

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held in the Library of Sudbury Secondary School  
on Wednesday May 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), D. Morrison, T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, R. Kirwan, G. Santala  
Absent: Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, L. Dye - Superintendents of Education  
J. Noble – Senior Administrator of Program and Services  
K. Wachnuk - Senior Administrator, Special Education  
M. Smethurst, N. Charette  
Other: Media

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 14-R61, D.Morrison/R.Kirwan

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 21, 2014 be approved.  
– **Carried**

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

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

1. Motion: 14-R62, J.Hunda/B.Clement

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

2. Motion: 14-R63, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That OPSBA act as the agent for future provincial discussions with principals and vice-principals. – **Carried**

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 14-R64, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on April 29, 2014 be approved. – **Carried**

2. **Efficient Resource Management**

Senior Administrator Judy Noble reported on the three proposals submitted regarding tech revitalization to support students from grades 9 to 12 in areas of

skilled trades. The three submissions are from Confederation Secondary School, Lively District Secondary School and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School.

Motion: 14-R65, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the projects as outlined be funded through the student focused initiative reserve. - **Carried**

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals - NIL**

4. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees - NIL**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Special Education Plan 2014-2015**

Motion: 14-R66, B.Clement/D.Morrison

That the amendments to the Special Education Plan be approved. – **Carried**

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 14-R67, H.Hunda/B.Clement

That Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato be granted a leave of absence from the May 21, 2014 Board meeting. - **Carried**

3. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Clement attended the Espanola High School trade show and commended Dean Riggs, who is the recipient of an award this evening.

Trustee Morrison attended six events during education week at schools and said they are to be commended. Events included days for exceptional students, plays, fairs, art shows, music and concerts.

Trustee Hunda informed that she was a judge for an entrepreneur fair. Trustee Hunda also attended Science North with a group of students and commended Science North for the great work that is done and how the presentations fit nicely with curriculum.

4. **Chairperson's Remarks**

A team from MacLeod Public School captured top honours at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition Elementary Challenge held on May 5 in Waterloo. Grade 8 students Jenna Neilson, Riley Ransom, Caleb Smith and Noah Topolinski took home bronze in the Green Energy category. We commend the students from MacLeod Public School on their impressive showing at the provincial level.

Students at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay have explored the world through the eyes of Flat Stanley. Last October, teacher Heather Jefkins and her Grade 4/5 class read the popular children's book "Flat Stanley" and created their own unique Stanley Soldiers, dressed in distinctive camouflage. Students then wrote letters and took photos with their Stanleys before deploying them to Canadian Armed Forces Bases across Canada where adventures were recorded and returned to the students.

Be sure to pick up your issue of Northern Life tomorrow, Thursday, May 22 and read about Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The celebration takes place on July 11 and 12 and current and former students and staff are invited to register at [lep50th.weebly.com](http://lep50th.weebly.com).

The musical "Once Upon a Mattress", a comedy based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea" will be presented by the students and staff of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Evening performances are Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm, with weekend matinées on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm. All performances are in the Ernie Checkeris Theatre at Thorneloe University on the Laurentian campus.

On Thursday, June 5, the public is invited to come and support young entrepreneurs at the Rainbow District School Board Entrepreneur Fair at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Approximately 40 innovative student businesses will be on display. This event is being hosted in partnership with the Learning Initiative and the Regional Business Centre. Awards will be presented.

Barrydowne College and Cambrian College's dual credit students and faculty invite you to the opening of "Bridging the Gap", the first annual student art exhibition. The opening takes place on Thursday, June 5, from 6 pm to 8 pm at The Open Studio, 93 Cedar Street, Third Floor. The exhibition will be on display Friday, June 6, from 4 to 7, Saturday, June 7, from 12 pm to 4 and Sunday, June 8, from 12 to 4. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

This is definitely the "most wonderful time of the year" as we are privileged to celebrate the successes of our students at the many Graduation Ceremonies. As the graduates accept their diplomas, we thank each of our dedicated staff for their contribution to student success. We appreciate the partnerships and support from our proud family members and we are much obliged to our local communities who join with us to share resources and talent. It is a fitting time, therefore, to acknowledge the contributions of our award winners. They lead by example and our young people reap the rewards.

