

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday September 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Officials: N. Blaseg - Director
B. Bourget, L. Dye, S. Speir - Superintendents,
K. Dokis-Ranney – Senior Administrator
M. Egan, N. Charette, N. Mihelchic, B. Webb, R. MacLeod,
K.Kozman, Sheridawn Maloney, Nicole Czaja and Cheryl
Goeghegan

Others: media, members of the public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 12-R134, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 25, 2012 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

EQAO Results

Superintendents Dye and Bourget along with Sheridawn Maloney, Nicole Czaja and Cheryl Goeghegan, presented the 2012 EQAO results. Trustees asked questions and received additional information. Chair Dewar thanked the presenters.

Mental Health Strategy

Director Blaseg presented a comprehensive report on mental health and explained Rainbow District School Board's strategy to focus on this very important issue.

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

Motion: 12-R135, D.Morrison/B.Clement

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

That as part of the 2013/14 budget process, Executive Council consider allocating additional resources to support the Mental Health and Well-being Strategy within Rainbow Schools. – **Carried unanimously**

Trustee Killens commented on how Director Blaseg must serve both the provincial government and the Board.

Trustee Fox attended the OPSBA First Nations conference and has sent her report to trustees via email.

Trustee Fox attended an education forum initiated by Chiefs and including Aboriginal Affairs to discuss educational issues, for example, EQAO results and the impact of the Aboriginal framework. A report from the forum will be forthcoming.

Trustee Killens attended Central Manitoulin Public School's 100th anniversary Fall Fair and the fall fair in M'Chigeeng.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

*Chair

I want to begin my comments by stating how disappointed I am with the responses that we received from our elected representatives about the school in Espanola. I was disappointed but not surprised. In August of 2001, a letter was sent to Ray Bonin the then MP for Nickel belt suggesting that we share Confederation Secondary School with the Sudbury Catholic School Board and there was no response then either.

But the Rainbow Board continues to have good news stories.....

Thanks to the generosity of the community, Rainbow District School Board's secondary schools will continue to benefit from the Joan Mantle Music Trust. All of our secondary schools have been allocated funds from the Trust since its inception in 2008 and we are pleased that we are now able to proceed with a second round of funding as well as the addition of a music program at Barrydowne College. To date, close to \$107,000 has been raised for the Joan Mantle Music Trust, through individual donations, corporate contributions and special events.

Many thanks to staff and students in Rainbow Schools who wore pink on Thursday, September 13th, 2012, when Rainbow District School Board marked its fifth "Stand Up Against Bullying Day". Through this gesture, we demonstrated our collective commitment to safe schools.

Rainbow District School Board continues to make equity and inclusive education a priority as we welcome Jeremy Dias to a number of Rainbow Schools this week. He is speaking about his experience of racism and homophobia and what he is now doing to support students in the school system to create safer spaces. This is Jeremy Dias' third visit to Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin.

Rainbow District School Board invites parents/guardians to a free workshop with motivational speaker Allan Johnson at Lockerby Composite School's Auditorium on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7 pm. During this interactive workshop, parents will receive practical tools for creating

motivation and success at home and school while also reducing power struggles and negative behaviour in the home. All parents are welcome.

The thought for the month is a Japanese proverb. "Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare."

7. **Director's Remarks**

*Director

Director Blaseg commented on the labour action in the province and said the Executive Council is working with the Ministry to understand implications of Bill 115. Executive Council is also working with all staff to mitigate any work interruptions. While he does not agree with teachers with-holding of voluntary services, he understands it.

Director Blaseg reported on three new grants from the Ministry: Outdoor Education, Parents Reaching Out Grand, and Student Support Leadership Initiative (SSLI).

Director Blaseg reported on his recent meeting at the Mayors Roundtable on Children and Youth where the Board was asked to endorse their document "Vision for full Service Schools."

Motion: 12-R142, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That Rainbow District School Board endorse the Vision for Full Service Community Schools as prepared by the Mayor's Roundtable. – **Carried**

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

Poll Vote Results: Unanimously Carried

Tyler Campbell: In Favour

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

Director Blaseg reported that there were over 2300 adjustments in transportation during September 2012.

Director Blaseg has contacted Bob Williams at Ontario Education Services Corporation to seek assistance on revisions to Rainbow District School Board's policy and operational procedures as a result of the recently held workshop with Marilyn Gouthro.

8. **Other Items**

*Chair

OPSBA Delegate Trustee Campbell reported on the election of the new president Michael Barette. He also reported that past amalgamation processes in Alberta and Quebec were discussed.

Student Trustee Student Trustee Niven acknowledged student reaction regarding the current labour unrest and reported that most students are confused. Chair Dewar remarked that there is much confusion across the province at every level.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff** *Chair

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Correspondence from Rick Bartolucci dated June 26, 2012.

Correspondence from OPSBA dated July 5, 2012.

Correspondence from France Gelinas dated July 12, 2012.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

*Chair

Student Senate Meeting

- September 24, 2012 5:00 pm Boardroom

Policy & Finance Agenda

- September 26, 2012 4:15 pm Director's Office

SEAC

- October 3, 2012 12:00 pm Educ. Ctre.

Policy & Finance Meeting

- October 9, 2012 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Agenda Setting

- October 10, 2012 1:30 pm Director's Office

Parent Involvement Ctte.

- October 11, 2012 7:00 pm Lockerby Composite

Student Senate Meeting

- October 15, 2012 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Meeting

- October 23, 2012 5:00 pm Boardroom

Policy & Finance Agenda

- October 24, 2012 4:00 pm Director's Office

I. ADJOURNMENT

*Chair

Motion: 12-R143, T.Campbell/R.Kirwan

That we do now adjourn at 8:20 p.m. - **Carried**