

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday March 25, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), D. Morrison, T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), R. Kirwan, G. Santala, Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
B. Bourget, S. Speir, L. Dye - Superintendents of Education
J. Noble – Senior Administrator of Program and Services
H. Thirkill, N. Charette

Staff: J. Oshell, Rod MacLeod, Karin Kozman, Peter Duncan, Kelly McCauley, Lynn MacDonell, Paula Mackey, Kathy Dokis, Nathalie Mousseau

Other: Students from A.B. Ellis Public School, Markstay Public School, Walden Public School, Copper Cliff Public School, MacLeod Public School, media, members of the public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 14-R27, G.Santala/G.Fox

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 25, 2014 be approved.
– Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

The Board Improvement Plan Mid-year Data was presented by Superintendent Lesleigh Dye and Senior Administrator of Program and Services Judy Noble.

Principal Lynn MacDonell and A.B. Ellis Public School grade 5 student Audrey Phibbs spoke about reading, Principal Paula Mackey and Markstay Public School grade 6 student Bobby Lachance spoke about writing skills and Kelly McCauley, Elementary Program Consultant, demonstrated math games and mental math with Jill Barrett (grade 2 student from Walden Public School), Jack Sheehan (grade 5 student from Copper Cliff Public School) and Scott Adams (grade 8 student from MacLeod Public School).

Judy Noble provided information on pass rates in secondary schools, comparing data collected during the last five years.

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

Motion: 14-R28, G. Santala/D.Morrison

That the Staff Changes outlined on pages A-4 of the agenda be received as amended. – **Carried**.

The amendment being the addition of the retirement of Superintendent Sharon Speir.

Efficient Resource Management

Motion: 14-R29, B.Clement/D.Morrison

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 14-R30, G.Fox/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on February 26, 2014 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Policy and Finance Committee Renaming

Motion: 14-R31, D.Morrison/R.Kirwan

That the Policy and Finance Committee be renamed Strategic Planning Committee. - **Carried**

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

a) Motion: 14-R32, R.Kirwan/ D.Morrison

That the Board award Wide Area Network Circuits to Eastlink. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 14-R33, D.Morrison/R.Kirwan

That the Board award the contract for full day Kindergarten renovations, Redwood Acres Public School to Proserpi Construction Limited for \$192,000.00 - **Carried**

c) Motion: 14-R34, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for full day Kindergarten renovations, Ernie Checkers Public School to Valley Painting and Construction for \$238,998.00 - **Carried**

d) Motion: 14-R35, D.Morrison/T.Campbell

That the Board award the contract for elevator controls upgrade, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School to ThyssenKrupp Elevator for \$49,193.00. - **Carried**

e) Motion: 14-R36, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That the Board award the contract for daycare renovations and foundation, Little Current Public School to Build North Construction for \$128,900.00 - **Carried**

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Motion: 14-R37, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Board Governance Policy Manual be approved. - **Carried**

Trustee Killens requested a poll vote. Poll vote results: **Carried**

Tyler Campbell: In Favour Judy Hunda: In Favour Robert Kirwan: Opposed
Bob Clement: In Favour Grace Fox: In Favour Dena Morrison: In Favour
Doreen Dewar: In Favour Larry Killens: Opposed Gord Santala: In Favour

Unofficial: Student Trustee Bagnato: In Favour

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal Election 2014

a) Motion: 14-R38, D.Morrison/R.Kirwan

That in accordance with Section 4 (1) (b) Ontario Regulation 412/00 the Board does not designate any municipality within its jurisdiction as a low population municipality. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 14-R39, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That in accordance with Ontario Regulation 412/00 that Appendix A shall form the report of the Determination and Distribution of trustees as required under Section 9 of the regulation and further, that, the municipality with the largest population in each Area and the school board election clerk as referred to in Section 8.1 being identified as follows:

Area 1 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 2 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 3 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 4 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 5 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 6 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 7 – Clerk of The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Area 8 – Clerk of The Town of Espanola

- **Carried**

c) Motion: 14-R40, D. Morrison/G.Santala

That the vote by mail bylaw 2014-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved. - **Carried**

2. Ontario Public School Board Association AGM

Motion: 14-R41, D. Morrison/J. Hunda

That the board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the OPSBA Annual General Meeting July 3 to 6, 2014 in Niagara Falls:

Trustee Hunda, Trustee Kirwan, Trustee Clement, Trustee Fox, Trustee Killens, Trustee Dewar. - **Carried**

