

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: J. Kosmerly, G. Santala

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: R. Jones, B. Blasutti, Pam Potvin, Dave Winsa, Maureen McNamara, Dave St. Amour, Leslie Mantle, Marty Punkari, member of the public

Acting Chair Morrison requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 16-R48, B.Clement/T.Campbell

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 22, 2016 be approved  
- **Carried**

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

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Six secondary community schools provided 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning proposal presentations
  - Manitoulin Secondary School – Principal Zahnow
  - Chelmsford Valley District Composite School - Principal Potvin
  - Confederation Secondary School – Vice Principal St. Amour
  - Espanola High School – Principal Punkari
  - Lasalle Secondary School - Principal McNamara
  - Lively District Secondary School - Principal Mantle

Trustees were very impressed with the unique presentations. There was an opportunity for questions and discussion about each proposal.

Motion:

That Rainbow District School Board approve the community-based secondary school recommendations.

Acting Chair Morrison explained that there was a request to split the motion into three separate motions.

Motion: 16-R49, T.Campbell/G.Fox

That Community-based secondary schools offer 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning environments funded through Student Focused initiative.  
(6 x \$ 50,000 = \$300,000). – **Carried unanimously**

Motion: 16-R50, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the motion *That Lively District Secondary School offer French Immersion programming starting September 2017 conditional upon minimum enrolment of 20 students per year* be deferred to March 2017. – **Carried**

Motion: 16-R51, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That the motion *That within RDSB each secondary school provide promotional presentations to their feeder schools only effective September 2016* be deferred to March 2017. - **Carried**

Trustee Dewar excused herself from the meeting (7:15 PM)

2. Summer Programs 2016

Superintendent Dye, Superintendent Noble and Superintendent Wachnuk provided details about summer 2016 programs for elementary and secondary students.

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

Motion: 16-R52, B.Clement/G.Fox

That the in-camera Labour Relations recommendations of March 22, 2016 be approved. – **Carried**

E. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Lo-Ellen Intermediate Program**

a) Motion: 16-R53, T.Cambell/G.Fox

That the grade 7 and 8 students from R.L. Beattie Public School be moved to Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School effective September 2016. – **Carried**

b) Motion: 16-R54, B.Clement/T.Campbell

That funding allocations and renovations at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School to accommodate the students be approved. – **Carried**

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 16-R55, B.Clement/G.Fox

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 23, 2016 be approved - **Carried**

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

5. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** NIL

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting**

Motion: 16-R56, T.Campbell/G.Fox

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the OPSBA Annual General Meeting in Ottawa June 9 to 11, 2016:

Tyler Campbell, Bob Clement, Doreen Dewar, Grace Fox, Judy Hunda, Larry Killens, Gord Santala. – **Carried**

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

Motion: 16-R57, B.Clement/G.Fox

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Ethan Urban at the OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 26 to 29, 2016. – **Carried**

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 16-R58, B.Clement/G.Fox

That Trustee Kosmerly and Trustee Santala be granted a leave of absence from the March 22, 2016 Board meeting. - **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

On Wednesday March 2, I had the opportunity to attend the Skills Competition held at Cambrian College. Amongst many of the activities I observed I was quite intrigued by the student engagement, particularly with the rocket launch and sail competitions. Intermediate students were extremely focused and, without knowing it, were collaborating and using a number of combined skillsets to create very sophisticated structures that exceeded all expectations. The latter was quite enjoyable to watch. A lot of credit to Superintendent Noble for maintaining this day – truly unique and a wonderful opportunity to engage our partner Cambrian College.

On Thursday, March 3 several staff along with some members of the board attended the Community Builders Awards. RDSB sponsored the youth award, won by Christopher McCormick, a Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School student. Without a doubt Christopher had the best speech of the night – truly remarkable young man.

On Friday, March 4, Trustee Morrison and myself attended Churchill Public School's first Pow Wow. The pride and participation of all was on full display. A

great event!

On Wednesday, March 9 RDSB held our Regional Science Fair at Lockerby Composite School. I received some great advice; texting and driving for a person my age is not good, secondly, when eating greens, lighter greens are better – who knew?

On March 15 we were advised that the ministry would be conducting enrolment audits at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School and Barrydowne College.

There was a small fire in the music room at Lively District Secondary School last night. Staff was able to put it out before the fire department arrived. The room has been closed. This incident did not affect school today.

This morning we were notified that our overseas students had been rerouted to Germany from Italy. The trip is being postponed by 36 hours. We cannot say with certainty that the delay was directly related to the terrorist attack in Brussels however we believe flight times and routes have impacted our student's return.

