

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday March 24, 2015 at 5:25 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (Vice Chair acting as Chair), D. Dewar (via phone), T. Campbell, B. Clement, J. Hunda, G. Fox (via phone), L. Killens (via phone), J. Kosmerly, G. Santala, Student Trustee Brunton

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, J. Oshell, students, members of the public and media

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 15-R51, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 24, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Restart - Sudbury

Superintendent Bourget provided detailed information about the Restart – Sudbury Program. A flowchart was provided to demonstrate the steps of the suspension and expulsion process. Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

2. 21st Century Teaching and Learning Fund 2014-2015

Superintendent Lesleigh Dye and Superintendent Judy Noble provided an update on the 4th year of the 21st Century Teaching and Learning Fund that has now benefited students in grades 1-12 in six elementary schools and five secondary schools within the board. The official launch for this project was held on March 6, 2015 with all participating teachers.

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

Motion: 15-R52, G.Santala/B.Clement

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 15-R53, G.Santala/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 24, 2015 be approved. – **Carried.**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 15-R54, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That the Board award the contract for heating plant and ventilation upgrades at Lasalle Secondary School to Greater City Mechanical Inc. for \$1,864,657.

- **Carried.**

Trustee Kosmerly declared a conflict of interest and did not vote on this motion.

3. Magnet Program Report

Director Blaseg reported back on the two questions that were asked at the meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee on March 10, 2015.

- What is unique about the Science and Technology Education Program (STEP) at Lockerby Composite School?
- Can this program be duplicated in all or some of our other schools?

Superintendent Dye addressed the first question about the uniqueness of the program and highlighted Lockerby Composite School's program, people, partnerships and place. Director Blaseg replied to the second question and highlighted the passion, pride, promise and possibilities.

Trustee Santala requested a poll vote for the following seven motions.

a) Motion: 15-R55, G.Santala/J.Kosmerly

That the Integrated Technology Program (IT) at Lively District Secondary School be maintained in the Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried unanimously.**

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

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

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

b) Motion: 15-R56, T.Campbell/B.Clement

That the Science and Technology Education Program (STEP) at Lockerby Composite School be maintained in the Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried.**

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

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

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

Acting Chair Morrison stepped down from the Chair position to provide comment prior to the vote. Trustee Campbell assumed the role of Chair. Acting Chair Morrison resumed the chair after the motion was carried.

- c) Motion: 15-R57, D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly
That the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School be maintained in the Rainbow District School Board.
- **Carried unanimously.**
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| <i>Tyler Campbell: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Hunda: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Kosmerly: 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: In Favour</i> | <i>Gord Santala: In Favour</i> |
- d) Motion: 15-R58, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly
That the Arts Education Program at Sudbury Secondary School be maintained in the Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried unanimously.**
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| <i>Tyler Campbell: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Hunda: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Kosmerly: 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: In Favour</i> | <i>Gord Santala: In Favour</i> |
- e) Motion: 15-R59, T.Campbell/B.Clement
That transportation to magnet programs be maintained. - **Carried.**
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| <i>Tyler Campbell: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Hunda: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Kosmerly: Opposed</i> |
| <i>Bob Clement: In Favour</i> | <i>Grace Fox: In Favour</i> | <i>Dena Morrison: Opposed</i> |
| <i>Doreen Dewar: In Favour</i> | <i>Larry Killens: In Favour</i> | <i>Gord Santala: In Favour</i> |
- f) Motion: 15-R60, G.Santala/T.Campbell
That community schools continue to receive additional supports through consultation and direct input of staff and the school community with timelines for implementation. - **Carried unanimously.**
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| <i>Tyler Campbell: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Hunda: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Kosmerly: 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: In Favour</i> | <i>Gord Santala: In Favour</i> |
- (1) Motion: 15-R61, T.Campbell/G.Santala
That Executive Council provide the board with guidelines and timelines at the next board meeting. – **Carried unanimously.**
- g) Motion: 15-R62, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda
That all schools with magnet programs review their mandates in keeping with their: mission statement, set of core beliefs, student learning outcomes, admission requirements every five years. - **Carried.**
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| <i>Tyler Campbell: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Hunda: In Favour</i> | <i>Judy Kosmerly: 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: Opposed</i> | <i>Gord Santala: In Favour</i> |

