

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Monday June 30, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), D. Morrison, T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, R. Kirwan, G. Santala, Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato

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, D. Kitching, R. Miller, K. Kozman, N. Mousseau, N. Chaisson, members of the public

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 14-R69, J.Hunda/R.Kirwan

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 30, 2014 be approved.  
– **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Community Partnership Award to Nicole Chiasson, Science North
2. Dan Keaney, Lasalle Secondary School, School Council Chair

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

Motion: 14-R70, G.Santala/D.Morrison

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

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 14-R71, J.Hunda/G.Fox

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on May 21, 2014 be approved. – **Carried**

2. **Efficient Resource Management**

Superintendent Judy Noble reported on expanding the technical opportunities for students in grade 7 and 8 as the board moves to revitalize technical education in secondary schools.

Motion: 14-R72, D.Morrison/G.Fox

That the projects as outlined be funded through the student focused initiative reserve. - **Carried**

3. **Construction Update**

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold introduced Manager of Facilities Nathalie Mousseau. Nathalie provided a brief update on the construction projects at MacLeod Public School, Churchill Public School and the Espanola revitalization. Nathalie also provided anticipated completion dates of these three projects.

4. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals - NIL**

5. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees**

a) 2014/15 Budget

Motion 14-R73, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Rainbow District School Board 2014/15 budget be approved.  
- **Carried**

b) First Nation Advisory Committee

Motion:

That, as a result of the Charter of Commitment to First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education adopted by the Ontario School Boards' Association, that the Rainbow District School Board recommend that Native Studies courses be compulsory for all secondary students, given that adequate funding for resources be provided by the Ministry.

Defer 14-R74, G.Fox/J.Hunda

That the motion be deferred and sent back to FNAC for reconsideration.  
- **Carried**

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **R.L. Beattie Public School Renovations**

Motion 14-R75 D.Morrison/B.Clement:

That the projects as outlined for R.L. Beattie Public School including the purchase of one modular be approved. - **Carried**

2. **Green Energy Act**

Manager of Facilities Nathalie Mousseau presented information that is required by July 1 for posting to Ministry of Energy's website. Nathalie walked through the calculations to highlight energy usage in Rainbow schools.

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence** NIL

4. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison thanked student trustee Roberto Bagnato for his work with the board and wished him success in the future. Trustee Morrison also thanked staff and volunteers at both the elementary and secondary level for the tremendous work done during graduation season.

Motion: 14-R76 D.Morrison/T.Campbell

That an assessment of magnet programs be done as part of our next accommodation review through the lens of student achievement and well-being. – **Carried unanimously**

Trustee Hunda spoke of her enjoyment working with Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato and the Student Senate and wished the Roberto best of luck at university in the fall.

Trustee Killens commented on the FNAC motion that was deferred.

Trustee Fox announced that she will be attending the First Nation conference this week and will report back in August.

5. **Chairperson's Remarks**

The 2013-2014 school year was marked by many successes. Here are some highlights:

Andrew Dominick, a Grade 8 student at Markstay Public School, who won an iPad mini for capturing top honours at the Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair, donated his prize to the Northern Cancer Foundation for a deserving child in Northern Ontario.

A Grade 5 student from A.B. Ellis Public School, Julia Perlin, won the Young Citizens Award at the Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair. She earned the honour of competing in Canada's History for Kids' Young Citizens video contest for her project on the "Espanola Bridges".

Lockerby Composite School captured third place in the Ministry of Labour's *It's your Job – Prevention Starts Here* video contest.

Grade 8 students at Algonquin Road Public School received national recognition for their participation in supporting a local fish habitat. They earned one of three

honourable mentions, awarded in Canada, for their entry in the RBC-Evergreen Watershed Champions contest.

Students from Rainbow Schools were among 800 young people who participated in a traditional powwow on National Aboriginal Day. Princess Anne and Lansdowne Public Schools also hosted Pow Wows.

Lasalle Secondary School captured top honours at the FedNor Business Plan Challenge; top marks in the Grade 11 Fermat Math Contest and the gold medal in the Rainbow Board Technical Skills Competition. LSS received an \$8,600 grant from Lowe's to design and build a classroom aquaponic system.

In the Arts, LaSalle's vocal Ensemble received a Silver award at the Kiwanis Music Festival while the Guitar Ensemble received the gold award and a bursary from RDSB as well as a Gold from Northern Ontario Musicfest.

In Track & Field competitions, LaSalle won:

-19 gold medals, 8 silver and 7 bronze at City Championships

- 8 golds, 3 silver and 2 bronze at NOSSA

- a gold and a silver at OFSAA

And the icing on the cake: LaSalle took the Silver at the Special Olympics Basketball Provincial Tournament.

City Championships for LaSalle Lancers include:

Senior Girls basketball

Junior Boys Volleyball

Boys Wrestling

Junior Girls Volleyball

Senior Boys Basketball

Junior Girls Basketball

Midget Girls Volleyball

Girls Soccer

Perhaps most significant, Principal McKibbon said in his June Newsletter: *"I'm very proud to be a part of the momentum we have going on at LSS".* He continued, *"We have had a 60% increase in the number of grade 9 students enrolled for the Fall of 2014!"*

May I say, "Congratulation LaSalle Lancers!"

Close to 1,000 Grade 4 students in Rainbow Schools learned water safety and survival skills this year, just in time for their summer break through the Canadian Swim to Survive program.

