

Rainbow District School Board
MINUTES OF THE
INAUGURAL/ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
held in Council Chambers
on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble - Superintendents of Education
K. Wachnuk - Senior Administrator, Special Education
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Guest: The Honourable Justice André L. Guay
Others: Members of the public

1. **REVIEW OF ELECTION RESULTS AND INTRODUCTION OF TRUSTEES**

Director Blaseg read a list of members elected to Rainbow District School Board as a result of the October 27, 2014 Municipal Election.

Area 1	Gord Santala
Area 2	Tyler Campbell
Area 3	Judy Kosmerly
Area 4	Dena Morrison
Area 5	Doreen Dewar
Area 6	Judy Hunda
Area 7	Larry Killens
Area 8	Bob Clement

2. **DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Norm Blaseg introduced the Honourable Justice André L. Guay to administer the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

3. **FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATION**

3.1 Motion: 15-R01 D.Dewar/D.Morrison

That First Nations Representative Grace Fox be appointed as Trustee to Rainbow District School Board. – **Carried**

3.2 Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance for the First Nations Representative.

The Honourable Justice André L. Guay administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Trustee Fox.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: 15-R02 B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Organizational meeting of the Board of December 1, 2014 be approved. – **Carried**

The Secretary of the Board, Norm Blaseg, appointed Superintendent Bruce Bourget and Superintendent Lesleigh Dye as scrutineers.

5. **Election of Chair**

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

Trustee Dena Morrison nominated Doreen Dewar.

a) Motion: 15-R03 G.Santala/G.Fox
That nominations be closed. – **Carried**

Doreen Dewar confirmed her willingness to stand for this office.

b) Motion: 15-R04 G.Santala/G.Fox
That Doreen Dewar be acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board. – **Carried**

6. **In-Coming Chair's Remarks** n/a

7. **Presentation to Outgoing Chair** n/a

8. **Past Chair's Remarks**

I want to begin by thanking the trustees for your support of the chair over the past year. There were some difficult times procedurally and I sincerely appreciate your understanding and endorsement.

Some of the many highlights of the past year encompass:

- Continued focus on Mental Health initiatives including additional Social Workers.
- Bringing student art into the board offices.
- Fully implementing the Early Learning Program.
- We began the revitalization of the Espanola High School site to better suit the needs of all students in the Espanola area.
- MacLeod Public School became the 3rd Green School under the Rainbow.

- Construction projects at R.L. Beattie PS and Churchill PS and renovations to Redwood Acres PS, Ernie Checkeris PS, Little Current PS, Levack PS, & Westmount PS.
- We endorsed the Charter of Commitment on First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education.
- We welcomed Heather Thirkill, Executive Secretary, Superintendent Judy Noble and Senior Administrator Kathy Wachnuk
- We renamed Gatchell School to Jean Hanson Public School
- We invested in technological equipment and bandwidth capacity to enhance teaching and learning.
- Summer school options were increased.

But one of the most significant accomplishments last year was that after two years of work, RDSB has a new Board Governance Policy Manual that brings our policies in line with our student focused Strategic Directions.

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.

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."

The successes of the past are merely stepping-stones to the future. Thank you to each member of the Rainbow District School Board team.

9. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Chair Dewar called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Trustee Tyler Campbell nominated Dena Morrison.

- a) Motion: 15-R05 J.Hunda/B.Clement
That nominations be closed. – **Carried**

Trustee Morrison confirmed her willingness to stand for this office.

- b) Motion: 15-R06 J.Kosmerly/G.Fox
That Trustee Dena Morrison be acclaimed Vice-Chair of Rainbow District School Board. – **Carried**

10. **Membership on Standing Board Committees**

Trustees submitted names to appear on the ballots for the various Board committees. Nominations were also accepted from the floor. If required, a vote by secret ballot was conducted for each committee.

Accessibility Planning Committee

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Environmental Education Committee

Trustee Gord Santala

Student Trustee Liam Brunton

Equity and Inclusive Education Committee

Trustee Grace Fox

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Trustee Gord Santala

First Nation Advisory Committee (FNAC)

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Doreen Dewar

Trustee Grace Fox

Labour Relations Committee

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Dena Morrison

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Gord Santala

School Year Structure Committee

Trustee Tyler Campbell

Trustee Dena Morrison

Student Trustee Liam Brunton

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Trustee Dena Morrison

Trustee Bob Clement (alternate)

Trustee Judy Hunda (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 Liam Brunton

Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) 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

Motion: 15-R07, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

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

11. **OPSBA (Ontario Public School Board's Association)**
- Delegate and Alternate

a) **Call for nominations for OPSBA delegate.**

Trustee Dena Morrison nominated Trustee Bob Clement.

1. Motion: 15-R08 D.Morrison/T.Campbell
That nominations be closed. – **Carried**

Trustee Clement confirmed his willingness to stand as the delegate for OPSBA.

2. Motion: 15-R09 T.Campbell/D.Morrison
That Trustee Bob Clement be acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting delegate to the Ontario Public School Board's Association. – **Carried**

b) **Call for nominations for OPSBA Alternate**

Trustee Dena Morrison nominated Trustee Tyler Campbell.

1. Motion: 15-R10 B.Clement/D.Morrison
That nominations be closed. – **Carried**

Trustee Campbell confirmed his willingness to stand as the delegate for OPSBA Alternate.

2. Motion: 15-R11 B.Clement/J.Kosmerly
That Trustee Tyler Campbell be acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. – **Carried**

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

"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.

Trustee Dena Morrison nominated Trustee Tyler Campbell.
Trustee Dena Morrison nominated Trustee Judy Hunda.

- Motion: 15-R12 G.Santala/B.Clement
That nominations be closed. – **Carried**

Trustee Campbell confirmed his willingness to stand as the delegate for first alternate.

- Motion: 15-R13 D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly
That Tyler Campbell be acclaimed first alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members. – **Carried**

- b) Trustee Hunda confirmed her willingness to stand as the delegate for second alternate.

- Motion: 15-R14 D.Morrison/T.Campbell
That Judy Hunda be acclaimed second alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members. – **Carried**

13. **Ballots**

- Motion: 15-R15 J.Hunda/D.Morrison
That the ballots for all positions be destroyed. – **Carried**

14. **Adjournment**

- Motion: 15-R16, B.Clement/G/Santala
That we now adjourn (6:10 p.m.) – **Carried**