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting

Motion: 15-R63, J.Kosmerly/T.Campbell

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the OPSBA Annual General Meeting June 11 to 13, 2015 in Collingwood:

Trustee Campbell, Trustee Clement, Trustee Fox, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Killens
– **Carried.**

2. Ontario Student Trustee Association Annual General Meeting

Motion: 15-R64, J.Hunda/D.Dewar

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Liam Brunton and the in-coming Student Trustee at the OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 21 to 24, 2015. – **Carried.**

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

4. **Director's Remarks**

On February 27, I had the opportunity to attend the Board Science Fair held at Lockerby Composite School. Under the leadership of James Norrie and his dedicated committee, Rainbow students had the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and expertise in science related areas. Projects covered and explored truly reflected the inquiry-based model that we as educators promote. I can tell you that many of the projects made their mark on me...I found out that I use the wrong font, listen to the wrong music, fish with the wrong fishing line, and my working memory is extremely poor (a) because I'm male and (b) because I'm over 50...all in all it was a great day (I think) for students and staff. I encourage all to visit the Regional Science Fair this weekend being held at Laurentian University. You are in for a real treat.

On Thursday, March 26 the Ministry of Education will provide boards with information regarding GSN (Grants for Student Needs). We anticipate they will announce a reduction of 1 to 2% for the 2015-2016 school year. As always boards across the province make staffing adjustments based on these numbers. The announcement is very close to our staffing deliberations, so we are quite anxious to know the details in order to understand the impact they may have on our staffing and programming for the upcoming year. We will update you once we receive all the details.

This Thursday Grade 10 students will be taking the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. We wish them well.

The following sessions are being planning for the Monday, April 27, 2015 PA Day:

JK-6
Early Learning Kindergarten Teams
Mental Math and Book Studies
9:00 am to 3:00 pm @ MacLeod PS

Teachers, Grades 1 to 6
Learning Cycle Focus
9:00 am to 3:00 pm (School based)

Aboriginal Support Workers
Professional Learning
9:00 am to 3:00 pm @ Lively DSS

7-12

Grade 7,8 teachers - Physical and Health Education Revised Curriculum
Training - Full Day - OPHEA
Grades 9 -12 - School-Based Professional Activities

Attendance Counsellors - TBD

Special Education:

On the April 27th PA day all special education staff (teachers and educational assistants) will gather at Cambrian College to hear Rick Lavoie's message on students who "Learn Differently" and strategies to help them find academic and social success. Rick lives in Boston and has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs for 30 years. He holds three degrees in Special Education and has served as a visiting lecturer at numerous universities nationwide. His numerous national television appearances include The TODAY Show, CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News, and Walt Disney Presents.

In the evening of April 27th Rick will speak to students and parents interested in hearing his message. Rainbow District School Board has partnered with the Learning Disabilities Association and Cambrian College in order to offer this opportunity to our community. His presentation will be livestreamed to Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

Itinerary

February 25 – Exec Council
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February 26 – Principals' Meeting

February 27 – Rainbow District School Board Science Fair,
Lockerby Composite Secondary School

March 2 - RDSB Budget deliberations

March 4 - RDSB Budget deliberations
Labour Relations Committee Meeting

March 5/6 – Regional Education Committee, Ministry of Education

March 6 – Meeting with Child and Family Centre

March 9 – CODE conference
Agenda Setting

March 10 – Strategic Planning Committee meeting

March 11 - Exec Council Meeting

March 12 - Exec Council/RDPC meeting

March 13 - Mental Health/RDPC/Ministry of Children and Youth Services

March 18 - Meeting with Trustee Kosmerely

March 19 - Meeting with Trustee Campbell

March 20 - Meeting with Trustee Hunda

March 24 - Board meeting

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Killens commented on the magnet program review process and the passion that has been exhibited by trustees.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

On Thursday, March 26, 2015, all Grade 10 students in Ontario will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) – including students in Rainbow Schools. The OSSLT is a graduation requirement administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). The test assesses the reading and writing skills that students are expected to have learned in all subjects by the end of Grade 9, as outlined in The Ontario Curriculum. Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that their child is present at school for the test.

