

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday February 24, 2015 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement (via phone), J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), G. Santala, Student Trustee Brunton

Absent: D. Morrison, G. Fox, J. Kosmerly

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble - Superintendents of Education
K. Wachnuk - Senior Administrator, Special Education
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: D. Bazinet, R. MacLeod, N. Mousseau, R. McIntosh, presenters, members of the public and media

Chair Dewar reminded everyone to turn cell phones off.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 15-R40, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 24, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Public Presentations: Magnet Program Report

- a) Roberto Bagnato, former Student Trustee
- b) Denis Plouffe, parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School
- c) Students, Lockerby Composite School

2. Presentation: First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education (FNMI)

Superintendent Lesleigh Dye and Principal of Program and First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Kathy Dokis provided a powerpoint presentation for trustees.

Topics discussed included: Education Service Agreements, enrolment, Native language course enrolment, Native studies enrolment, attendance, suspension, special education and graduation rates. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions. Trustees thanked Superintendent Dye and Principal Dokis for the work done in this area.

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

Motion: 15-R41, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the human resources update be received. - **Carried.**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 15-R42, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on January 27, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

2. Efficient Resource Management

*Director

Motion: 15-R43, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the project as outlined be funded through the student focused initiative reserve. – **Carried**

Superintendent of Business Cayen-Arnold explained that these enhancements are required due to the number of devices used simultaneously on the wireless network. The goal is to have one access point per teaching area in order to provide the required capacity. Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

a) Motion: 15-R44, T.Campbell/G.Santala

That the Board award the contract for Eyewash Station Upgrades Package A to Independent Energy Services Co. Ltd. for \$70,684. – **Carried**

b) Motion: 15-R45, T.Campbell/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Eyewash Station Upgrades Package B to Metal-Air Mechanical Systems Ltd. For \$20,725. – **Carried**

c) Motion: 15-R46, G.Santala/ J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Workplace Environmental Consulting Services to DST Consulting Engineers Inc. – **Carried**

d) Motion: 15-R47, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That "*Motion 15-R21, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly - That the Board award the contract for casual cleaning services to: Titan Building Division Of LaMaid Inc.*" be rescinded. – **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Revised Estimates 2014-15

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold presented the Revised Estimates for 2014-2015 and answered trustees questions.

Trustee Campbell thanked Administrative Staff for the work that has been done and the tough decisions that have been made to ensure RDSB is in a favourable and enviable financial position.

2. 2015 School Year Structure

Motion: 15-R48, G.Santala/T.Campbell

That the Board approved the 2015-2016 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools. – **Carried**

3. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 15-R49, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That Trustee Fox, Trustee Kosmerly and Trustee Morrison be granted a leave of absence from the February 24, 2015 Board meeting. – **Carried**

4. Director's Remarks

Along with five trustees, I had the pleasure of attending the Public Education Symposium (PES) hosted by the city of Toronto on January 29 - 31, 2015. It was very interesting and it offered many highlights. In addition to Minister of Education Liz Sandals and Deputy Minister George Zegarac, many Assistant Deputy Minister's (ADM's) and various stakeholders presented timely topics. Most interesting were two Canadian icons; Amanda Lang and Peter Mansbridge. The highlight of the conference was the recognition of Chair Dewar's acknowledgement of 25 plus years as a trustee. Chair Dewar was one of three trustees recognized by OPSBA, through Michael Barrett, president of OPSBA. It was a proud moment for RDSB.

I attended the tenth anniversary of the Ontario Education Research Symposium (OER) on February 10-12 in Toronto. This research based conference focused on evidence that has the potential, if implemented, to create significant educational and societal change in our province. Topics included Measuring Child well-being, Research, Data and indicators supporting Large Scale change, the Nature and importance of Self Regulation and several First Nation workshops. I will be bringing forward some of the data provided when we cover well-being at a future Strategic Planning meeting.

Last Thursday night I had the good fortune to attend and speak at OFSSA's 2015 Nordic Skiing banquet. The event was held at the Steelworkers Hall with over 600 students and 100+ coaches and volunteers from all over the province. The weather was a bit extreme however organizers Parry Sakki, Kerry Abols, along

with many dedicated staff and volunteers did a superb job with all the events held at the Laurentian Ski trails. A special thanks goes to Gilbert Briscoe for all his efforts.

On Friday, February 20, 2015 Chair Dewar, Trustee Fox, Principal Zahnow, Robert Beaudin and I met at Manitoulin Secondary School. We had frank discussion about a number of items and determined that we would establish dates to explore opportunities for enhancing the relationship between First Nation communities and RDSB. Topics covered included: Cultural sensitivities, nuance of language, employment, challenges and celebrations, sharing of ideas, mutual respect and Manitoulin Island history as it pertained to the First Nations.

