



**Delivery of Education in Espanola
Public Information Session
Thursday, May 15, 2014
Espanola High School Gymnasium
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

MINUTES

Present:

Board Trustees – Doreen Dewar (Chair), Dena Morrison (Vice-Chair), Bob Clement, Judy Hunda, Larry Killens and Gord Santala

Executive Council – Norm Blaseg, Director of Education; Diane Cayen-Arnold, Superintendent of Business; Lesleigh Dye, Superintendent of Schools; Bruce Bourget, Superintendent of Schools; and Judy Noble, Senior Administrator of Program and Services

Board Office – Cindy Whitson, Recording Secretary, Rainbow District School Board; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, Rainbow District School Board; Nathalie Mousseau, Manager of Facilities, Rainbow District School Board; and Sandi Ackroyd, Assistant Manager of Facilities, Rainbow District School Board

Marty Punkari, Principal, Espanola High School; Lynn MacDonell, Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School; Hillary Holmes, Vice-Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School; and Don Gray, Information Services Technical Support Technician, Rainbow District School Board.

1. Welcome and Introduction of Trustees, Executive Council and staff

Lesleigh Dye, the Superintendent for A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School, welcomed everyone.

Superintendent Dye introduced Rainbow District School Board Trustees, the Executive Council and other Rainbow staff in attendance. She also introduced Amber Salach from Yallowega Bélanger Architecture.

Superintendent Dye presented the agenda for the evening. The purpose of the public information session was to review the site layout option, data, the floor plan and the construction phase-in schedule.

2. Presentation on the revitalization of A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School

Rainbow District School Board has received funding from the Ministry of Education to revitalize education in Espanola to accommodate two distinct schools, A.B. Ellis Public School (JK to Grade 8) and Espanola High School (Grade 9 to 12), on the Espanola High School site.

Superintendent Lesleigh Dye and Architect Amber Salach provided an update on the project in a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation featured architectural renderings.

Data for the new A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School:

- School administrative teams for both A.B. Ellis PS and Espanola HS
- Separate entrances and bus drop off for A.B. Ellis PS and Espanola HS
- Right size building from 159,865 sq.ft. to 147,675 sq.ft.
- A combined staff of 92 (including daycare and custodial staff)
- Total of 159 parking spaces between A.B. Ellis PS site/Espanola HS site
- 65,420 sq.ft. of play area (increase of approximately 20,000 sq.ft.)
- Full daycare space consisting of three rooms plus a hub
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) full compliance

New green features include low flow toilets, upgraded heat controls and light sensors. There will be elevator access for both schools. Classrooms will also be refreshed.

The PowerPoint presentation and minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Board's website within two weeks.

The PowerPoint presentation concluded at 6:50 pm.

3. Viewing of architectural renderings

Those in attendance were invited to look at the architectural renderings on display boards and ask any questions that they may have.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.