

## **RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar - Chair, B. Clement, G. Fox, J.Hunda, L.Killens,  
R. Kirwan, D. Morrison, G. Santala

Absent: D. Dewar

Officials: N. Blaseg - Director  
D.Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business  
A . Della Penta, B. Bourget, L. Dye, S. Speir – Superintendents  
M. Egan, N. Charette, R. MacLeod  
Paul Camillo, Sheridawn Maloney, Cheryl Geoghegan  
Tammy Dixon, Judy Noble  
Members of the Public, Media

#### **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 11-R175, J.Hunda/G. Santala

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 27, 2011 be approved. - **Carried**

#### **B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Trustee Kirwan explained that he does not have a conflict of interest at this time, but that there is a possibility that at some point in the future there might be a "perception" of a conflict because of a business interest in which he may become involved, therefore he wished to have it noted in the minutes that he was declaring a conflict to avoid any possibility of this perception.

#### **C. PRESENTATIONS**

Anita and Dylan Gibson

As per bylaw 4.13 Anita and Dylan Gibson presented re Long Lake PS.

Multi-year Strategic Plan

Director Blaseg presented the Strategic Directions 2011-14.

Motion: 11-R176, B. Clement/L.Killens

That the Board accept Strategic Directions 2011-2015 and the Board Multi Year Strategic Plan 2011-2015 with an annual review. - **Carried**

Trustee Kirwan suggested that 2011-2014 be revised to 2011-2015 because of the municipal election. Director Blaseg approved.

French Immersion Executive Council Report

Director Blaseg presented the Executive Council's Report.

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

Motion: 11-R177, G. Santala/J.Hunda

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

Motion: 11-R178, L.Killens/D.Morrison

That the sale of Jessie Hamilton PS be approved. - **Carried**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 11-R179, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 27, 2011 be approved as amended. The amendment being that Mr. Kirwan... - **Carried**

2. **Tenders**

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

a) Notice of Motion: 11-R181, J.Hunda

That Policy Electronic Communication and Social Media be approved.

b) Notice of Motion: 11-R182, D.Morrison

That Policy and Operational Procedures Student Fees be approved as amended.

c)

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ontario Student Trustees' Association Conference**

Motion: 11-R186, D. Morrison/B. Clement

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Oshani Amaratunga at the OSTA Fall General Meeting in Toronto October 20-23, 2011.- **Carried**

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 11-R187, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That Tyler Campbell and Oshani Amaratunga be granted a leave of absence from the September 27, 2011 Board meeting. - **Carried**

3. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

\*Chair

Trustee Morrison reported that former student Tessa Bonhomme is participating in Battle of the Blades. She also reported that at last month's SEAC meeting she heard a wonderful presentation from Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury representative, Angie DeMarco on Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Trustee Morrison suggested that this might be a future presentation to the Board. Trustee Morrison also gave her appreciation to all staff, students, and parents involved with Harvest Feasts.

Trustee Killens asked for another meeting re transportation.

4. **Chairperson's Remarks**

\*Chair

Rainbow District School Board officially opened two schools this month – Walden Public School and Princess Anne Public School. Walden Public School will be featured as one of Canada's most environmentally advanced buildings at Sustainable Buildings 2011 to be held in Helsinki, Finland from October 18 to 21, 2011.

At Princess Anne Public School, significant improvements were made to the original school and the building was expanded. The school brings together students from Princess Anne Public School and Wembley Public School. One of the speakers was the chair of Princess Anne School Council, former chair of Wembley School Council and a Wembley graduate whose son attended Wembley. She spoke about her original disbelief that Wembley might be closed. Then she said, ".....memories of wonderful friendships and caring devoted teachers.....cannot be contained within walls or buildings. These memories remain with us .....regardless of where we may sit at a desk to learn or whichever playground we may meet our friends." Through difficult times, we need to remember her words.

Students in Rainbow Schools continue to benefit from the Joan Mantle Music Trust. Confederation Secondary School and Espanola High School will receive new instruments this year. Over \$96,000 has been raised to date, including \$7,500 from Newcap Radio and \$5,000 from Vale.

Rainbow District School Board will participate in the Northern Aboriginal Festival by hosting a Youth Education Day on Monday, October 3rd, 2011 at Tom Davies Square. Close to 400 students from Rainbow Schools and local First Nation community schools will participate. Rainbow District School Board thanks Vale for its generous financial support of this event.

The Parent Involvement Committee will present an evening with Allan Johnson on Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 7 pm to 8 pm at Lockerby Composite School.

Rainbow District School Board received funding last year to produce a new website of French Immersion / Core French resources for students and parents across Ontario. Trustees are invited to attend the official launching on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 10 am at Alexander Public School.

Xuan Han, a Grade 11 student at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, has been selected to perform in the prestigious Ontario Provincial Honour Band this fall. This is the second year in which Xuan Han has successfully auditioned for this concert band, which brings together 50 of Ontario's most gifted student musicians.

These are only a few of the great events taking place in our schools. You are invited to check out the websites for ongoing updates.

5. **Director's Remarks**

\*Director

Director Blaseg met with parents last week from Long Lake PS. The goal was to speak to what it was that would be required to move on in the wake of the upcoming school closure. However the result was that they agreed to disagree.

The Director advised that the Board's lockdown procedures will be presented at a future meeting.

On October 4<sup>th</sup> the Portrait of Honour Caravan sponsored by the Kinsmen will be in Sudbury. RDSB is supporting it to honour all military personnel. The Director invited everyone to view the banner on display at the armories.

6. **Other Items**  
***OPSBA Delegate***

\*L.Killens

Trustee Killens advised minutes are accessible on the website. He presented the Director with a plaque from OPSBA.

**G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff** \*Chair  
Minutes Policy and Finance September 2011 (unofficial)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**  
Correspondence from OPSBA to Grand Erie DSB

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS** \*Chair

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| Policy & Finance Agenda  | - Sept 28, 2011 11:30 am Director's Office |
| SEAC                     | - Oct 5, 2011 12:00 pm Educ. Ctre.         |
| Policy & Finance Meeting | - Oct 11, 2011 5:00 pm Boardroom           |
| Board Agenda Setting     | - Oct 12, 2011 11:30 am Director's Office  |
| Student Senate meeting   | - Oct 17, 2011 5:00 pm Boardroom           |
| Board Meeting            | - Oct 25, 2011 5:00 pm Lasalle             |
| Parent Involvement Ctte. | - Oct 13, 2011 6:30 pm Lockerby            |

**I. ADJOURNMENT** \*Chair

Motion: 11-R188, G. Fox/L.Killens  
That we do now adjourn at 8:25 p.m. – **Carried**