On Monday, February 23 boards were advised of key dates and information items as it pertained to the Health & Physical Education curriculum that will be implemented in September 2015. Several support documents, along with many other resources were made available for the first time. Information about training will be announced in the near future. Once staff has had a chance to review the near 500-page document we will bring a detailed board report to the board.

Itinerary:

January 28 – Exec Council

January 29-31 – Public Education Symposium, Toronto

February 2 – OSSTF meeting

February 3 – ETFO meeting

February 4 – Exec Council
OSSTF meeting

February 5 - School visits with Trustee Kosmerly
Confederacy Secondary School
Pinecrest Public School
Barrydowne College

February 6 – School visits with Chair Dewar
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
R.L. Beattie Public School
Barrydowne College

February 9 – CUPE meeting
School Year Calendar tele-conference (Four boards)

February 10 – CUPE meeting
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

February 11 - 12 Ontario Research Symposium – Toronto

February 13 – Ministry CTCC tele-conference

February 17 – Expulsion Hearing

February 18 – Exec Council

Meeting with Director & Chair, French Catholic School Board

February 19 – OFSSA Nordic Skiing Banquet, Steelworkers Hall

February 20 – Meeting at Manitoulin Secondary School re: First Nations/RDSB

February 23 - Ministry tele-conference re: Health and Physical Education

February 24 – Directors’ meeting (Four Boards)

5. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions** NIL

6. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

On Friday, February 27, Grade 7 and 8 students from Rainbow Schools will participate in the Board’s annual Elementary Science Fair. The public is invited to view the 50 or so projects in the gymnasium at Lockerby Composite School from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. The awards ceremony will take place in the auditorium from 1:45 pm to 2:15 pm.

Judges and community professionals with a science related background will select up to 37 projects for the Sudbury Regional Science Fair to be held at Laurentian University’s Alumni Hall on March 28 and 29, 2015.

On Wednesday, March 4, Rainbow will host its tenth annual Technological Skills Competition at Cambrian College.

Over 120 secondary school students will vie for an opportunity to compete in the provincial Skills Competition in Waterloo this May in events such as carpentry, welding, fashion, TV/video editing, photography, auto-service technology, 2D character animation, cabinet making and small-powered equipment.

As part of the competition, 225 Grade 8 students will visit Cambrian College to learn more about the trades. Students will complete a series of hands-on workshops geared to technology on a number of topics including rocket launchers, sail design competitions, solar systems kits, GPS in mining and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

On March 6, the Lasalle Secondary School Dance Team will host *Dance, Act & Sing*, a premiere event to showcase student talent. The Dance Team will host a matinée at 10:45 am for students in Grades 5 to 8, and an evening performance at 7 pm for the general public.

On Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 29, at 1 pm, Sudbury Secondary School's Arts Education Program will present a full-length collective dance creation of "Peter Pan". Students will create original choreography, sets, and costumes for the re-telling of this classic story.

Long-time educator and musical performer Peter Schneider has been selected as this year's (posthumous) recipient of the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award.

The award will be presented at the International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Trust on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Peter Schneider began teaching music in the elementary panel in the 1960s and went on to devote 33 years as an instrumental music educator and music supervisor. He was one of the first music teachers in Sudbury to lead a Grade 7-8 instrumental music program.

During his career, Peter conducted countless student bands, combos and choirs, and infused his passion for music into schools and students. He passed away in September 2014, leaving a lasting legacy in music and music education.

The thought for the month comes from writer and columnist William Arthur Ward who said, "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he attended the February 20, 2015 meeting in Toronto. Discussion included First Nations, OPSBA membership model and code of conduct

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Brunton will be in Ottawa later this week to attend the OSTA conference February 26 to March 1, 2015. Student Trustee Brunton reminded trustees of this year's Stand Up Speak Out conference, which will be held on May 6, & 7, 2015 at Cambrian College. Keynote speaker will be Ian Tyson.

Chair Dewar referred to a letter that was received today from OSTA with a trophy thanking RDSB for being a member of OSTA. Chair Dewar thanked Liam for his work as a student trustee.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

2015 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation Dates

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letters to external Audit Committee Members

Letter to Thames Valley DSB RE: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Education Advisory Committee Mar. 4, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre
Student Senate March 9, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee March 10, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board March 24, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
Environmental Ed Committee March 25, 2015 3:30 pm Boardroom
Accessibility Planning Committee March 30, 2015 1:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee April 7, 2015 7:00 pm Boardroom
Stand Up Speak Out May 6 & 7, 2015 Cambrian College (Student Lead Conference)
First Nation Advisory Committee May 21, 2015 10:00 am Lively DSS
Board Awards Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Council Chambers 6:30 PM

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 15-R50, G.Santala/J.Hunda
That we now adjourn at 7:30 p.m. – **Carried**

Official