

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday September 24, 2013 at 5:15 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar - Chair, T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, R. Kirwan,  
L. Killens, D.Morrison, G.Santala,  
Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato  
Absent: J.Hunda  
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, N. Mihelchic, J. Oshell  
Marc Lefebvre and Sylvie Patenaude-Renaud, media,  
members of the public

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 13-R125, G.Santala/G. Fox

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 24, 2013 be approved. - **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Chair Dewar declared a conflict with the minutes of August 27 report from in-camera.

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Opportunities for All – The Path to Health Equity

Marc Lefebvre, Manager, Population Health Assessment & Surveillance  
Sylvie Patenaude-Renaud, Public Health Nurse, Health Equity Knowledge Exchange  
& Resource Team. Trustees requested clarification and provided comments. Chair  
Dewar thanked the presenters for sharing their time and expertise.

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

Motion: 13-R126, D.Morrison/G.Santala

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

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 13-R127, L.Killens/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Board meeting held on August 27, 2013 be approved. -  
**Carried**

2. **Tenders** NIL

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

4. **Construction Update**

Manager of Facilities Nathalie Mihelchic verbally reported on the three major capital projects the Facilities department is working on: MacLeod PS, Beattie PS, and Churchill PS. She also provided anticipated completion dates.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 13-R128, G.Santala/D.Morrison

That Judy Hunda be granted a leave of absence from the September 24, 2013 Board meeting. - **Carried**

2. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Kirwan commented on the recent meeting in Espanola and presented the following:

Notice of Motion: 13-R129,R. Kirwan

That I or someone on my behalf will move or cause to be moved the following motion at the next regular meeting of the Board. That AB Ellis PS (JK to Grade 8) be relocated at Espanola High School (Grade 9-12) effective September 2014.

Trustee Clement reported that he was pleased that AB Ellis School Council was supportive of the plans for Rainbow students in Espanola.

Trustee Fox would like to see more collaboration among the three school boards in Espanola and also collaboration from the First Nations.

Trustee Morrison would have liked to have seen Ministry representation at the meeting. She suggested a future joint meeting with all three boards, stakeholders and the Ministry. She also requested that the Ministry lead, direct and mediate the process.

Motion: 13-R130, D. Morrison, G. Fox

That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Education requesting the support for a joint meeting in Espanola with all three boards led by the Ministry. – **Unanimously Carried**

Trustee Killens encouraged everyone of the Kenjgewin Teg Fall Harvest on September 26.

Trustee Fox highlighted an article called “The New Face of Aboriginal Education” in the March 2013 edition of Professionally Speaking where Rainbow District School Board was congratulated for First Nations initiatives. She provided trustees with a letter sent to the publication entitled “Kudos to Rainbow District School Board.” Trustee Fox commented on discussions held at the First Nations Council in Toronto. She advised the Aboriginal Framework entitled “A Solid Foundation” is now available.

3. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a belated but heartfelt “welcome back”.

On Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, Rainbow District School Board staff and students participated in the sixth annual Stand Up Against Bullying Day by wearing pink. We will be hosting another Wear Pink Day on April 9<sup>th</sup> as we continue to build strong community awareness and promote inclusion.

Alexander Public School held a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 16<sup>th</sup> to mark the official launch of its new green playground. Five years in the making, the schoolyard transformation represents the vision of students, staff, parents/guardians and the community coming together to rejuvenate this outdoor space.

During the 2013-2014 school year, 15 Rainbow Schools will share a total of \$14,650 in Parents Reaching Out Grants to support School Council initiatives to encourage parents/guardians to become actively involved in their child’s learning.

The Rainbow Board is seeking input to create a vision for the delivery of education in Espanola in response to the Ministry of Education directive for school boards to work together to address student accommodation needs in the area. I would like to thank the parents/guardians and community members who attended the public information session in Espanola on September 19, 2013. The presentation from the public information session is available on the Rainbow District School Board’s website.

To provide input or obtain information, email [espanola@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:espanola@rainbowschools.ca). Further information sessions will be announced at a later date.

