

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D.Dewar - Chair, B. Clement, G. Fox, J.Hunda,
L.Killens (via phone), R. Kirwan, D. Morrison, G. Santala,
Student Trustee O. Amaratunga
Absent: T. Campbell
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director
D.Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
A . Della Penta, B. Bourget, L. Dye – Superintendents
M. Egan, N. Charette

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 12-R59, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 27, 2012 be approved. -
Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

i) Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Robotics

Teacher Dan Monti, students Colin Roos, Ellen Arteca and Amith Reddy showcased their successful entry in the First Robotics Competition in Waterloo. As a result of their success, they qualified for the World Championships in April in St. Louis. The team expressed their gratitude to their sponsors. Trustees expressed their appreciation for the teams' efforts and wished them well.

ii) Board Improvement Plan Mid-Year Data Presentation

Superintendents Bourget, Della Penta and Dye shared mid-year data at the elementary and secondary levels showing learning achievement results. They also described Learning Cycles where schools commit to a focus of reading, writing or numeracy. In Learning Cycles teachers come together by division or content to consider how to use professional strategies to support students. Trustees asked questions and indicated their appreciation for the presentation.

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

Motion: 12-R60, G. Santala/B.Clement

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 12-R61, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on February 28, 2012 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Tenders NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

a) Motion: 12-R62, R.Kirwan/D.Morrison

That Policy and Operational Procedures 5.23 Performance Appraisal for the Director of Education be approved. - **Carried**

b) Notice of Motion:12-R63, R.Kirwan

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 5.05 Exchanges - Staff be deleted.

c) Notice of Motion: 12-R64, R.Kirwan

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 5.09 Lunchroom Supervision be deleted.

d) Notice of Motion:12-R65, D.Morrison

That I or someone on my behalf will move or cause to be moved at a subsequent meeting of the Board, that Policy and Operating Procedures 6.01 Access to Pupils and Pupil Records be deleted.

e) Notice of Motion: 12-R66, R. Kirwan

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 8.03 Inclusionary Language be deleted.

f) Notice of Motion: 12-R67, R. Kirwan

That I or someone on my behalf will move or caused to be moved at a subsequent meeting of the Board, that changes to Policy and Operational Procedures 8.05 Volunteers be approved.

- g) Motion: 12-R68, D.Morrison/G.Fox
That changes to Operational Procedures 2.12 Safe Schools be approved. - **Carried**

Poll Vote Results: Carried

Tyler Campbell: Absent
Bob Clement: In Favour
Doreen Dewar: In Favour

Judy Hunda: In Favour
Grace Fox: In Favour
Larry Killens: In Favour

Robert Kirwan: In Favour
Dena Morrison: In Favour
Gord Santala: In Favour

Amendment: L.Killens/R.Kirwan

When these above mentioned police or social services enter our facilities for the purposes of career days, classroom presentations and for the purposes of planning strategies at management/supervisory level, verbal invitation at the discretion of the principal or designee will suffice and the above statement will apply.

1(a) Any and all agencies that enter RDSB for purposes of enforcement or investigation and request to interview staff or students shall be permitted to do so only under the following circumstances.

- i. With express written permission and knowledge of a parent or guardian
- ii. With personal possession of a court order, be they an agency acting as the court appointed guardian or otherwise.
- lii As permitted by law in an emergency intervention, (Child Law Reform Act., R.S.O. Ontario) and when time does not allow the requestor to obtain a court order, one must be obtained by the requestor and provided to the RDSB from whence the child was removed/interviewed or otherwise interviewed, within the prescribed times as required in law.
- (iv) As provided for in the Education Act R.S.O. Ontario, only with the written permission of the Principal or designee acting in the stead of the parent or guardian.

(v) Under no circumstances shall a student be left unattended and alone with a police officer or social service agency representative within the confines of a school facility without a witness/employee of RDSB as designated by the Principal when the parent guardian of the child is not readily available. (Section 2 of CFSA)

(vi) In compliance with our (RDSB) commitment and solemn promise to first nations, any first nations student who finds themselves drawing attention by the police or social service agencies, the Principal or designee will immediately activate a notification to child and family services or police in the respective home reserve of the student. No exceptions. - **Defeated**

Trustee Killens requested a poll vote.

Poll Vote Results: Defeated

Tyler Campbell: Absent
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

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Barrydowne College

Motion: 12-R69, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That Rainbow District School Board recognize Barrydowne College as a secondary school. - **Carried**

2. Mental Health

Director Blaseg provided an update on mental health strategies in the province and in our Board.

3. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 12-R70, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That Tyler Campbell be granted a leave of absence from the March 27, 2012 Board meeting. - **Carried**

4. Trustees' Remarks/Questions

Trustee Clement reported that he had attended Gatchell PS breakfast on March 7 and was given a tour by Principal McNair. He acknowledged the outstanding sensitivity of the staff.

Trustee Killens thanked the student teachers who practice in our schools and wished them well.

Trustee Fox congratulated Superintendent Sharon Speir who was responsible for the Aboriginal dinner. The opportunity to interact with First Nations was appreciated as well as the wonderful food.

She thanked the Board for the inclusion of First Nations in the letter to OPSBA re Bill C-300.

5. Chairperson's Remarks

Thank you to Principals Bob Deeth, Cathy Nursall, Cathy Washnuk and to the staffs of Algonquin Road Public School, Long Lake Public School, Wanup Public School and Northeastern Public School for organizing and implementing transition events and social opportunities for the students of all the schools to experience being together. Our students are the beneficiaries of concerned staff who are sensitive to their needs and dedicated to a smooth transition.

Congratulations to Lockerby Composite School which ranked sixth out of 1,133 schools across the country who have donated to Canadian Blood Services.

Well done to Katelyn Marshall of Lively District Secondary School who has received a 2012 Leading Girls Building Communities Award. This award acknowledges and celebrates girls

who demonstrate exceptional leadership in working to improve the lives of others in their schools or communities.

Tristan Emiry of Espanola High School has received a prestigious Loran Award which includes up to \$80,000 from the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation to pursue his postsecondary studies when he graduates this June.

Congratulations to the over 150 secondary school students who participated in the Technological Skills Competition. The winner of the Auto-Service Technology competition, Thomas Whalen of Espanola High School was the proud recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship.

On Thursday, March 29, Grade 10 students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test which is a graduation requirement.

Earth Hour will be celebrated at 8:30 PM on Saturday, March 31. Rainbow District School Board will participate on Friday, March 30, by turning off all non-essential interior and exterior lights in its schools and at the Board Office.

On Saturday, March 31, Guitars Alive will take place in the Lockerby Composite School Auditorium at 6:30 PM. A portion of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to support the Joan Mantle Music Trust.

The Sudbury Regional Science Fair will take place at Laurentian University on April 14 and 15. Projects will be selected for the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Rainbow District School Board is teaming up with eCycle Solutions to recycle old electronics and computers. Drop off depots will be set up in the parking lots of a number of Rainbow schools including Manitoulin, Espanola, Lockerby, Confederation, Lively and Carl A. Nesbitt. Times are posted on the web-site.

Special recognition to each and every member of the MacLeod staff, the RDSB Facilities department, and any volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that Wembley would be a warm and welcoming, albeit temporary, learning environment for our students. What has been accomplished is amazing!

Erica Jong, feminist and author said: "Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."

6. Director's Remarks

Director Blaseg reminded trustees of the Joan Mantle Music Trust dinner on April 21st and invited them to attend.

Director Blaseg distributed the revised Executive Council portfolios and family of schools effective April to August 2012.

Director Blaseg advised that the June 26th board meeting will be changed via board motion to the first week of July.

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Killens said that OPSBA fast reports cover everything. He reported that OPSBA’s view of the budget had been emailed to trustees.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Amaratunga reported that the Student Senate conference “Stand UP Speak Out” will be on April 16 and 17, 2012 at Laurentian University. She welcomed the fact that Timmins students are planning to attend.

Student Trustee Amaratunga invited trustees to the Rainbow Schools Got Talent show on April 11 at 1:00 pm at Espanola High School.

She requested that Student Senate minutes be included in the Board agenda. Chair Dewar welcomed the suggestion on behalf of the Board.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Policy and Finance minutes March (unofficial)
SEAC minutes February (unofficial)
FNAC minutes February (unofficial)
Board and Policy and Finance Schedule 2012/13

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Correspondence to OPSBA

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

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| SEAC | - April 4, 12:00 pm Gord Ewin Centre |
| Policy and Finance Meeting | - April 10, 5:00 pm Boardroom |
| Board Agenda Setting | - April 11, 1:30 pm Director’s Office |
| Student Senate Meeting | - April 16, 5:00 pm Boardroom |
| PIC Meeting | - April 17, 7:00 pm Boardroom |
| Board Meeting | - April 24, 5:00 pm Chelmsford Valley District Composite |
| Policy and Finance Agenda | - April 25, 4:00 pm Director’s Office |

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 12-R71, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we do now adjourn at 8:15 pm - **Carried**