

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 5:35 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee Urban  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Cayen-Arnold - Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill  
Others: J. McKibbon, D. Bazinet, R. Jones, member of the public

Chair Dewar requested that cell phones should be turned off during the meeting.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 15-R136, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of November 24, 2015 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 5b on the agenda. - **Carried**

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

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

International Students Program – Superintendent Noble

Motion: 15-R137, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That Rainbow District School Board approve the implementation of an International Education Strategy. – **Carried**

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

Director Blaseg read a retirement letter from Superintendent of Business, Diane Cayen-Arnold.

Motion: 15-R138, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

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

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

- a) Motion: 15-R139, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 27, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**
- b) Motion: 15-R140, D.Morrison/J.Hunda  
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 10, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

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

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

a) Administrative Procedure

Community Planning and Facilities Partnership

b) Strategic Planning Committee

Motion: 15-R141, T.Campbell/D.Morrison

That Board Policy GOV-15 Student Accommodation be approved. - **Carried**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Insurance Renewal**

Motion: 15-R142, J.Hunda/G.Fox

That the 2016 Renewal of Insurance for liability, property, crime and fleet automobile with the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange be approved. - **Carried**

**2. Trustee Expenditures 2014-15**

**3. Budget Development Process**

Motion: 15-R143, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the 2016-17 Budget Development Process be approved. - **Carried**

**4. Levying Education Taxes Bylaw**

Motion: 15-R144, B.Clement/T.Campbell

That the Levying Education Taxes for 2016 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. - **Carried**

5a) **Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)  
Public Education Symposium 2016**

Motion: 15-R145, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Public Education Symposium 2016 in Toronto January 28 – 30, 2016:

Trustee Dewar, Trustee Morrison, Trustee Campbell, Trustee Clement,  
Trustee Fox, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Killens, Trustee Kosmerly  
**- Carried**

5b) **2016 Summit on Children & Youth Mental Health**

Motion: 15-R146, G.Santala/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the Summit on Children & Youth Mental Health in Toronto April 7 – 8, 2016:

Trustee Dewar, Trustee Morrison, Trustee Campbell, Trustee Clement,  
Trustee Hunda - **Carried**

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

7. **Director's Remarks**

We recently received a letter from Child and Family Centre indicating that CFC and the respective Union Local OPSEU 666 have agreed to extend the strike and/or lockout date to December 7, 2015.

Letters are being sent home regarding progress report cards.

Shirley Anne O'Neil, 67 years, former teacher and principal passed away. Details regarding the service were shared.

There is a three-month embargo in France. We are monitoring international trips. We expect tour companies to be working with school organizers if trip agendas are to be revised.

New guidelines were introduced this fall regarding video surveillance. We will review and update our procedures where required.

We have reviewed the current status for receiving refugees. We will continue to monitor anticipated refugee arrivals and work with the community and various levels of government to transition all newcomers to our board.

Itinerary

October 30	Agenda setting for Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
November 2	Exec Council meeting
November 3	Chelmsford VDCS Student Awards

November 5	CYMH meeting – Toronto
November 6	School Visit with Trustee: Barrydowne College Cyril Varney Public School Westmount Public School
November 9	Exec Council meeting
November 10	Labour Relations Committee meeting Strategic Planning Committee meeting
November 11	Agenda Setting for upcoming Board meeting
November 16	Professional Development Day
November 17	Sudbury District Health Unit (“Thriving Mindset”) Transition Evening – Lasalle Secondary School
November 18	Future Leaders Meeting Agenda Setting for Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
November 19	School Visit – Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School School Visits with Trustee: Lansdowne Public School Chelmsford Valley District Composite School Chelmsford Public School
November 20	Federation meeting Coterminous Board Meeting
November 23	Exec Council meeting Manitoulin Secondary School – LAMBAC meeting
November 24	Board meeting

#### 8. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Hunda spoke about the great turnout for Sunday afternoon art workshops held at Sudbury Secondary School. She reminded everyone of the upcoming “Cats” performance.

Trustee Campbell thanked Director Blaseg for the school visits on November 19, 2015. Students at Chelmsford Public School provided letters thanking the Director for his support in getting them to the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Sudbury Arena.

Trustee Kosmerly spoke of a book that she received at the last Equity and Inclusive Education Committee meeting titled All About Gender.

Motion: 15-R147, J.Kosmerly/G.Santala

That in keeping with its endorsement for equity and inclusion, the Rainbow District School Board supports an end to gender-based violence.

**– Carried unanimously**

9. **Chairperson's Remarks**

The Gender Studies class at **Lasalle Secondary School** is supporting Violence Against Women Awareness. The Gender Studies class at Lasalle Secondary School is supporting Violence Against Women Awareness.

Thursday, November 26, 2015 is the Second Annual Eat Local Day in Rainbow Schools. School cafeterias will serve a menu with locally sourced ingredients.

There will be a 20th anniversary celebration of Lockerby Composite School's Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Manitoulin Secondary School, one of this year's recipients of new instruments from the Joan Mantle Music Trust, will host an Island Schools Concert on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

There will be a silver collection at the door with all proceeds going to the Joan Mantle Music Trust.

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School invites Grade 8 students and parents/guardians to a "High School 101" information session on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7 pm in the school cafeteria.

Rainbow Schools will participate in the Second Annual Rainbow Kids Helping Kids Day in support of the Edgar Burton Kids Helping Kids Christmas Food Drive on Thursday, December 3rd, 2015. Last year, Rainbow Schools collected 175,890 food items. This year's goal is to collect a total of 200,000 food items.

The Lasalle Secondary School Arts Department will host its annual "Winter MADness" celebration on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7 pm in the school gym.

Chair Dewar reminded trustees about the Board Office Christmas food drive and encouraged trustees to place donations in the box provided.

The thought for the month comes from the Irish poet, William Butler Yeats.  
*"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."*

10. **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate** – Trustee Clement advised that he will be attending an OPSBA meeting in Toronto later this week.

**Student Trustee** – Student Trustee Urban reported that work continues on the organizing of this year’s student conference. Venue will be confirmed soon and speakers have been tentatively booked.

**G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Parent Involvement Committee minutes May 5, 2015 (official)

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Oct 7, 2015 (official)

Parent Involvement Committee minutes October 20, 2015 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter to Education Minister Liz Sandals

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Strategic Planning Committee December 1, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Cmttee Dec 2, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre

Student Senate Meeting December 7, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board December 15, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Parent Involvement Committee January 5, 2016 7:00 pm Boardroom

Enviromental Education Committee January 13, 2016 3:30 pm Boardroom

First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 11, 2016 10:00 am Sagamok First Nation

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 15-R148, D.Morrison/T.Campbell

That we now adjourn at 7:30 p.m. – **Carried.**