

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday January 27, 2015 at 5:15 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), D. Morrison, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), 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, N. Mousseau, B. Webb, members of the public and media

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 15-R27, J.Kosmerly/G.Santala

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 27, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

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

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Accommodation report by the Executive Council - Director Blaseg

Director Blaseg referred to the Disposition of Long Lake Public School board report. Superintendent Cayen-Arnold explained the process. Trustees asked questions and received clarification.

Motion: 15-R28, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That Long Lake Public School be declared surplus to the needs of Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried**

Director Blaseg referred to the Centre for Education board report. January 2016 was the latest date for reporting back. Trustees discussed and questions were answered.

Motion: 15-R29, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That a feasibility study be performed for the consolidation of educational support services. - **Carried**

2. Magnet program report by the Executive Council - Director Blaseg

Director Blaseg referred to the Magnet Programs in Rainbow District School Board board report. The five scheduled dates for future meetings were highlighted. Superintendent Dye is the point person for collection of the data for this report. Trustees asked questions and discussion occurred around the table.

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

Motion: 15-R30, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the human resources update be received. - **Carried.**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 15-R31, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on December 16, 2014 be approved. – **Carried**

**2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL**

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

Thames Valley District School Board letter attached.

Motion from Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) responded with the following:

Trustee Kosmerly/M.McGregor

That SEAC recommend the RDSB Chair write a letter in support of the Thames Valley DSB position on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). - **Carried**

Motion: 15-R32, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That Rainbow District School Board write a letter of support of the Thames Valley District School Board position on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. – **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*

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Special Education Advisory Committee**

Motion: 15-R33, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Rainbow District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) membership, be approved for the period January 2015 to December 2018. – **Carried**

**2. Mental Health Strategy, Mental Health Resources**

Motion: 15-R34, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That effective immediately, Rainbow District School Board hire a Mental Health Nurse.

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: In Favour*  
*Larry Killens: Opposed*

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

Motion: 15-R35, J.Kosmerly/D. Morrison

That effective immediately, Rainbow District School Board hire a Social Worker to service students in the Espanola and Manitoulin area. – **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: In Favour*  
*Larry Killens: Opposed*

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

3. **OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources 2015**

Motion: 15-R36, D. Morrison/G.Santala

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources 2015 in Toronto March 26 – 28, 2015:  
Trustee Campbell, Trustee Clement, Trustee Hunda – **Carried**

4. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Board Council Conference**

Motion: 15-R37, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Liam Brunton at the OSTA Board Council Conference in Ottawa February 26 to March 1, 2015.  
– **Carried**

5. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 15-R38, G.Santala/B.Clement

That Trustee Campbell be granted a leave of absence from the January 27, 2015 Board meeting. – **Carried**

6. **Director's Remarks**

**1. Technology and Learning Fund:**

As you are aware, in September 2014, Minister Sandals announced the Ministry's commitment to invest in a new \$150M Technology and Learning Fund (TLF) over three years as part of moving towards 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning as a key goal of Ontario's renewed vision for education, Achieving Excellence. The TLF has a number of components, including two funding allocation components to support transformation efforts underway in district school boards that build on the foundations of investments to date through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation Research Initiative.

This month the ministry has served notice that boards may initiate plans to trigger the work.

Rainbow DSB has combined allocation of \$312,346.95 for 2014/2015.

Two components include:

1. The TLF Enhanced Supports - \$223,346.95 with a focus on purchasing equipment 80% allocation (iPod's, tablets etc...) and a 20% allocation on some PD.
2. TLF 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation Research Initiative -\$89,000.00 - Focused support will be provided to undertake research aimed at documenting local theories of action, impact evidence, progress toward systematizing and scaling-up effective teaching and learning innovation practices, and promoting knowledge mobilization and capacity building for innovative technology-enabled teaching and learning and system change. This will contribute to the evidence and research base informing system learning and local decision-making about effective 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning practices, including support for student acquisition of important higher order 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies.

We expect that the TLF initiative will be continued for the next two years with the Ministry making board specific allocation announcements in the fall of 2017 and 2018.

## **2. Community safety and Well Being Planning in Greater Sudbury**

As part of a Proceeds of Crime Grant provided by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the City of Greater Sudbury has been selected as one of ten communities across Ontario to participate in a collaborative, multi-agency project that will result in the development of an integrated Community Safety and Well-being Plan, resulting in a safer, healthier community for everyone.

The project is being led by the newly named Community Safety and Well-being Steering Committee that is made up of representation from the City of Greater Sudbury, Greater Sudbury Police Services, Sudbury & District Health Unit, the Northeast LHIN, the Social Planning Council, Canadian Mental Health Association-Sudbury/Manitoulin Branch and Community Mobilization Sudbury.

Rainbow District School Board (Judy Noble, Bruce Bourget, Kathy Wachnuk and your Director) attended the first of two planned sessions:

- On January 19<sup>th</sup> the Community Safety and Well-being Steering Committee hosted an information session for leaders from a number of community organizations. The committee introduced the project and sought commitment to participate. Planning sessions and working sub-committees were expected to evolve over a 12 to 18 month timeline.
- On February 2<sup>nd</sup> the Project Steering Committee will be inviting stakeholders, those individuals that are assigned the task, from partner agencies to attend a facilitated planning session. During this session participants will identify and prioritize the key risks for our community and start the process of building the Safety and Well-being Plan. Further planning sessions will be scheduled.

