

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D.Dewar - Chair, T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox,
L.Killens (via phone), R. Kirwan, D. Morrison, G. Santala,
Student Trustee O. Amaratunga

Officials: N. Blaseg - Director
D.Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
A . Della Penta, B. Bourget, L. Dye – Superintendents
M. Egan, N. Charette, N. Michelchic

Others: Media, members of the public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 12-R45, G. Santala/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 28, 2012 be approved. -
Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

C. PRESENTATIONS

i) MacLeod PS Architectural presentation

Manager of Facilities Nathalie Michelchic presented the design of the new MacLeod school explaining bus routes and parent drop off and pick up.

ii) John Hamalainen

John Hamalainen thanked trustees for the opportunity to once again present his opposition to the closure of Long Lake PS.

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

Motion: 12-R46, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

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

Director Blaseg read Superintendent Della Penta's retirement letter. Trustees expressed their gratitude and good wishes.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 12-R47, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on January 31, 2012 be approved. - **Carried**

Motion: 12-R48, R. Kirwan/B. Clement

That the minutes of the Accommodation meeting held on January 31, 2012 be approved. – **Carried**

Motion: 12-R49, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on February 14, 2012 be approved. – **Carried**

2. **Tenders** NIL

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

a) Motion: 12-R50, R.Kirwan/B. Clement

That changes to Policy 4.15 Electronic Communication and Social Media be approved. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 12-R51, B. Clement/D.Morrison

That changes to Governance Bylaw section 4 Regular and Special Meetings of the Board be approved. – **Carried**

Trustee Kirwan 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

Amendment: L.Killens/R.Kirwan

Reports to be presented at any meeting of the Board shall be included with the notice of such meeting. – **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

Amendment: L.Killens/R.Kirwan

Copies of reports to be presented at any meeting of the Board, which are sent tendered subsequent to the sending of the notice of such meeting, will be deferred until a future meeting of the Board unless 2/3 of the total number of elected board members agree to have the report presented and such approval is done by recorded motion. – **Defeated**

Trustee Killens requested a poll vote.

Poll Vote Results: Defeated

Tyler Campbell: Opposed

Bob Clement: Opposed

Doreen Dewar: Opposed

Judy Hunda: Opposed

Grace Fox: Opposed

Larry Killens: In Favour

Robert Kirwan: In Favour

Dena Morrison: Opposed

Gord Santala: Opposed

Amendment: R.Kirwan/L.Killens

The Board's response, when requested, will be made through the Secretary in writing within at least thirteen (13) days of the date of the meeting where the individual/delegation appeared and/or the individual/delegation brief was presented, after the trustees have had the opportunity to discuss the matter and arrive at a decision. - **Defeated**

Trustee Killens requested a poll vote.

Poll Vote Results: Defeated

Tyler Campbell: Opposed

Bob Clement: Opposed

Doreen Dewar: Opposed

Judy Hunda: Opposed

Grace Fox: Opposed

Larry Killens: In Favour

Robert Kirwan: In Favour

Dena Morrison: Opposed

Gord Santala: Opposed

Chair Dewar left the chair. Vice-Chair Morrison took the chair. Trustee Dewar spoke to the motion about delegations. After the vote on the main motion Trustee Dewar resumed the chair.

- c) Motion: 12-R52, D.Morrison/G.Fox
That changes to Operational Procedures 5.10 Allocation of Principals and Vice-Principals be approved. - **Carried**
- b) Notice of Motion: 12-R53, J.Hunda
That I or someone on my behalf will move or cause to be moved at a subsequent meeting of the Board, that Policy and Operational Procedures 5.23 Performance Appraisal for the Director of Education be approved.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Borrowing Bylaw

Motion: 12-R54, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That Borrowing Bylaw 2012-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. – **Carried**

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold explained the Schedule D Consolidated Amortization Schedule.

2. Mental Health

Motion: 12-R55, L.Killens/J.Hunda

That whereas Rainbow District School Board joined the Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health (motion 11-R78 passed March 2011) we hereby show our continued support to these efforts and encourage Members of Parliament to support Bill C300. – **Carried unanimously**

Motion: 12-R56, L.Killens/G.Fox

That the Chair write a letter to OPSBA indicating support for Bill C300 and that Members of Parliament in Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin be copied. – **Carried unanimously**

Trustee Fox asked that the Board lobby OPSBA to include cooperation with First Nations with regards to supporting Bill C300.

3. **Chelmsford Senior Public School**

Motion: 12-R57, T.Campbell/G.Santala

That Chelmsford Senior Public School be renamed Chelmsford Public School. - **Carried**

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

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

*Chair

Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.

Trustee Killens thanked Mr Hamalainen for his presentation and he described a group called "One School System for Ontario". He pointed out that the current Director's "dedication and commitment to kids is unparalleled". Trustee Killens went on to comment on the Drummond Report.

Trustee Morrison was pleased to report that she represented the Board along with Vice-Principal David Wiwchar and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School student Dax Law in accepting the Healthy Community Recognition Award.

Trustee Hunda congratulated the initiatives of the Long Lake Public School students and staff but stressed that this occurs in every school throughout the Rainbow Board. She thanked Chair Dewar for her work in researching the By-Laws of other boards. Trustee Hunda reported that she had attended Sudbury Secondary School's open house and that it was a huge success.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

*Chair

As Chair of the Board, I recently submitted a column to The Sudbury Star in response to the Drummond Report. It is my sincere hope that, first and foremost, our Premier will seek to involve the many stakeholders in education in a consultative process. User fees for bussing will severely disadvantage Northern and/or Rural students. The possibility that user fees would be charged to obtain additional credits poses an unacceptable inequity of

educational opportunity and the recommendation that funding for school resources be cut by 25% also causes hardships to our students not economically able to access resources. The Drummond Report could have solved today's economic woes and tomorrow's uncertainties with a recommendation for one publicly funded education system and failing that, a recommendation that legislates the sharing of buildings while protecting Catholicity. This would be a solution that will provide economic stability and sustainability for the future.

