

Rainbow District School Board

**MINUTES OF THE
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: T. Campbell, B. Clement, D. Dewar, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala,
Student Trustee E. Urban

Officials: N. Blaseg - Director of Education
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget - Superintendent
L, Dye - Superintendent
J. Noble – Superintendent
K. Wachnuk - Administrator
N. Charette - Communications
H. Thirkill - Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Director Blaseg called the meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: 16-R01, B.Clement/D.Dewar

That the agenda for the Organizational meeting of the Board of December 15, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

3. **Election of Chair**

Director Blaseg called for nominations for the position of Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Dena Morrison nominated Doreen Dewar.

a) Motion: 16-R02, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 16-R03, D.Morrison/G.Santala
That Doreen Dewar be declared acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried**

4. **In-Coming Chair's Remarks**

Chair Dewar thanked the trustees for their support in the last year and said she looked forward to serving in the coming year.

5. **Presentation to Outgoing Chair** - NIL

6. **Past Chair's Remarks** - NIL

7. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Tyler Campbell nominated Dena Morrison for the position of Vice-Chair.

a) Motion: 16-R04, B.Clement/G.Santala
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 16-R05, J.Kosmerly/G.Santala
That Dena Morrison be declared acclaimed Vice-Chair of Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried**

8. **Membership on Standing Board Committees**

Motion: 16-R06, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the membership on Standing Board Committees be approved for the year 2016. – **Carried**

Accessibility Planning Committee

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Audit Committee (year 2 of 4)

Trustee Tyler Campbell

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Dena Morrison

Environmental Committee

Trustee Gord Santala

Student Trustee Ethan Urban

Equity and Inclusive Education Committee

Trustee Tyler Campbell

Trustee Larry Killens

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

First Nations Advisory Committee

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Doreen Dewar

Trustee Grace Fox

Labour Relations Committee

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Dena Morrison

Parent Involvement Committee

Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Gord Santala

School Year Structure Committee

Trustee Tyler Campbell
Trustee Dena Morrison
Student Trustee Ethan Urban

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Judy Kosmerly
Trustee Judy Hunda (alternate)
Trustee Dena Morrison (alternate)

Strategic Planning Committee

Trustee Tyler Campbell
Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee Grace Fox
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Larry Killens
Trustee Judy Kosmerly
Trustee Dena Morrison
Trustee Gord Santala

Student Senate

Trustee Tyler Campbell
Trustee Judy Hunda
Student Trustee Ethan Urban

9. **OPSBA (Ontario Public School Boards' Association)**

a) ***Delegate***

Dena Morrison nominated Bob Clement.

1. Motion: 16-R07, G.Santala/J/Kosmerly
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
2. Motion: 16-R08, D.Morrison/T.Campbell
That Bob Clement be acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting delegate to the Ontario Public School Board's Association.
- **Carried**

b) ***Alternate***

Bob Clement nominated Tyler Campbell.
Judy Hunda nominated Grace Fox.

1. Motion: 16-R09, D.Morrison/B.Clement
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

Grace Fox declined with thanks.

2. Motion: 16-R10, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly
That Tyler Campbell be declared elected Rainbow District School Board's voting alternate to the Ontario School Boards' Association.
- **Carried**

10. **Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members**

At the Annual Organizational Meeting, two alternate Trustees shall be chosen by the Board to be used when the circumstance warrant that one or both Trustees are needed in place of the Chair and/or Vice-Chair to carry out the duties required under these Enforcement Procedures.

- a) Call for nominations. Dena Morrison nominated Tyler Campbell.

Motion: 16-R11, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

Motion: 16-R12, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly
That Tyler Campbell be declared acclaimed first alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members. - **Carried**

- b) Call for nominations. Dena Morrison nominated Judy Hunda.

Motion: 16-R13, G.Santala/ J.Kosmerly
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

Motion: 16-R14, D. Morrison/G.Santala
That Judy Hunda be declared acclaimed second alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members. - **Carried**

11. **BALLOTS**

Motion: 16-R15, B.Clement/D.Morrison
That the ballots for the all positions be destroyed. - **Carried**

12. **Adjournment**

Motion: 16-R16, D.Morrison/G.Santala
That we now adjourn (5:44 p.m). - **Carried**

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee Urban

Absent: G. Fox

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

Others: S. Ackroyd, D. Bazinet, R. Jones, K. Kozman, N. Mousseau, A. Salach, member of the public

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 16-R17 D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 15, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

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

1. Motion: 16-R18 D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That the recommendations from the Labour Relations Committee meeting of December 14, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Motion: 16-R19 D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That the Director's contract as presented by Chair Dewar be approved and offered to Director Blaseg. - **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 16-R20, J.Hunda/D.Morrison
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 24, 2015 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of Trustee Kosmerly's name under item 5b. - **Carried**

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

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

a) **Audit Committee**

i) **Audit Committee Annual Report**

Trustee Morrison, chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2014-2015 Audit Committee Report to the Ministry of Education.

ii) **2014/15 Financial Statements**

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold presented the consolidated financial statements for the 2014-2015 school year and responded to questions from trustees.

