

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via telephone), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala

Absent: Student Trustee Urban

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, M. Smethurst

Others: D. Bazinet, R. Jones, N. Mousseau, J. McKibbon, P. Dupont, members of the public

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

Chair Dewar asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the La Loche tragedy.

She said, "Our thoughts are with the students, staff, families and first responders of La Loche as they attempt to cope with the sad and senseless tragedy that occurred last week. This evening, I would ask that we observe a moment of silence as a sign of respect for those who lost their lives and a sign of compassion for a community and a country in mourning".

MINUTE OF SILENCE

"May it comfort the residents of La Loche to know that we are thinking of them and joining with them in this time of deep sorrow. May it strengthen our resolve to keep our schools safe".

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 16-R31 J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 26, 2016 be approved as amended. The amendment being the revision of item F 1 on the agenda to "Long Term Capital Data" and the deletion of the motion. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustee Santala declared a conflict with item D on the agenda as his wife is an employee of the Board. Trustee Campbell declared a conflict with item D on the agenda, as his wife is a member of OSSTF.

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

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

Motion: 16-R32 D.Morrison/G.Fox

That the recommendations from the Labour Relations Committee meeting of January 26, 2016 be approved. - **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Efficient Resource Management – International Education Program

Superintendent Noble reviewed the International Education Program Board Report. Trustees asked questions and discussed timelines.

Motion: 16-R33 J.Hunda/G.Santala

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

2. Previous Minutes

a) Motion: 16-R34 D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on December 14, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 16-R35 B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held on December 15, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

c) Motion: 16-R36 D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

d) Motion: 16-R37 B.Clement/G.Fox

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 12, 2016 be approved. - **Carried**

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Long-Term Capital Data

Director Blaseg presented the long term capital data. Trustees asked questions and discussed.

Superintendent Noble and Principal Dupont presented the enrolment pressures at R.L. Beattie PS. Trustees asked questions and discussed.

Chair Dewar thanked Superintendent Noble and Principal Dupont for the informative presentation.

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 16-R38, G.Santala/B.Clement

That Student Trustee Ethan Urban be granted a leave of absence from the January 26, 2016 Board meeting. - **Carried**

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

Motion: 16-R39, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Ethan Urban at the OSTA Board Council Conference in Ottawa February 18 to 21, 2016. - **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

The Director received notice from CFC indicating that:

Child and Family Centre and the respective Union Local OPSEU 666 reached an agreement over the holidays so many of our Section 23 classes, partnered with CFC, will resume normal intake processes.

We have confirmed with Sudbury Theatre Centre that we will be sponsoring a school matinee called the #Watertower. Abstract: *"Tom and Emma were the perfect couple. Then a provocative image of a teen girl hits #TheWatertower, an online social network. Will the fabric of an entire community unravel overnight? Four teens each must separately navigate these dangerous digital waters as they learn how they will stand up for themselves, and one another. Will anything ever be the same? #TheWatertower is an exciting live theatre and interactive digital experience about the important issue of cyberbullying – How we treat others as we live in our social spaces, both real and virtual."*

The performance will target grades 7-12 and will begin on April 1 and conclude on April 8, 2016. Transportation to outlying areas will be subsidized. I encourage all trustees to attend. Please let Heather know if you intend to go.

We met with our stakeholder groups for the school year calendar on January 13, 2016. At that time I informed them that we would be adding February 29th as an additional PD day for the 2015-2016 school year. Since then we have had to reschedule the date to Friday, May 20, 2016. This is as a result of a request from two coterminous boards.

International trips – 3-month embargo in France.

We are monitoring trips. We expect tour companies to be working with school organizers if trip agendas are to be revised. Two of our schools, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School and Lockerby Composite School are affected. The advisory for France is very clear as stated by the Canadian Government trip advisory as of January 26, 2016: *"Following the November 13, 2015 attacks*

in Paris, the French authorities have raised the Vigipirate alert to the highest level (terrorist alert) and have declared a country-wide state of emergency. Controls have been reinstated at points of entry, enhanced security measures have been put in place at airports, curfews could be imposed in certain areas, traffic could be restricted in some neighbourhoods and there could be disruptions to public transportation in Ile-de-France. Due to the state of emergency, there is a heightened potential for police raids to take place. If you are in an area where a police raid is being conducted, remain indoors, close all windows and blinds, and stay away from windows. Exercise a high degree of personal security awareness, maintain a heightened level of vigilance and be aware of your surroundings at all times.”