Vice-Chair Dena Morrison, Vice-Principal David Wiwchar and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School student Dax Law accepted the Healthy Community Recognition Award on behalf of Rainbow Schools. Dax Law, who is a student council member, a published poet, a musician, a junior entrepreneur, an environmentalist and a volunteer with the local Arthritis Society received a Community Builders Award in the Young Leader category. These awards are presented to individuals or groups who have shown exemplary leadership and dedication toward building a healthy community in Greater Sudbury.

Ernie Checkeris Public School has received a national award acknowledging the school, its teachers, and students as being excellent role models by honouring them with the National Diamond Recognition Award - the highest level Quality Daily Physical Education award a school can receive from Physical and Health Education Canada.

Circle these dates on your Calendars:

Wednesday, March 7, 2012: Rainbow District School Board will host its eighth annual Technological Skills Competition at Cambrian College. Over 150 secondary school students will test their skills in events such as carpentry, welding, auto-CADD, Rube Machine, video editing, photography, auto-service technology, fashion, 2D character animation, cabinet making, small-powered equipment and TV/Video Production. Students will vie for an opportunity to compete in the provincial Skills Competition in Waterloo this May.

Also on Wednesday, March 7, 2012: Gatchell School will host a pancake breakfast and a swim-a-thon on Wednesday, to raise funds for the Gatchell student swim program. The breakfast, sponsored by Perkins Restaurant, will be served in the Gatchell School gym from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Tickets are \$5 each and can be reserved by calling the school. The swim-a-thon will take place from 10 am to 11:30 am at the Gatchell Pool. Friends of Gatchell are welcome to cheer on students and staff as they take part in relay races.

Thursday, March 8, 2012: Confederation Secondary School's Evolutionary Band will kick off its 32nd anniversary tour of Rainbow elementary schools with a concert in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust at noon at the school. Confederation Secondary School is one of this year's recipients of new instruments from the Joan Mantle Music Trust.

Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm: The Education Quality and Accountability Office will be hosting a forum for parents at the Holiday Inn, Regent Street, Sudbury. Members of the EQAO School Support and Outreach Team will deliver the first session called, "Answering Parents' Top Questions About EQAO Assessments," It will describe EQAO's province-wide assessment program and inform parents on how they can work with

the school to support their child's learning. The second session will feature renowned educator and behaviour specialist Ronald Morrish, who will share strategies of effective discipline for raising children and will demonstrate how these strategies enhance achievement at school. EQAO will provide lunch and cover mileage costs based on Ministry rates.

Thank you to all staff for being my heroes through their dedication to our students during the month of February. I wish all a well-deserved and welcome March Break.

The thought for the month comes from George Bernard Shaw:
A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

7. **Director's Remarks**

*Director

Director Blaseg reported on the possibility of the GSNs being delayed and the possible impact on our budget deliberation timelines.

On Feb 2, 2012 the Children and Youth Partnership Committee met for the first time. Its mandate is to meet 4 times per year to work on behalf of children with mental health challenges age 0-21.

Dr. Jain from Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto will be the guest speaker at the March 9 PA Day symposium for Rainbow's elementary teachers. All trustees are invited to attend.

8. **Other Items**

*Chair

OPSBA Delegate

Trustee Campbell reported that there was lengthy discussion about the possible impact of the Drummond Report. There will be a mental health conference taking place in October sponsored by OPSBA.

Trustee Campbell reported that he has had a final meeting with Director Blaseg regarding the Board's Performance Appraisal of the Director.

Student Trustee

Student Trustee Amaratunga thanked the Board for being able to attend the February OSTA conference and updated trustees on the presentations.

She also advised that the RDSB Student Senate has begun work on the Stand Up Speak Up Rainbow District School Board symposium to be held in April 2012. They are also working on a talent show that Espanola High School has hosted in the past. The initiative entitled, "Rainbow Board's Got Talent" will be expanded to include the entire Board. It will be held on April 11, 2012.

Student Trustee Amaratunga reported that the International Day Of Pink is also on April 11.

Student Trustee Amaratunga also spoke about an initiative to phase out the sale and use of plastic water bottles in our schools. She will be reporting further on this.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

*Chair

- Policy and Finance minutes February (unofficial)
- PIC minutes January (unofficial)
- SEAC minutes January (unofficial)
- FNAC minutes January (unofficial)
- Environmental Education January (unofficial)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

*Chair

- Policy and Finance Agenda - March 1, 4:00 pm Director's Office
- Policy and Finance Meeting - March 6, 5:00 pm Boardroom
- SEAC - March 7, 12:00 pm Gord Ewin Centre
- Board Agenda Setting - March 7, 2:30 pm Director's Office
- Student Senate Meeting - March 19, 5:00 pm Boardroom
- Board Meeting - March 27, 5:00 pm Boardroom
- Policy and Finance Agenda - March 28, 4:00 pm Director's Office

I. ADJOURNMENT

*Chair

Motion: 12-R58, B. Clement/T.Campbell

That we do now adjourn at 6:35 p.m. - **Carried**