

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday January 28, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, S. Speir - Superintendents of Education
J. Noble – Senior Administrator of Program and Services
M. Egan, N. Charette,

Staff: K. Kozman, N. Mousseau, D. Farrow, J. Oshell

Other: media, members of the public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 14-R01, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 28, 2014 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

a) Motion: 14-R02, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That Sudbury Secondary School retain their French Immersion program for 2016-2017 based on the following criteria:

That Grade 9 and Grade 10 (Year 1 and Year 2) enrolment on October 31, 2016 be 45 students. If there are not 45 students in Grades 9 and 10 on October 31, 2016, no new Grade 9 students will be enrolled in the French Immersion program effective September 2017. Students currently in the French Immersion program at Sudbury Secondary will continue in the program until graduation.

Motion to Amend: 14-R03, R. Kirwan/J.Hunda

That Sudbury Secondary School retain their French Immersion program. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 14-R04, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That effective immediately grade 8 students on the west side of Second Avenue, north of Bancroft Drive, 1st Avenue and Keen Street will now have the option of attending either Sudbury Secondary School or Lasalle Secondary School for grade nine in September 2014 and that effective immediately grade 8 students who live on

Mitchell Street, Kent Court Road, Kent Street, O'Grady Street, Lorraine Street, Crescent Park Road, Gordon Avenue, Thomas Street, Patie Street, Paul Street, the section of Lasalle Boulevard between Notre-Dame Avenue and Collège Boréal, the section of Notre-Dame Avenue from Turner Avenue up to but not including Newgate, and Frood Road north of Turner Street will now have the option of attending either Sudbury Secondary School or Lasalle Secondary School for grade nine in September 2014. - **Carried**

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Carried

Tyler Campbell: In Favour

Judy Hunda: In Favour

Robert Kirwan: In Favour

Bob Clement: In Favour

Grace Fox: In Favour

Dena Morrison: In Favour

Doreen Dewar In Favour

Larry Killens: In Favour

Gord Santala: In Favour

c) Motion: 14-R05, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That no further accommodation, program and/or boundary reviews of Rainbow District School Board schools occur during 2014.

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Carried

Tyler Campbell: In Favour

Judy Hunda: In Favour

Robert Kirwan: In Favour

Bob Clement: In Favour

Grace Fox: In Favour

Dena Morrison: In Favour

Doreen Dewar In Favour

Larry Killens: In Faour

Gord Santala: In Favour

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

Motion: 14-R06, G. Santala/D.Morrison

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

Motion: 14-R07, G. Fox/R.Kirwan

That the 2012/13 performance appraisal for the Director of Education be approved. - **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Previous Minutes**

a) Motion: 14-R08, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Organizational Board meeting held on December 17, 2013 be approved. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 14-R09, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on December 17, 2013 be approved. - **Carried**

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

3. **Churchill Public School Roof Replacement and Renewal**

Motion: 14-R10, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the additional facility renewal of Churchill Public School be approved. - **Carried**

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Carried

Tyler Campbell: In Favour

Judy Hunda: In Favour

Robert Kirwan: In Favour

Bob Clement: In Favour

Grace Fox: In Favour

Dena Morrison: In Favour

Doreen Dewar In Favour

Larry Killens: In Favour

Gord Santala: In Favour

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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Revised Estimates 2013-14**

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold and Manager of Finance Karin Kozman presented the Revised Estimates 2013-14 and answered trustees questions.

2. **OPSBA Labour Relations Symposium**

*Chair

Motion: 14-R11, D.Morrison/T.Campbell

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA 2014 Labour Relations Symposium in Toronto March 20 – 22, 2014: T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J.Hunda and R. Kirwan. - **Carried**

3. **OSTA Conference**

*Chair

Motion: 14-R12, G.Fox/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato at the Ontario Student Trustee Association Board Council Conference from February 6th to February 9th, 2014 in Ottawa. - **Carried**

4. **OPSBA Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health**

*Chair

Motion: 14-R13, D.Morrison/T.Campbell

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health in Toronto April 3 and 4, 2014: T. Campbell, B. Clement, D. Dewar, G. Fox, J.Hunda and R. Kirwan. - **Carried**

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

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Killens moved the following motion:

Motion: 14-R14,L.Killens/R.Kirwan

That all meetings of the board, committee or otherwise will be held in Rainbow District School Board facilities, including but not limited to the Board Room, situate at the main Board Office in Sudbury. At the discretion of the Director, permission may

be given to contract/rent outside facilities where the need to do so is one of a demonstrated urgent need to preserve the integrity of the Rainbow District School board or an overwhelming demonstrated requirement to be divorced from the Rainbow District school Board environment. **-Defeated**

Trustee Killens requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Defeated

Tyler Campbell: Opposed

Judy Hunda: Opposed

Robert Kirwan: In Favour

Bob Clement: Opposed

Grace Fox: Opposed

Dena Morrison: Opposed

Doreen Dewar: Opposed

Larry Killens: In Favour

Gord Santala: Opposed

Trustee Hunda asked about the meetings held this evening by the Conseil Scolaire Catholique du Nouvel Ontario and by the Huron Superior Catholic board. Director Blaseg said the results of the meeting will probably be released the following day.

7. Chairperson's Remarks

RDSB congratulates Janna Hunt of Confederation Secondary School on winning the provincial Marion Drysdale Award in the Essay, Poetry French Immersion Grade 9 to 12 category. The award, along with \$1000, will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly of OSSTF in Toronto in March. Janna wrote a poem in French on the theme "You can't lock up an idea".