Staff and students in 5 Rainbow Schools have undertaken initiatives to support sustainability in our Board. Ontario EcoSchools certifications were presented to Walden, Carl A Nesbitt and R. H. Murray Public Schools; Lockerby Composite School, and Lively District Secondary School.

This summer, Grade 8 students in Rainbow Schools are being encouraged to volunteer to get a head start on the 40 hours of community service they need to graduate from secondary school. Secondary school students are also being encouraged to volunteer.

Rainbow District School Board is offering many opportunities for students to earn new credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, including Summer School Co-op, eLearning and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course.

At the secondary level, Summer School remedial courses are open to all students from public and separate schools. The last day to register, in person, will be Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at the Continuing Education Centre.

In closing, congratulations to all of the many fine graduates in all of our schools. They are well-equipped for their future choices thanks to the dedicated staff throughout the Rainbow Board.

The thought for the month comes from the Rainbow District School Board Vision: **We are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts.**

Have a safe and healthy summer.

## 6. Director's Remarks

Acknowledge Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato

### **Canada's Anti-Spam Law (CASL)**

Canada's Anti-Spam Law comes into effect tomorrow - July 1, 2014. It regulates commercial electronic messages whether sent by email or text. The spirit of the legislation is to reduce spam or junk mail.

A commercial electronic message is a message that encourages participation in a commercial activity. A commercial activity can be an advertisement, promotion or offer.

Examples in a school board would include the promotion, advertising, and/or offering for sale of school pictures, field trips, yearbooks, team uniforms or fundraising events.

An electronic communication (such as an email message or newsletter) that is not commercial in nature, but contains a link to a website that has or promotes commercial activity, would be considered a commercial electronic message under the law.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, it will be illegal to send a commercial electronic message to anyone without that person's explicit consent. The law applies to staff and trustees.

In order to send a commercial electronic message, the sender must comply with three requirements: (1) obtain consent, (2) provide identification information, and (3) provide an unsubscribe mechanism.

Prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, it was still permitted to send an electronic message to request such authorization. I communicated with all schools last week and invited them to send a message to their electronic distribution lists to seek consent. (Some schools, for instance, distribute their newsletters electronically.)

Going forward, we will need to seek consent in writing. We are developing a form that parents can sign to allow their emails to be included on a newsletter distribution list. We will also be building this consent into our registration process.

There are significant fines for failure to comply with Canada's Anti-Spam Law. Individuals may be fined up to \$1 million and organizations up to \$10 million. Organizations may be liable for violations made by their employees.

As a result, we will be sending a message to all staff and trustees advising them of the new law.

Director's schedule:

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| May 22 | Director/principals meeting  |
| May 26 | School Visits:<br>- Northeastern Elementary<br>- Churchill PS<br>- MacLeod PS        |
| May 27 | Meeting – OSSTF  |
| May 28 | Executive Council Meeting  |
| May 29 | School Visit - Adamsdale PS  |
| May 30 | School Visits:<br>- Assiginack PS<br>- Little Current PS                             |
| June 2 | School Visit – OCOF/Adamsdale PS<br>Graduation – Lockerby Composite Secondary School |
| June 3 | Meeting with area Directors  |
| June 4 | Executive Council Meeting<br>Board Retirement Dinner                                 |

- June 5 Entrepreneur Fair – Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
- June 5/6 CODE meeting – Peel District School Board
- June 11 Graduation – Manitoulin Secondary School
- June 12 Graduation - N'Swakamok  
Challenge Meet – Laurentian University  
Meeting – OSSTF  
Graduation – Lasalle Secondary School
- June 13 Meeting with Health Sciences North
- June 17 Meeting with Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
- June 18 Executive Council Meeting  
Meeting – OSSTF  
Volunteer Luncheon – Princess Anne Public School  
Graduation: Barrydowne College
- June 19 Host - Regional Educational Council – Science North  
Graduation: Markstay Public School
- June 24 Graduation - Princess Anne Public School
- June 25 Exec Council  
Graduation - Carl A Nesbitt Public School
- June 26 Graduation - Espanola High School
- June 27 Superintendent Interviews
- June 30 Audit Committee Meeting  
Board Meeting

7. **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate** - Trustee Campbell advised that he would not be attending the upcoming AGM meeting in Niagara Falls. Trustee Clement will be attending and will report at the August 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting

**Student Trustee** – Roberto thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the board. Roberto commented that it was a huge honour to represent the students of Rainbow District School Board.

**G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Parent Involvement Committee (unofficial) May 6, 2014

First Nations Advisory Committee (unofficial) May 15, 2014  
Environmental Education Committee May 21, 2014  
Special Education Advisory Committee (unofficial) June 4, 2014  
Accessibility Planning Committee Meeting June 16, 2014

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne  
Letter France Gélinas, MPP, Nickel Belt  
Letter to Joe Cimino, MPP, Sudbury  
Letter to Minister of Education Liz Sandals

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board Agenda Setting August 13, 2014 1:30 pm Director's Office  
Strategic Planning Cmtee Agenda setting Aug 25/14 1:30 pm Director's Office  
Board Meeting August 26, 2014 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Sept 9, 2014 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Cmtee Sept 10, 2014 12:00 pm Education Centre  
First Nation Advisory Committee September 25, 2014 pm Lively DSS

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 14-R77, J.Hunda/R.Kirwan  
That we now adjourn at 7:20 p.m.