

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday December 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), D. Morrison, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda,
L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, G. Santala, Student Trustee Brunton
Absent: T. Campbell
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble - Superintendents of Education
K. Wachnuk - Senior Administrator, Special Education
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Others: D. Bazinet, K. Kozman, N. Mousseau, B. Webb, members of
the public and media

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 15-R17, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 16, 2014 be approved. – **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

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

Motion: 15-R18, G.Santala/J.Kosmerly

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

a) Motion: 15-R19, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on November 25, 2014 be approved. – **Carried**

b) Motion: 15-R20, G.Fox/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Inaugural/Organizational Board Meeting held on December 1, 2014 be approved. – **Carried**

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

Tyler Campbell: absent
Bob Clement: In Favour
Doreen Dewar: In Favour

Judy Hunda: In Favour
Grace Fox: Opposed
Larry Killens: Opposed

Judy Kosmerly: In Favour
Dena Morrison: In Favour
Gord Santala: In Favour

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 15-R21, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract for casual cleaning services to: Titan Building Services Division of LaMaid Inc. – **Carried**

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

a) Audit Committee

i) Audit Committee Annual Report

Trustee Morrison, chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2013-2014 Audit Committee Report to the Ministry of Education.

ii) 2013/14 Financial Statements

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold presented the consolidated financial statements for the 2013-2014 school year and responded to questions from trustees.

Motion: 15-R22, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the 2013/14 Financial Statements be approved. – **Carried**

Chair Dewar thanked Superintendent Cayen-Arnold and the finance department for their hard work.

b) **Governance By-laws**

Motion: 15-R23, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That the amendments to the Governance By-Laws be approved. – **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Director's Annual Report

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the 2013-2014 school year.

The photo on the cover, which was taken at the Family Pow Wow at Lansdowne Public School, reflects our focus on First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education for all students in Rainbow Schools.

The inside front cover highlights our Vision, Mission, Values and Priorities in Strategic Directions.

Our vision is captured in the title of the Chair's Message – *We are leaders in learning*. The Chair's Message focuses on the new Board Governance Policy Manual, and the change in name from Policy and Finance to Strategic Planning Committee, within the context of the Board's primary goal - "student achievement and well-being".

Our mission is captured in the title of the Director's Message – *We bring learning to life*. The Director's Message begins with a quote from a five-year-old at Redwood Acres Public School. Little Gabby was asked to share her advice for students starting school. (I could not have said it better!)

Our current Board of Trustees and Executive Council is listed on Page 3.

On pages 4 and 5, we have shared some highlights of the 2013-2014 school year – from donations, to awards, to student achievements, to special projects. We have also paid tribute to former Director of Education Jean Hanson with the renaming of Gatchell School in her memory.

Beginning on page 6, the Annual Report provides an overview of the key activities undertaken by the Board to achieve its priorities in Strategic Directions:

1. Ensure success for all
2. Ensure efficient resource management
3. Promote succession planning

The report also provides an overview of the budget for the current school year.

In this report, we have brought learning to life through the voices of the students and staff who are featured in the various stories.

The focus on page 6 is **CURIOSITY** as children in Early Learning – Kindergarten make meaning of the number 10.

INDEPENDENCE is the focus on page 7 as we meet students in the SHILO program who are preparing for the transition from school.

PROGRESS is the focus on page 8 as we look at how we are successfully bridging the gap for students who identify as First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

The EQAO results for the past six years are listed on page 9.

On page 10, we focus on **INNOVATION** as we highlight the 21st Century Teaching and Learning Project and the use of iPads to enhance student engagement in math.

EXPERIENCE is featured on page 11, which provides an overview of how students are achieving success through hands-on learning.

On page 12, we meet a student who is working on her diploma at the N'Swakamok Native Alternative School. Her story speaks to **COMMITMENT**.

ENERGY is the focus on page 13 as we highlight our popular SPARK fitness program, one of many ways in which we are supporting student wellness.

