

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Minutes of the  
POLICY & FINANCE MEETING**

on Tuesday December 6, 2011 at 5:05 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (chair), T. Campbell, G. Fox  
J. Hunda, L. Killens, R. Kirwan, D. Morrison, G. Santala  
Student Trustee Oshani Amaratunga  
Absent: B. Clement  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director of Education  
S. Speir, A. Della Penta, B. Bourget, L. Dye  
Staff: M. Egan, N. Charette

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: L.Killens/R.Kirwan

That the agenda for the Policy & Finance Committee meeting for December 6, 2011 be approved. - **Carried**

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

**C. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA POLICY AND FINANCE NIL**

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Minutes**

Motion: J.Hunda/G.Fox

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on November 8, 2011 be approved. – **Carried**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Finance**

**a) Trustee Expenditures**

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold reviewed the 2010/11 trustee expenditures. It will be posted on the website.

Motion: D.Morrison/L.Killens

That a footnote be added to indicate the computers are Board assets. - **Carried**

**b) Insurance Renewal**

Motion: L.Killens/G.Santala

That the 2012 Renewal of Insurance for liability, property, crime and fleet automobile with the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange be approved. - **Carried**

2. Policy

Motion: L.Killens/D.Morrison

That changes to Operational Procedures 3.02 Core French be recommended to the Board for approval. - **Carried**

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Governance Bylaws

Policy for the Performance Appraisal of the Director of Education

Policy 6.05 Fees, Fundraising

Policy 4.10 Use of Schools By Outside Organizations

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Killens tabled the following motion:

Motion: L. Killens/G.Fox

Be it resolved that no later than the February Policy and Finance meeting, the Administration prepare and provide a report for the Trustees based on the following questions:

1. What is the makeup by percentage of children of the various coterminous boards that travel on buses controlled by the Sudbury Student Services Consortium?
2. Of the total amount of monies paid out to the Consortium by the various boards, are the percentage amount paid? (Breakdown by board)
3. Does the input/final say towards decisions at the table have an effect, as in any partnership, or is it split equal no matter what the burden of expense from one board to another makeup?
4. How much did our board pay for Transportation costs before Consortium (RDSB)?
5. What is the strategy for the free flow of information on major policy/administrative decisions to the respective board of Trustees ? Is there written reports of minutes of meetings or otherwise that we could share?
6. Now that we are aware there is not a problem with the makeup of the representatives at the Consortium table, do they have a policy in place that is inconsistent with this?
7. Have the current makeup of the Board of Directors considered that with any Board and declining enrollment there is plenty of free space available i our various buildings and could the Consortium staff, I am hearing 10 in all, and when I visited, it was less, be accommodated in one of the various board facilities as opposed to their current location?
8. I am aware that our C.F.O. handles calls and attends at specific locations to assist in resolutions to concerns, allegedly investigated by the Consortium staff. As with our policy on reporting on (F.O.I.) matters do they report on nature, number, of complaints/concerns

by board? How much time, inclusive of meetings, does this remove our CFO from her Board duties for all matters? Does our Board charge any fee for information, research gathered on behalf of the Consortium?

9. If attendance at a magnet school by a student is out of their home catchment school, and extra costs charged to parents, what would be the savings and how much would it cost the AVERAGE parent have to spend?

10. In the last presentation the Administrative costs, salary, were left out of the "Pie" chart. What are those costs?

11. The video tapes that are gathered from various buses of the students in the bus. What protection is in place to protect from F.O.I. and PIPEDA legislation? Are the necessary notifications sent out to parents and schools in relation to these acts, as required???

**- Defeated**

Trustee Kirwan requested a poll vote.

Poll Vote Results: Defeated

*Tyler Campbell: Opposed*

*Bob Clement: Absent*

*Doreen Dewar: In Favour*

*Judy Hunda: Opposed*

*Grace Fox: In Favour*

*Larry Killens: In Favour*

*Robert Kirwan: In Favour*

*Dena Morrison: Opposed*

*Gord Santala: Opposed*

Trustee Killens brought concerns about CPP to the Superintendent of Business and asked for clarification. Superintendent Cayen-Arnold provided a handout and opinion from KPMG and the Canada Revenue Agency.

Motion: D. Morrison/R.Kirwan

That the Consortium be invited to a meeting for discussion on questions/answers in February 2012. **- Carried**

Trustee Killens attended a conference with Superintendent Speir and Principal Ranney and remarked on the outstanding work done by Rainbow District School Board on First Nations education.

#### H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

January 17

February 14

March 6

April 10

May 8

June 12

#### I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the meeting be adjourned (6:40 pm). **- Carried**