3. **Ontario Public School Board Association National Aboriginal Trustees Gathering**

Motion: 14-R42, D. Morrison/B. Clement

That the board approve the attendance of Trustee Grace Fox at the OPSBA National Aboriginal Gathering Meeting July 2 to 3, 2014 in Niagara Falls. - **Carried**

4. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – AECO AGM**

Motion: 14-R43, J. Hunda/D. Morrison

That the board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato at the OSTA Annual General Meeting May 8 to 11, 2014. - **Carried**

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

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison spoke about the Student Trustees' Association newsletter, which highlighted our student trustee Roberto Bagnato.

Trustee Morrison spoke about the smooth transition of grade 7 and 8 students from Churchill Public School into Lasalle Secondary School on March 17, 2014. Principal McKibbon and Principal Farrow both wanted to thank the Facilities Department and the Consortium.

Trustee Kirwan questioned the use of facilities by candidates prior to the upcoming elections. Director Norm Blaseg will forward the Election Guidelines documentation to all trustees to reference.

Trustee Campbell questioned the Compliance Audit Committee that is referenced in the letter (attached in the board agenda back-up information) from Bruce Drewett. Director Blaseg will investigate.

Trustee Clement spoke about the "Get Real" presentation at A.B. Ellis Public School. He said that students completed a survey about the presentation and forwarded feedback to Waterloo.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Assiginack Public School in Manitowaning has received a \$10,000 MusiCounts Band Aid Grant to purchase instruments for its instrumental music program. We commend the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for championing music education in schools through the Grant program.

Elementary students at Algonquin Road PS and Markstay PS

as well as secondary students at Confederation, Lively District and Lo-Ellen will share in a total of \$20,145 in funding from the Sudbury Branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum. The funds will enhance the hands-on learning opportunities that we offer in science and technology.

A sincere thank you to Valerie Beaudin, Chair of Manitoulin Secondary Parent Council and her team for hosting a very informative evening last Thursday on the topic of equity entitled, "Bridges to Inclusiveness".

On Thursday, March 27, all Grade 10 students in Ontario, including students in Rainbow Schools, will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. The OSSLT is a graduation requirement.

On Saturday, April 5, Sylvia Carscadden, founder and director of the Kampana Handbells, will receive the inaugural Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. The award will be presented at the International Dinner in support of the Trust. Tickets for the dinner are still available but are going fast.

A number of Grade 7 and 8 students from Rainbow Schools will participate in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair being held in the Alumni Hall at Laurentian University on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13. Science Fair projects will be selected for the Canada-Wide Science Fair from May 10 to 17 in Windsor, Ontario. We wish all students continued success as they vie for a chance to compete nationally.

Rainbow District School Board has a new Board Governance Policy Manual. It has been over two years in the making, has taken many hours of research, and it is exclusive to the Rainbow Board.

A bit of history may help to put the importance of this manual into perspective.

At one time, the Sudbury Board of Education hired a lawyer to produce a document consisting of policies along with the procedures to implement those policies, within one framework. The Board of the day soon recognized that it was very difficult to understand the policies, let alone implement them, so a retired principal was asked to make the language user-friendlier.

Shortly after amalgamation in 1998, the new Rainbow Board set up a Policy Committee, consisting of five trustees, whose specific mandate was to work on the onerous task of combining the policies of Manitoulin, Espanola and Sudbury, sans computers. They were approved by the entire Board, then Trustee Muiriel MacLeod and I compiled the data at a time when "Cut and Paste" were literal terms not computer functions.

I have always felt that Board Policy is a living, breathing document. It evolves and changes with the times. Elected trustees mold it. It is the result of trustee initiative and it can be changed by the will of the majority of trustees.

While this new Board Governance Policy Manual is a response to Bill 177, the Student Achievement and School Board Governance Act, it has a foundation that no other Policy Manual has had. It is based on the Board's Vision, Mission and Values. All prior policies had the structure of governance. Today, through our Vision, Mission and Values, we have added heart.

With its focus on student success, our new Board Governance Policy Manual provides directions, expectations and guidelines. It defines the Board of trustees' responsibility to govern and the Director's duty to administer. Our Policy Manual breathes life into our vision that "We are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts."

..... and that's a good thing, the way I see it.

Thought for the day: What we learn with pleasure we never forget.