It's also the time of year when we prepare our budget for the next year so I would like to share a quote from Derek Bok, American lawyer, educator and the former president of Harvard University who said, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

5. **Director's Remarks**

Summer Courses – Hand out

Heritage Fair was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Fraser Auditorium. Special thanks to Chair Chantal Lacroix and her committee for putting on a great fair. This year the fair included RDSB students exclusively.

Audit Committee – The City of Greater Sudbury is going to use the same process used in 2010 and they are willing to have us exercise the same option this year.

We will be having discussions with Township of NEMI and Espanola for the elections in those areas.

Director's Schedule

**April 30, May 1** Attended Ontario Leadership Congress

**May 5 School Visits**

Walden PS

Lively DSS

Lansdowne PS

Sudbury SS

Westmount PS

Attended swearing in of Greater Sudbury Police Service Chief Paul Pedersen held at the Caruso Club

**May 6 School Visits**

Central Manitoulin PS (Assignack, C.C. McLean principals)

Manitoulin SS

Little Current PS

Espanola PS

MacLeod PS

**May 7 School Visits**

C.R. Judd PS

Confederation SS

Monetville PS

Markstay PS

**May 8 School Visits**

Lo-Ellen Park SS

Algonquin PS

Lockerby Composite S

Jean Hanson Public School (Gatchell School)

Levack PS

Larchwood PS

Chelmsford PS

Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Jean Hanson Public School (Gatchell) attended Black Light Theatre

**May 9** - Heritage Fair – Fraser Auditorium

**May 12** - Renaming of Gatchell School to Jean Hanson Public School  
School Visits  
R.H. Murray PS  
Copper Cliff PS

**May 13** - Principal/Vice Principal interviews were held at the board office

**May 14** - Ministry meeting ie: BIPSA (Board Improvement Plan Student Achievement)

**May 15** - Chair Partners for Children and Youth meeting – Science North  
Meeting with OSSTF at Board office  
Meeting with Espanola community Re: Espanola High School & A.B. Ellis PS

**May 16** - School visits  
Barrydowne Campus  
Carl Nesbitt PS  
Cecil Facer

**May 20** Meeting at Carl Nesbitt PS with Pascal Winners

6. **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate** - Trustee Campbell advised that he would not be attending the next meeting. Trustee Clement will be attending.  
Trustee Campbell reported on OPSBA activities over the past month.

**F. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Accessibility Planning Committee (unofficial) – March 24, 2014  
Environmental Education Committee (unofficial) – March 26, 2014  
Special Education Advisory Committee (official) - March 5, 2014  
Special Education Advisory Committee (unofficial) - April 2, 2014  
Strategic Planning Committee (formerly Policy and Finance) Minutes  
(unofficial) - April 15, 2014  
Graduation Dates 2014 – revised

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Minister Liz Sandals dated April 7, 2014  
Letter dated April 15, 2014 from Lo-Ellen Robotics

**G. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board Agenda Setting - May 5, 2014 1:30 pm Director's Office  
Strategic Planning Committee Agenda setting - May 5 @ 2:30 pm Director's Office

Parent Involvement Committee - May 6, 2014 7:00 pm Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Committee - May 7, 2014 12:00 pm Education Centre  
Student Senate - May 12, 2014 5:00 pm Boardroom  
First Nations Advisory Committee - May 15, 2014 10:00 am Lively DSS  
Strategic Planning Committee - Budget - May 20, 2014 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Board Meeting (Board Awards) - May 21, 2014 5:00 pm Sudbury SS

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

\*Chair

Motion: 14-R68, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we adjourn at the conclusion of the Awards Ceremony (7:25 p.m.)