On January 21, 2016, Superintendent Dye and Acting Vice Principal Kelly McCauley presented RDSB Math Apps to the Council Of Directors of Education and to Superintendents of Business at the CEO-CFO Annual Conference of 2016 in Toronto. All 72 boards were present. They were excellent!

Kris Longston from the City of Greater Sudbury has confirmed he will present population data for the City of Greater Sudbury at the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Itinerary

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| December 16 | Ministry Of Education – Re: Hubs
Served turkey lunch to Sudbury SS students
Attended Princess Anne PS turkey lunch |
| December 17 | Attended Manitoulin Secondary School Annual Awards |
| December 18 | Agenda Setting |
| January 5 | Exec Council |
| January 6 | Espanola – Tour of Construction site |
| January 7 | Superintendent Of Business Interviews |
| January 11 | Exec Council |
| January 12 | Director’s Meeting, Sudbury Secondary School
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting |
| January 13 | Future Leaders Committee Meeting
Sudbury Theatre Centre – Meeting
Board Agenda Setting
School Year Calendar Stakeholder Meeting |
| January 14 | Partners for Children and Youth meeting at Science North
OPSEU meeting |

January 15 Discipline Committee Meeting

January 18 Exec Council
ETFO Joint Committee

January 20-22 CODE- Toronto

January 25 Exec Council
Joan Mantle Music Trust Committee Meeting

January 26 Meeting with Social Committee members
Labour Relations Committee Meeting
Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement will attend a meeting in Toronto scheduled for February 19, 2016. He will discuss the difficulties in securing accommodation at hotels for the trustees attending OPSBA conferences.

Student Trustee – NIL

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison spoke about coding in curriculum and wondered about gathering input from the Student Senate.

Trustee Kosmerly shared a very moving poem written by a student at Cecil Facer. Trustees were very appreciative.

Trustee Fox informed that she has been asked by the Ontario College of Teachers to be part of a writing team for training modules.

Trustee Morrison informed trustees that the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016 has been cancelled.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Five grade 8 students at Alexander Public School have raised \$6000 toward their goal of \$10,000 to build a school in Ecuador by the time they graduate this spring. This goal was inspired by a geography assignment on child labour when these students were in grade 6.

Rainbow secondary students garnered both gold and silver medals at this year's Mock Trial Competition. Congratulations to the competitors, and a special thank you to the staff and to the coaches from the legal community who enable our students to have this unique experience.

Many thanks to everyone who participated and packed a "Litterless Lunch" last Fri, Jan 22, 2016. The "Reduce the Refuse" initiative was a great success.

Queen Elizabeth II Public School will celebrate Family Literacy Day on Wednesday, Jan 27 (that's tomorrow). The day is intended to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in a variety of literacy-based activities. Members of our community have been invited to bring in their favourite stories and share them with students.

RDSB invites all students and staff to wear a sweater on Sweater Day, Friday, February 12, 2016 when we will be turning down the heat.

We would like to continue to remind everyone that Secondary school information nights continue to take place in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.

Thought for the month: Thomas Edison once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

Audit Committee Meeting minutes September 15, 2015 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes November 3, 2015 (official)
Equity and Inclusive Education Committee minutes Nov 19, 2015 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Dec 2, 2015 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

Letter from Minister of Education Liz Sandals dated December 2, 2015
Letter from Waterloo District School Board dated December 4, 2015
Letter from Peel District School Board dated December 8, 2015
Letter from AECOM dated December 15, 2015
Letter from Minister of Children & Youth Services Dated Dec 23, 2015

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting February 8, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee February 16, 2016 7:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Feb 3, 2016 12:00 pm Education Centre
Strategic Planning Committee February 9, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board February 23, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 11, 2016 10:00 am Sagamok First Nation
Board July 5, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 16-R40, D.Morrison/T.Campbell
That we now adjourn at 7:05 p.m. – **Carried.**