## **3. Partners for Children and Youth (PCY)**

Community Mental Health Plan was shared by the lead agency Child and Family Center (CFC). Focus on 2014/2015:

- Community engagement

- Current Service Provision and Pathway to Care
- Local child and youth health Community planning mechanisms

Next steps – CFC to contact our Mental Health Lead to review the three areas identified and gather information on our protocols/pathways as well identify resources we access etc...

The goal is to co-ordinate/refine community response for those in need.

#### **4. Ministry Announcement on “Mathematics Action Plan”**

Memo - January 21, 2015.

Based on seven principles:

1. Focus on Mathematics
2. Coordinate and Strengthen Mathematics Leadership
3. Building Understanding of Effective Mathematics Instruction
4. Support Collaborative Professional Learning in Mathematics
5. Design a Responsive Mathematics Learning Environment
6. Provide Assessment and Evaluation that supports Students Learning
7. Facilitate Access to Mathematics Learning Resources

#### **Itinerary**

December 17 Served food at Sudbury Secondary School

December 18 Attended Manitoulin Secondary School Awards Evening

December 19 School Visit – Assiginack Public School

January 6 Exec Council

January 7 School Visit –  
Lasalle Secondary School, visit with Premier Wynn  
Stakeholder meeting re: School Year Calendar 2015/16

January 8 Partners for Children and Youth (PCY)

January 10 School Visits  
Chelmsford Public School  
Lasalle Secondary School

January 12 Expulsion Hearing  
Agenda Setting  
School Visit – Little Current Public School (School Council presentation)

January 13 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

January 14 Exec Council Meeting

January 15 School Visit – with Trustee Judy Kosmerly  
Jean Hanson Public School  
Meeting with ETFO  
Meeting with OSSTF - Joint Committee

- January 16 Meeting with City of Sudbury – Leisure Services
- January 19 Leadership meeting with Sudbury Regional Police Service  
Meeting with ETFO
- January 20 Special Education meeting  
Ministry of Education meeting  
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- January 21/23 CODE – Toronto
- January 26 Agenda Setting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder meeting re: School Year calendar 2015/16

7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison requested a report on the Technology and Learning Fund (TLF) initiative in the future.

Trustee Morrison spoke of Dr. Perry's presentation at the last board meeting and shared a story of giving a bracelet to a boy in her neighbourhood and the positive impact it had on this young man.

8. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Rainbow Schools participated in Eat Local Day on Thursday, January 22, 2015. Chartwells teamed up with Eat Local Sudbury to offer a special menu of locally sourced ingredients in secondary school cafeterias. Eat Local Day is part of a series of monthly environmental education initiatives in Rainbow Schools. Sweater Day will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015.

Students from Rainbow Schools showcased their originality during the first ever Innovative, Creative, Entrepreneurial (I.C.E.) Challenge on Friday, January 9, 2015, an event hosted by the Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation. Students were challenged to identify a common everyday problem then develop a product-based solution. The Best Overall Product was awarded to Marissa Lindon, a Grade 9 student of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Congratulations to all participants.

Rainbow secondary school students garnered both gold and silver medals and captured a number of individual awards at the Mock Trial Competition on January 9, 2015. The Hennessy Cup was awarded to a team from Confederation Secondary School while silver medals were presented to students from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. We congratulate all participants and thank the legal community for its ongoing support.

We extend our thanks to parents/guardians who attended our Early Learning Kindergarten Information nights on January 20 and 22, 2015. We continue to invite parents to register their children. Early Learning – Kindergarten orientation sessions will be held this spring.

Secondary School Info Nights continue at area Rainbow secondary schools. Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. A schedule is available on the Board website.

The first semester is coming to a close with secondary students currently in exams. Monday, February 2, 2015 is a system-wide PA Day, and then the second semester begins. We wish all students and staff the best during this time of transition.

The fourth International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Centre in Sudbury. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

And remember ..... every journey begins with one step.

9. **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate** – Trustee Clement reported that he will be attending the next meeting scheduled for February 20, 2015 in Toronto.

**Student Trustee** – Student Trustee Brunton spoke about this year's Stand Up Speak Out conference, which will be held on May 6, & 7, 2015 at Cambrian College. Keynote speaker will be Ian Tyson.

Trustee Brunton also explained that OSTA is working on a Mental Health position paper that will be submitted to the Ministry of Education. The committee hopes that there will be a curriculum alteration in grade 9 physical and health education that would target mental health issues and stress relievers. Trustee Brunton will share the completed report with the Board.

Trustee Brunton also advised that OPSBA President Michael Barrett has spoken to OSTA members about a student voice in bargaining.

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Parent Involvement Committee November 4, 2014 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Thames Valley District School

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Special Education Advisory Committee Feb 4, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre

Student Senate February 9, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Strategic Planning Committee February 10, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

First Nation Advisory Committee February 12, 2015 10:00 am Lively DSS

Parent Involvement Committee February 17, 2015 7:00 pm Boardroom

Board February 24, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Stand Up Speak Out May 6 & 7, 2015 Cambrian College

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 15-R39, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That we now adjourn at 7:05 p.m. – **Carried**