Page 14 showcases **CREATIVITY** and **OPPORTUNITY** through music programs and extra-curricular activities, including provincial sporting events held locally.

The centre of the report provides an overview of the budget for the current school year. It also includes our enrolment at October 31st, 2014, a map of our coverage area, a breakdown of our personnel complement, and pie charts that illustrate how the board allocates its budget to have the greatest impact on the classroom. The overview of the budget on page 17 highlights new investments for the 2014-2015 school year.

SUSTAINABILITY is the focus on page 19 as we look at the revitalization of Rainbow Schools through the renewal of our facilities and our investment in new technology and safety upgrades in our secondary shops.

On page 20, we focus on **ENGAGEMENT**, specifically of students in providing leadership in their schools and parents/guardians through their child's education, school activities, School Councils and the Parent Involvement Committee.

ACCEPTANCE is the focus on page 21, which highlights our work in equity and inclusion and safe schools.

And **SUPPORT** for staff is featured on page 22 as part of our ongoing efforts to provide training to continue building respectful learning and working environments and maintain health and safety as a priority.

The 2013-2014 school year, therefore, was characterized by:

CURIOSITY

INDEPENDENCE

PROGRESS

INNOVATION

EXPERIENCE

COMMITMENT

ENERGY

CREATIVITY

OPPORTUNITY

SUSTAINABILITY

ENGAGEMENT

ACCEPTANCE and

SUPPORT

As always, we wrap up the report with our Award Recipients, Scholarship Winners, Ontario Scholars and Directory of Schools and Programs.

I invite you to read the report at your leisure. And be proud of what we have accomplished for student achievement and well-being.

The annual report will be available on our website. A limited number of printed copies will be mailed to key stakeholders and sent to all schools, including School Council Chairs. We will also be including a copy of the report in our Early Learning Kindergarten information packages this year. It will give new parents a good overview of Rainbow Schools.

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 15-R24, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That Trustee Campbell be granted a leave of absence from the December 16, 2014 Board meeting. – **Carried**

3. **OPSBA Public Education Symposium 2015**

Motion: 15-R25, D. Morrison/G.Santala

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Public Education Symposium 2015 in Toronto January 29 – 31, 2015:

Trustee Dewar
Trustee Clement
Trustee Fox
Trustee Kosmerly
Trustee Hunda
Trustee Campbell – **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

Director Blaseg announced the principal/vice-principal transfers effective January 5, 2015 :

1. Maria Bouwmeester, vice principal of Little Current Public School, appointed acting principal for Assignack Public School.
2. Cori Pitre, vice principal of Webbwood Public School, transferred to Little Current Public School.
3. Hillary Holmes, vice principal of A.B. Ellis Public School, transferred to Webbwood Public School.
4. Daniel Koziar, SERT from Princess Anne Public School, appointed to acting vice principal of A.B. Ellis Public School.

Director Blaseg thanked *Kids Helping Kids* organizers Kerri Monaghan (original Edgar Burton organizer, starting at Wembley Public School), Danielle Williamson, Pablo Gil-Alfau and Dave Farrow (the voice for RDSB food drive). As of today, 116 654 cans have been collected, this is up 20 000 from last year. Final count will take place on Thursday, December 18, 2014.

Annual report:

Special thanks to all staff for ensuring information that was captured in the report truly reflects our board's narrative. A special thank you to Nicole Charette, as she was and continues to be the conductor and the lead for the Annual Report. I know you will join me in thanking Nicole for telling the RDSB story in such a remarkable way.