Motion: 16-R21, T.Campbell/J.Hunda
That the 2014/15 Financial Statements be approved.
– **Carried unanimously**

b) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Motion: 16-R22, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That further study and consideration of the Wembley site as the RDSB Centre for Education be approved. – **Carried**

Superintendent of Business Diane Cayen-Arnold and Amber Salach from Yallowega Belanger Salach Architecture provided four options for the consolidation of Educational Support staff.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss. A request was made for trustees to have a walk-through Wembley.

Motion: 16-R23, B.Clement/D.Morrison

That the funding for the Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education at the Wembley site be approved. – **Carried**

Motion: 16-R24, T.Campbell/J.Kosmerly

That the Wembley site be renovated to accommodate the Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education. – **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Director's Annual Report

Director Blaseg reviewed the 2014-2015 Annual Report. Trustees expressed appreciation to Director Blaseg for the content of the report and to Nicole Charette for the presentation of the material.

2. First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Update

Motion: 16-R25, B.Clement/D.Morrison

That an increase of two permanent Aboriginal Support Workers be approved.

- **Carried**

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 16-R26, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That Trustee Fox be granted a leave of absence from the December 15, 2015 Board meeting. - **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

Thanks to all for supporting the Edgar Burton Food Drive. Under the leadership of Dave Farrow, Danielle Williamson, Kerri Monaghan, and Pablo Gil-Alfau, Rainbow schools have challenged each other to collect upwards of 200,000 can items for the food bank. At the board office, through the efforts of staff, trustees and the Education Centre we have raised close to 2500 can goods and donated over \$4500 toward the adopt a family campaign.

On December 10, I attended The Strong Districts and Their Leadership Advisory Committee hosted by Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) and the Ministry of Education held in Toronto. Under the leadership of Ken Leithwood, Directors were presented with a proposed two-year study that will ultimately "provide district leaders with much greater leverage over the elements of their school systems that matter to student growth and streamline their efforts to foster such growth" (Ken Leithwood, November 11,2015). More to come.

On Friday, December 11, I attended the Manitoulin Island Mustangs/Lockerby hockey game, held in Little Current. I was extremely impressed by the quality of oversight, security and of course the caliber of hockey. Staff, under the leadership of Laurie Zahnow, is to be commended for their efforts for ensuring such a well run extra-curricular activity. The final score was 3-1 for the visitors – however the estimated 200+ fans that were there really got to see are a great hockey game.

Finally, I want to extend the best of seasons to everyone. All employee groups and the trustees have been through a difficult year. Resilience is a word we often throw around, however those employed or who have been involved within the education sector this past year have really tested the limits of what it means to build and or exhibit resiliency. Thank you for being the picture of resiliency. I hope everyone has an extremely restful holiday. Focus all your attention on your family and friends and lets all cherish what it is to be Canadian. I look forward to a great start up in January! Thanks you!

Itinerary

November 26/27 CODE - Toronto

December 1	CYMH – Toronto
December 2	Future Leaders Committee Agenda Setting – Board Meeting
December 3	CUPE meeting Local Director School Year Structure meeting
December 7	Exec Council Meeting
December 8	Directors Meeting
December 9	Mishko Partnership Meeting
December 10	IEL/Ministry of Education Advisory Meeting – Toronto
December 11	Newcomers/Refugee – MacLeod Public School M.S.S./Lockerby Extra-Curricular – Little Current
December 14	Exec Council Meeting Labour Relations
December 15	Meeting Leisure Services Audit Committee Meeting Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – NIL

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Urban reported that work continues on the organizing of this year's student conference. The event will take place at Cambrian College on May 4 & 5, 2016 with two keynote speakers.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Killens asked about the Special Board Meeting of December 14, 2015.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Although we do not have confirmation at this time of how many newcomers from Syria may be entering our schools, we have established a Welcome to Rainbow Committee to ensure that any supports that may be required are responsive and ready.

Festive events in Rainbow Schools continue this week, with Christmas concerts, the culmination of food drives, and sing-a-longs. Visit rainbowschools.ca for a listing.

Manitoulin Secondary School will host its annual awards night on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Close to \$50,000 in awards will be presented to students. We commend the community of Manitoulin, once again, for its tremendous support.

Rainbow District School Board is currently accepting nominations for the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. The deadline is Friday, January 15, 2016. For more information, visit rainbowschools.ca and click on "community". The award will be presented at the International Dinner in support of the Trust on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Centre in Sudbury.

Secondary School Information Nights and Kindergarten Registration continue into the New Year. All students, parents and guardians are welcome to participate at any Rainbow School. For dates and times, visit rainbowschools.ca

To each of the members of the Board of Trustees and to each and every staff member in this room and through out the Rainbow District School Board, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all you do for our students, thank you for your contributions of time, energy and expertise and especially, thank you for putting our students first. Each individual student's success is your legacy.

The thought for the month comes from novelist and playwright Edna Ferber who said: "Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling."

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

First Nation Advisory Committee (FNAC) minutes Sept 24, 2015 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes Nov 4, 2015 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

Letter regarding speech and language services
Letter from Greater Essex County District School Board

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting January 4, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee January 5, 2016 7:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee January 6, 2016 12:00 pm Education Centre
Strategic Planning Committee January 12, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Enviromental Education Committee January 13, 2016 3:30 pm Boardroom
Board January 26, 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 (reschedule of June 28, 2016)

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 16-R27, D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That we now adjourn at 9:10 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official