The Joan Mantle Music Trust celebrates its fifth anniversary this year. Lasalle Secondary School, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School and Sudbury Secondary School will receive new instruments in the current school year. Just over \$120,000 has been raised to date thanks to generous donations. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the International Dinner in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

On Sunday, October 20, at 6 pm, the Annual General Meeting of School Councils will be held at our newly renovated Sheridan Auditorium at Sudbury Secondary School. At 7 pm, an inspirational speaker of international acclaim, Jonathan Mooney,

will share his personal story as he highlights the struggles of students with learning disabilities and ADHD.

The quote this month comes from abolitionist and Social Reformer, Henry Ward Beecher who said, "It's easier to go down a hill than up it but the view is much better at the top."

4. **Director's Remarks**

Director Blaseg referred to a binder that was distributed to the trustees containing the backup for the Policy review scheduled for 2:00 PM on September 30 at the Days Inn. It will be led by Marilyn Gauthro and Janet Glasspool.

An indepth EQAO Report will be coming in October but Director Blaseg pointed out that he is pleased with grades 3 and 6 reading and writing. However the trend in Math throughout the province is troublesome and our results in math are not acceptable. Staff is reviewing the details to develop a plan to address our challenge.

Director Blaseg advised that he met with Carefour and Centre Pivot Magic to discuss daycare delivery for Valleyview and Ernie Checkeris. As a result, a transition plan enabled parents to access services seamlessly on the first day of school.

The Ministry has launched a community consultation re; *Building the next phase in Ontario Education* entitled: "Great to Excellence". School councils, boards and communities are being consulted. The meeting is at Laurentian university October 17.

The Director extended an invitation to trustees to attend the Spark Zumba classes for Rainbow District School Board employees starting Monday Sept 30 at 4:15 PM at Landowne Public School.

August 30 – daycare meetings all day with Carefour and Centre Pivot Magic

Sept 3 – Espanola Teleconference to plan for Sept 19 information meeting

Sept 5 – Meeting with Trustee Clement in Espanola including school visits to Espanola High School and A.B. Ellis P.S.

Sept 6 – Canadian Mental Health teleconference re: Service Collaboration  
- Meeting with Trustee Morrison and school visits to Valleyview P.S. and Ernie Checkeris P.S.

Sept 9 – Meeting with Trustee Santala

Sept 10- School visits to Lo-Ellen Park SS, Ed. Centre, Lively District SS, Copper Cliff PS and Gatchell School

Sept 12- Meeting with Trustee Kirwan,

Sept 13- Meeting in Toronto with Co-chair of the Provincial Mental Health Nurses advisory group.

Sept 16 - Meeting with Trustee Killens at Little Current  
- Meeting with Trustee Fox in M'Chigeeng

Sept 17- Meeting with Trustee Campbell  
- Regional Meeting with Ministry re Board Improvement plan.  
- Meeting with Trustee Dewar

Sept 18- Meeting with Trustee Hunda  
- Teleconference with Janice Glasspool Re: Policy document  
- Eligibility Process meeting at Sudbury Secondary School

Sept 19 – Partners for Children and Youth meeting  
- Eligibility Process meeting at Espanola High School  
- Sharing Espanola Education plan with community

Sept 23 – Final Student Success Leadership Initiative meeting  
- School Visit at Queen Elizabeth

Sept 24 – meeting re Joan Mantle Music Trust at Sudbury Secondary School  
- Health & Safety meeting at Lively District S S

5. **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate.** Trustee Campbell advised he will be attending the OPSBA Directors' meeting at the end of September.

**Student Trustee.** Student Trustee Bagnato announced that the first Student Senate meeting is October 21.

**G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Audit Committee	- September 25, 2013 12:00 pm Boardroom
Policy & Finance Agenda	- September 25, 2013 1:30 pm Director's Office
Governance meeting	- September 30, 2013 2:00 pm Days Inn hotel
SEAC	- October 2, 2013 12:00 pm Educ. Ctre.
Equity & Inclusiveness	- October 9, 2013 3:30 pm Boardroom
Policy & Finance Meeting	- October 15, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board Agenda Setting	- October 16, 2013 1:30 pm Director's Office
Parent Involvement Ctte.	- October 20, 2013 7:00 pm Sudbury Secondary
Student Senate	- October 21, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Meeting - October 29, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Policy & Finance Agenda - October 30, 2013 1:30 pm Director's Office

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 13-R131, R. Kirwan/D.Morrison  
That we do now adjourn at 6:45 pm - **Carried**