Itinerary:

November 26 – Executive Council
Trustee Orientation
OSSTF Meeting

November 27 – Visit Ruth MacMillan Centre

November 28 – Mentoring – CODE

December 1 – Inaugural/Organizational Board Meeting

December 2 – International Day for Kids with Disabilities – Caruso Club
S.I.P Meeting
Agenda Setting
OSSTF meeting

December 3 – School Visit – Churchill Public School
Executive Council

December 4 – School Visits with Trustee Morrison
Monetville Public School
Markstay Public School

December 5 – Schools visits with Trustee Hunda
Carl A. Nesbitt Public School
Ernie Checkeris Public School
Adamsdale Public School

December 8 – Directors Tele-conference CODE
Meeting with Trustee Killens
Ministry Adobe Connect - Trustee Financial Orientation

December 11 – Directors Meeting – Days Inn

December 12 – Tribunal

December 15 – Science North
Tele-conference LHIN
Agenda Setting
OSSTF Meeting

December 16 – Audit Committee Meeting

Director Blaseg will be visiting schools in January and February with trustees.

Director Blaseg thanked everyone for a great year and wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Hunda made reference to the many Christmas concerts taking place in Rainbow Schools. She wanted to thank the staff that work so hard to get all students involved. Trustee Hunda thanked Director Blaseg for their recent school visits. Trustee Hunda also commented on the success of the SPARK program for staff and students.

Trustee Morrison also commented on the Christmas concerts. Trustee Morrison shared that she has completed the on-line Respect Ed training and encourages her peers to do the same.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Rainbow District School Board is currently accepting nominations for the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. The award honours individuals or organizations within the Rainbow Board area who have had a significant impact on music and/or music education at the elementary, secondary, postsecondary and/or community levels. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, January 15, 2015. For more information, including a nomination form, visit rainbowschools.ca and click on "community".

Churchill Public School has placed second in all of Canada for funds raised for the CIBC Run for the Cure. With 432 students and 40 staff, Churchill raised \$31,267 for the CIBC Run for the Cure this year. This amount made the school the top fundraising team in the Sudbury Run and the number one fundraising school in Ontario.

Lively District Secondary School, one of this year's recipients of new instruments from the Joan Mantle Music Trust, will host three Christmas Concerts this week. The first concert will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, December 17, at 7 pm. This concert will feature four of the school's musical groups – the Grade 7 Concert Band, the Grade 8 Concert Band, the Intermediate Hawks Rock Band, and the Senior Hawks Rock Band. There will be a collection at the door with all proceeds going to the Joan Mantle Music Trust. Admission will be \$5 to a maximum of \$10

per family. Two concerts for students from Rainbow Schools will be held on Thursday, Dec. 18.

On January 20 & 22, 2015, Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host information nights for Early Learning - Kindergarten registrations. All parents/guardians and children are invited to attend.

Check the Board website for dates for Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians to attend Information Nights at Rainbow secondary schools in Espanola, Manitoulin and Sudbury. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.

The Rainbow District School Board is supporting the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive once again this year. Thousands of non-perishable food items have been collected for families in the communities served by the Board. Every dollar in cash funds donated to this cause is equivalent to 6 food items. Our own Board office staff are topping the list of donations. We extend a sincere thanks to all donors including the trustees whose donations will be counted toward the Board office totals.
CAN COUNT total 1300+ cans as of 3:00 PM today
Monetary Donations total \$2630.00

A plethora of Festive Events will continue in each Rainbow School this week. For a complete list of activities, please visit rainbowschools.ca.

The thought for this month comes from the well-known and dearly loved story, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss. Quote:
"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!... *Then* the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "*doesn't* come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that the next meeting is scheduled for February 2015.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Brunton commented on a press conference that was held a couple of weeks ago regarding a student voice with regards to the new collective agreements. Student Trustee Brunton pointed to the OSTA website for additional information.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

First Nation Advisory Committee May 15, 2014 (official)

First Nation Advisory Committee October, 23, 2014 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Blue Water District School Board letter dated November 28, 2014

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Parent Involvement Committee January 6, 2015 7:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Committee Jan 7, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre
Student Senate January 12, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee January 13, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
Environmental Education Committee January 14, 2015 3:30 pm Boardroom
Board January 27, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board Awards Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Council Chambers

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 15-R26, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That we now adjourn at 6:55 p.m. – **Carried**