8. **Director's Remarks**

Principal Dave Farrow and Principal Jeff McKibbon performed a fabulous job moving the Churchill 7 and 8s over to Lasalle SS. Grade 7 and 8 Churchill PS students started at Lasalle on Monday, March 17 the first day after the March Break. Hats go off to both Churchill and Lasalle staff, as well as to the Student Consortium, for making this transition appear so seamless. Just a great job by all!

As well on March 17th the residents of the Annex at MacLeod Public School moved to their new school. Staff worked tirelessly to ensure their new setting was well prepared to receive primary students and parents. Work now begins on the annex. Between now and June the annex will be removed. Special thanks to principal Walton and staff for making this transition so seamless. We all look forward to seeing the new school in the very near future.

Director Blaseg had the pleasure of attending OFSSA Girls hockey banquet on March 18th. Former graduate of Lo-Ellen Park SS and double gold medalist Rebecca Johnson spoke to over 600 students. She was magnificent. Special mention and a note of appreciation for the work of Gilbert Briscoe, Susan Chezzi, and Dave Makela who did an outstanding job with this event.

Please review the grad dates, these are tentative at this time. Some tinkering may be required but not much.

Curriculum /21st Century Learning

As you may have heard in the news, school boards are reviewing parts of their curriculum. We will be doing the same, specifically how it relates to writing, and mathematics. The Chair and I have had many conversations about handwriting and we both agree, as I'm sure all of you will, we need to review what 21st century learning should look like. I'm hopeful we can start this dialogue at the first Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

April 24 – Meet and Greet

Trustees are invited to Science North for a tour and a viewing of Arctic Voices and the 3D Imax movie of the Arctic, followed by a meet and greet with principals and vice principals, managers and assistant managers (sponsored by principals association.)

Details will be sent to trustees in the very near future.

Director's Schedule

- Feb 26 Meeting with OSSTF
- Feb 27 Director/Principals Meeting,
Ministry meeting with Leadership Branch
- March 3 Meeting with OSSTF
- March 4 School Visit - Queen Elizabeth Pubic School
Science Fair - Lockerby Composite Secondary School
- March 5 Skills Competition – Cambrian College
- March 6 Science North reception
- March 7 Board PD day
- March 10-14 Holidays
- March 18 OFSSA Girls Hockey Banquet
- March 20-22 OPSBA Labour Symposium
- March 25 Tele-conference - Ministry

9. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate - Trustee Clement attended the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting as the alternate. He commented that northern boards were very interested in Rainbow's handbook entitled *First Nation, Métis and Inuit Presence in Rainbow Schools*. There is also much interest in our Governance Policy Manual. Trustee Clement also reported on discussions that took place regarding chaperones accompanying student trustees to conferences. Chair Dewar will be responding to questions from OPSBA on the matter.

Student Trustee - On Tuesday, April 22nd and Wednesday, April 23rd 2014, the Rainbow District School Board Student Senate will host it's annual Stand Up, Speak Out Student Leadership Conference. The conference will be held at the West Residence Hall (W-132) at Laurentian University. Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato invited all to attend.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

Accessibility Planning Committee – February 3, 2014
Environmental Education Committee (unofficial) – February 4, 2014
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes February 5, 2014 (official)
First Nation Advisory Committee – February 13, 2014
Parent Involvement Committee (official) - January 7, 2014 and
(unofficial) February 18, 2014
Equity and Inclusiveness (unofficial) – February 20, 2014
Board and Strategic Planning Committee Schedule of Meetings 2014-2015
(formerly Policy and Finance Committee)
Graduation Dates - 2014

2. Non-Staff Communications

Memo dated February 14, 2014 from Ministry of Education

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Strategic Planning Committee (formerly Policy and Finance) Agenda
- March 26, 2014 1:30 p.m. Director's Office
Special Education Advisory Committee
- April 2, 2014 12:00 p.m. Gord Ewin Centre
Parent Involvement Committee- April 8, 2014 7:00 p.m. Boardroom
Board Agenda Setting - April 14, 2014 1:30 p.m. Director's Office
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting (formerly Policy and Finance Committee)
- April 15, 2014 at MacLeod Public School
Student Leading Student - April 22 & 23, 2014 Laurentian University
Board Meeting - April 29, 2014 5:00 p.m. Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

*Chair

Motion: 14-R44, D.Morrison/G.Fox
That we do now adjourn at 7:30 p.m.