Students from three Rainbow secondary schools are putting their robots into action at the FIRST Robotics Competition. Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School (Team 4069) participated in the Greater Toronto Central Regional event at Ryerson University from March 5 to 7, 2015. Lasalle Secondary School (Team 5191) and Lively District Secondary School (Team 4968) will join Lo-Ellen Park at the North Bay Regional Event at Nipissing University from March 26 to 28, 2015. Rainbow District School Board thanks all sponsors and mentors for their generous support of this event.

Grade 7 and 8 students will participate in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair being held in the Alumni Hall at Laurentian University on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29, 2015. Sudbury Regional Science Fair projects will be selected for the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick from May 14 to 16, 2015.

Rainbow District School Board invites the community to enjoy cuisine from around the world at its fourth International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust. The dinner, which will feature student entertainment, will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Older Adult Centre. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new instruments in Rainbow Schools.

This year's recipient of the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award is the late Peter Schneider who made an immense contribution to music in the community and music education in our schools.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools are being encouraged to participate in Earth Hour on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 8:30 pm. Citizens worldwide will turn off their lights, demonstrating global support for action on climate change. Rainbow District School Board will turn off all non-essential interior and exterior lights in its schools and at the Board Office. All schools have been invited to celebrate Earth Hour on Friday, March 27, 2015 by turning off all but essential lighting for one hour beginning at 10 am.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 to mark Day of Pink, the International Day against Bullying, Discrimination, Homophobia and Transphobia in schools and communities. It's part of Rainbow District School Board's ongoing efforts to build community and promote inclusion.

The public is invited to hear renowned speaker Rick Lavoie talk about Social Skills for Student Success on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7 pm at the Cambrian College Student Centre. Rick Lavoie has three degrees in special education, is an author of several books and has created various award winning films. He has delivered his message to more than 500,000 parents and professionals from around the world. This seminar will explore the relationship between learning differences and social incompetence and will identify the causes for specific social skill deficits. Everyone is welcome to this free presentation.

7. Other Items

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he would be attending OPSBA Education Labour Relations and Human Resources conference March 26 to 28, 2015 in Toronto. He added that central bargaining is continuing.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Brunton reported that he was in Ottawa to attend the OSTA conference from February 26 to March 1, 2015 and that it was another excellent conference for student leaders.

He reported that OSTA has submitted a paper on Mental Health to the Ministry regarding the new health curriculum.

Student Trustee Brunton also advised the Board of the Ontario Student Voice Awards (OSVA), a scholarship that is available to any Ontario student, given out by Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA). The Ontario Student Voice Awards are a series of awards that are presented by OSTA to deserving student leaders within Ontario schools. This information will be forwarded to secondary guidance leaders to share with students.

Student Trustee Brunton reminded trustees that this year's Stand Up Speak Out conference, which will be held on May 6, & 7, 2015 at Cambrian College.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

Parent Involvement Committee minutes January 6, 2015 (official)

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Feb 4, 2015 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

Letter from Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Environmental Ed Committee March 25, 2015 3:30 pm Boardroom

Accessibility Planning Committee March 30, 2015 1:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Committee April 1, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre

Parent Involvement Committee April 7, 2015 7:00 pm Boardroom

Student Senate April 13, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Strategic Planning Committee April 14, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board April 28, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Stand Up Speak Out May 6 & 7, 2015 Cambrian College (Student Lead Conference)

First Nation Advisory Committee May 21, 2015 10:00 am Lively DSS

Board Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Awards Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Council Chambers 6:30 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 15-R65, T.Campbell/J.Hunda

That we now adjourn at 8:00 p.m. – **Carried.**