finance meeting
- Oct. 17 Director's meeting with all principals and superintendents

- Oct. 17 Attended "Next Phase" in Education at Laurentian University
- Oct. 18/19 Attended OPSBA regional meeting – Thunder Bay
- Oct. 20 Attended PIC AGM held at Sudbury Secondary School
Attended Jonathon Mooneys presentation "The Gift: Learning Disabilities & ADHD Reframed"
- Oct. 21 Partners in Children and Youth – Chair Executive meeting
- Oct. 24 Attended Ministry Tuition Agreement information Sessions - Introductions
Lasalle Secondary Awards ceremony
- Oct. 24 EQAO – Bruce Rodrigues - Toronto

- 8. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Campbell attended the Northern conference in Thunder Bay. Trustee Clement presented the Rainbow District School Board SPARK program to the group. Trustee Campbell said it was an excellent opportunity to meet with the Algoma board and their trustees and a good opportunity to share information especially on topics such as French Immersion and declining enrolment.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

- 1. **Reports from Officials and Staff** *Chair
 FNAC minutes September 20 2013 (unofficial)
 SEAC minutes June and September 2013 (official)
 Equity and Inclusiveness minutes September 2013 (unofficial)
 Policy and Finance minutes October 15, 2013 (unofficial)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS *Chair

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| Parent Involvement Ctte. | - November 5, 2013, 7:00 pm Boardroom |
| SEAC | - November 6, 2013 12:00 pm Educ. Ctre. |
| Board Agenda Setting | - November 11, 2013 1:30 pm Director's Office |
| Student Senate | - November 11, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom |
| Equity & Inclusiveness | - November 14, 2013 3:30 pm Boardroom |
| FNAC | - November 15, 2013 10:00 am Lively DSS |
| Board Meeting | - November 26, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom |
| Policy & Finance Agenda | - Novembe 27, 2013 1:30 pm Director's Office |

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:13-R146, D.Morrison/R. Kirwan
 That we now do adjourn 8:02 pm - **Carried**