**Itinerary:**

February 24 Agenda Setting for upcoming Strategic Planning Committee meeting

February 25 ETFO Meeting  
R.L. Beattie Public School Information Meeting

February 26 Wembley with trustees  
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School visit  
OIA/IEU Meeting

February 29 Director Meeting – Lively District Secondary School

March 1 Exec Council – Budget deliberations

March 2 Tech Skills Competition – Cambrian College  
Long Term Capital Data – Federations/Unions

March 3 Meeting with Trustee Santata  
Community Builders Awards Ceremony

March 4 School visits with Trustee Morrison  
C.R. Judd Public School  
Northeastern Elementary School  
Churchill Public School

March 7 Exec Council  
Student Transportation Consortium AGM

Ministry Of Education – teleconference

- March 8 School Visits with Trustee Kosmerly  
Pinecrest Public School  
Confederation Secondary School  
OSSTF Meeting  
Strategic Planning Committee meeting
- March 9 Chamber of Commerce meeting  
Agenda setting – Board meeting  
Science Fair – Lockerby Composite School
- March 10 Exec Council – Budget deliberations  
Ministry of Education teleconference
- March 11 Discipline Committee meeting
- March 14-18 March break
- March 21 Exec Council
- March 22 Ministry for Children and Youth teleconference  
Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate – NIL**

**Student Trustee –** Student Trustee Urban commented on the success of the Talent Show, which took place on March 4, 2016 at Sudbury Secondary School. There were three winners and prizes were donated locally. This will become an annual event.

Trustees were reminded of the upcoming Stand Up Speak Out Conference scheduled for May 4 and 5, 2016 at Cambrian College.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Clement commented on a Pow Wow that he attended at Cambrian College on March 11, 2016.

Trustee Hunda voiced her pleasure to all who took part in the Talent Show.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

A Grade 12 student from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School was honoured at the Community Builders Awards on Thursday, March 3, 2016. Christopher McCormick received the Young Leader Award. Also at the ceremony, retired educator Wayne Hugli was recognized for his leadership with the Ugliest

Schoolyard Contest. Denise Fraser, who served as a School Liaison Officer with the Greater Sudbury Police Service for many years, received a Community Builders Award for her contribution to education.

Innovative projects are being implemented in Rainbow Schools thanks to funding provided by the Ministry of Education's Student Voice program. Ten Rainbow Schools will share a total of \$14,500 in SpeakUp Project grants to support the Ministry's renewed vision of Achieving Excellence. Projects range from promoting First Nation, Métis and Inuit perspectives and healthy schools to equity and inclusive education.

Our next environmental challenge is Water Bottle Free Day. Rainbow District School Board invites students and staff to bring re-usable water containers to school and use water filling stations on March 24, 2016. The Board began installing water filling stations in 2009. To date, the stations have saved the equivalent of some 1.1 million water bottles from our local landfill sites.

On Thursday, March 31, 2016, all Grade 10 students in Ontario will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, including Rainbow District School Board. The OSSLT is a graduation requirement administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that their children are present for the test and prepared to do their best.

A number of students in Grades 7 to 12 will participate in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair being held in the Alumni Hall at Laurentian University on Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10, 2016. Sudbury Regional Science Fair projects will be selected for the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Montreal, Quebec from May 15 to 20, 2016. Congratulations to all participants.

Rainbow District School Board's fifth International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Older Adult Centre in Sudbury. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new musical instruments and equipment in Rainbow Schools.

Sudbury Secondary School will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Arts Education Program with an Alumni Reunion on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday May 22, 2016. Visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) for event and registration information.

## **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

### **1. Reports from Officials and Staff**

First Nation Advisory Committee minutes November 12, 2015 (official)  
Parent Involvement Committee minutes January 5, 2016 (official)  
Equity and Inclusive Education minutes January 7, 2016 (official)  
Special Ed Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Feb 3, 2016 (official)

### **2. Non-Staff Communications**

## H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Environmental Education Committee March 23, 2016  
Student Senate Meeting April 4, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Parent Involvement Committee April 5, 2016 7:00 pm Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Cmttee April 6, 2016 12:00 pm Education Centre  
Strategic Planning Committee April 12, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Board April 26, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Stand Up Speak Out Conference May 4 & 5, 2016, Cambrian College  
Equity and Inclusive Education May 5, 2016 4:00 pm Lockerby CS Library  
First Nation Advisory Committee May 19, 2016 10:00 am Sheshegwaning First Nation  
Board July 5, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

## I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 16-R59, T.Campbell/B.Clement  
That we now adjourn at 7:50 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official