Students from Lasalle Secondary School's Specialist High Skills Major in Energy had the distinction of being the first public group to spend the night in the Shark Tunnel at the new Ripley's Aquarium near the CN Tower in Toronto. It was a field trip to remember!

Rainbow secondary school students garnered both gold and silver medals at this year's Mock Trial Competition. The Hennessy Cup was awarded to a team from Confederation Secondary School that will proceed to the regional Mock Trial competition this spring. Silver medals were presented to students from Lockerby Composite School. I would like to thank the volunteer coaches from the Sudbury and District Law Association and the Sudbury Crown Attorney's Office who, year after year, provide hundreds of hours of time to this project.

In the national spotlight, Confederation Secondary School's Evolutionary Band is among the bands featured in the the January/February issue of Canadian Musician magazine which is now on newsstands across the country.

On Saturday, February 8, the Jazzworkz season will showcase the vocal talents of Hilary Welch and Joe Reda, accompanied by the Borealis Quartet, performing the works of Burt Bacharach. The concert takes place at 8 pm at St. Peters United Church in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust.

Information Nights for Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians continue at Rainbow secondary schools in February. Everyone is welcome regardless of which elementary school students currently attend. For dates and times, please visit rainbowschools.ca

I would like to make a comment on Bus Cancellations. The decision to cancel buses, which busses to cancel and when, is not taken lightly. Safety is always first and foremost. In many cases the people most capable of making that decision are the bus drivers. But the final decision rests with the Consortium in collaboration with the Bus Companies. My grandchildren in Waterloo, age 7 & 8, walk to school. On bad snow days or severe ice conditions, not only are all busses cancelled, but also the schools are closed. At Bobby and Jack's school, approximately 80% of the students walk. The kids find out there is no school when they arrive at the school. They must turn around and walk home in weather that has been assessed as too severe to open the school. It is always easy to look back in time at weather conditions and say: "The busses should not have been cancelled." But I would prefer that to happen than to look back and say "The busses should have been cancelled." Safety is always first and foremost. Kudos to Renee Boucher, the Consortium, the bus companies and the dedicated drivers for maintaining high safety standards in all kinds of weather.

The thought for tonight comes from Billy Connolly, a Scottish comedian, musician and actor who provides us with the definition of an intellectual. He said, "My definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger."

8. **Director's Remarks**

*Director

Transportation was cancelled on January 24th. This was only a half day disruption, as dismissal times were honoured. As a result attendance was far greater in most schools.

Chris Arnew, our managing regional auditor has left the north and has taken an SO's position at Kawartha Pineridge as Superintendent of Business.

The Director met with DSSAB and Grand Nord, to review Markstay area day care. There are some concerns regarding viability, however, Fern Dominelli as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for DSSAB indicated he is willing to extend the existing daycare staffing for at least one more year. This will give that area time to recruit those in need.

The Director met with the Ministry of Education on three different levels in January. EQAO and Curriculum branches, BIPSA, and the ADM. Constant theme –EQAO results are indicators for teacher growth. International scores are important but they do not tell the whole story. Example in 2016 the PISA test will test students on slope. We teach slope to these students one year after the test is given. So the key is be concerned, celebrate when you can, educate and inform those around us that stats often have anecdotes that go unreported - and as a consequence a skewed picture emerges.

The French Catholic and Huron Superior boards are meeting tonight to review their ten options. As soon as we know what the outcome is we will the Board.

On Jan 21 and 23 we had JK information nights. We do not have all the data yet, however we do know interest and registrations appear to be higher then last year at this time. I hope provide more details at the February board meeting.

Director's Schedule

January 6 – School visits MacLeod and Alexander
January 7 – Espanola – DSSAB (Daycare) meeting
January 9 – Audit survey
January 10 – School Visits – Larchwood and CVDCS
January 13- School Visit – Monetville
January 14 – Governance
January 15 – Meeting with Mike Mantha
January 16 – Partners for Children and Youth Executive meeting
EQAO /Curriculum Ministry Presentation
January 17 – School Visit – Lasalle
January 20 – Breakfast Meeting with Trustee Campbell
January 21 – Director's Appraisal
January 22- 24 – CODE meetings in Toronto
January 28 – BIPSA (Ministry of Ed.) meeting – BD office

9. **Other Items**

*Chair

OPSBA Delegate - NIL

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Bagnato confirmed that Rick Osborne will be the guest speaker for the annual conference. He also advised that he will be attending the OSTA conference in February in Ottawa.

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

*Chair

PIC minutes November (official)

SEAC minutes December and January (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Correspondence from Michael Barrett dated January 9, 2014.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

*Chair

SEAC

- February 5, 12:00 pm Gord Ewin Centre

Board Agenda Setting

- February 10, 1:30 pm Director's Office

Student Senate Ctte

- February 10, 5:00 pm Boardroom

FNAC

- February 13, 10:00 am TBC

Equity and Inclusiveness Ctte

- February 20, 4:00 pm Boardroom

Board Meeting

- February 26, 5:00 pm Boardroom

Policy and Finance Agenda

- February 26, 1:00 pm Director's Office

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair

Motion: 14-R15, D. Morrison/T. Campbell

That we do now adjourn at 7:35p.m.