

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday, November 1, 2016  
Board Office**

**Attendance**

**Sudbury site:**

Jessica Joy, Parent, Walden Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Dahnja Schoengen, Parent, Levack Public School; Karla Allen, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School and Lasalle Secondary School; Trustee Bob Clement; Trustee Gord Santala; Amber Siddiqui, Parent, Queen Elizabeth II Public School; Alison Bujold, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Jan-Marie Prato, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Jamie Roque, Parent, Pinecrest Public School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO; Heather Downey, Vice-Principal, Sudbury Secondary School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Jason Innis, Parent, Alexander Public School; Deena Zmijowskyj, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; and Tim Rancourt, Parent, Chelmsford Public School

**Manitoulin Site:**

N/A

**Espanola Site:**

Jennifer Tilston, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Michael Bellrose, Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School

**1. Call to Order: 7 pm**

**2. Welcome:** Principal Kristina Rivard Gobbo

Principal Kristina Rivard Gobbo welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited PIC members to introduce themselves.

**3. Presentation on G Suite (formerly Google Apps for Education or GAFE) - Computers in Education Co-ordinator, Karen Burgess, and Principal of Student Success, Heather Gaffney**

Parents were given Chromebooks to explore G Suite tools, including Google docs, Gmail, Hangouts, Calendar, Sites, YouTube and Classroom. Students have access to more apps as they progress through the grades. In G Suite, documents are saved automatically and there is unlimited storage space. Students can collaborate and share in real time, accessing content from anywhere, at anytime, on any device. Students have rscloud accounts to access G Suite. With G Suite, there is no software to purchase or install. The apps are always up-to-date when students log in. The tools within Google docs support teaching and learning.

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as presented."*

Moved by: Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

**Carried**

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on May 3, 2016**

*Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2016 be approved, as presented."*

Moved by: Dahnja Schoengen, Levack Public School

Seconded by: Jason Innis, Alexander Public School

**Carried**

#### **6. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC AGM held on October 18, 2016**

*Motion: "That the minutes of the AGM held on October 18, 2016 be approved, as amended."*

Moved by: Dahnja Schoengen, Levack Public School

Seconded by: Amber Siddiqui, Queen Elizabeth Public School

**Carried**

Add the names of Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School and Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School to the attendance list for the Annual General Meeting.

#### **7. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary**

Principal Kristina Rivard Gobbo reviewed the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary in accordance with the Terms of Reference for PIC. Parents serve on PIC for one-year terms. The Chair can serve a two-year term and there must be a break for at least one year before being re-elected.

Kristina Rivard Gobbo thanked Jessica Joy for having served as Chair for the past school year. She called for nominations for the Chair.

*Motion: "That Dahnja Schoengen be elected Chair."*

Moved by: Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

**Carried**

Kristina Rivard Gobbo called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

*Motion: "That Natasha Delaney be elected Vice-Chair."*

Moved by: Dahnja Schoengen, Levack Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

**Carried**

Kristina Rivard Gobbo called for nominations for Secretary.

*Motion: "That Nicole Charette be elected Secretary."*

Moved by: Amber Siddiqui, Queen Elizabeth Public School

Seconded by: Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School

**Carried**

**Dahnja Schoengen chaired the meeting at this point.**

## **8. Communications Report**

Copies of Strategic Directions, 2016-2020, were distributed at the meeting.

Grade 9 students in Rainbow Schools will spend the day at work job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 as part of the national Take Our Kids to Work program.

Rainbow District School Board is inviting students and staff to go paperless in support of World Paper Free Day on Friday, November 4, 2016. This Go Green initiative is part of the Environmental Committee's ongoing efforts to encourage sustainable practices and increase awareness about paper consumption.

Parents/guardians and students in Grades 7 and 8 are invited to an interactive information session designed to help students make key decisions in the transition from elementary school to secondary school. All students are welcome to participate along with their parents/guardians, regardless of which elementary school they currently attend. Rainbow District School Board will present Making the Transition: Finding Your Way from 8 to 9 on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Student Centre at Cambrian College, 1400 Barrydowne Road. There will be free parking on site in Lot # 15 next to the Student Centre.

Students in Rainbow Schools continue to receive new instruments thanks to generous donations to the Joan Mantle Music Trust. The Trust has reached \$200,000 in total funds raised since it was launched in the fall of 2008, as local businesses and individuals continue to make donations for the benefit of students in Rainbow Schools. Chelmsford Valley District Composite School, Lasalle Secondary School and Lively District Secondary School will receive funding in the 2016-2017 school year. Barrydowne College, Lockerby Composite School, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School and Manitoulin Secondary School received funding in 2015-2016.

The fourth annual Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award will be presented at the International Dinner on April 8, 2017. An individual (or organization) from the community served by Rainbow District School Board who has had a significant impact on music and/or music education at the elementary, secondary, postsecondary and/or community levels may be nominated. Nominations will be accepted until January 16, 2017. For more information, including a nomination form, visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) and click on "community".

Valley View Public School was among 150 nation-wide recipients of a 150th "Happy Birthday Canada" Celebration Garden. A special planting ceremony took place at the school in Val Caron on Thursday, October 13, 2016. Members of the local community, including Mayor Brian Bigger, Rainbow District School Board Trustee Judy Kosmerly, parents/guardians, grandparents and School Council members, joined staff and students to plant 1,000 red and white tulips in the school yard.

Levack Public School proudly unveiled two new Buddy Benches during a special ceremony on Monday, September 24, 2016. The Buddy Bench is a character education initiative used to help eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the school playground.

### **Accommodation Review Update**

The Special Meeting of Rainbow District School Board to decide accommodation review outcomes has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 7, 2017. At public meetings, parents asked the Board to delay the decision until secondary school exams were over. Trustees passed a motion approving the new date at the regular Board meeting held on October 25, 2016.

The Board is currently seeking input at a series of public meetings. The input will inform the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report. The Board will continue to receive input through its online feedback form until Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Four public input meetings have already been held. The meeting for the Espanola Planning Area will take place on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Espanola High School. The meeting for the Central Sudbury Planning Area will take place on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Sudbury Secondary School.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Staff will present the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report to Trustees at a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, November 24, 2016.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 for members of the public to make presentations on the Final Staff Report to the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Board's governance by-laws, which can be accessed here.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 to decide accommodation review outcomes.

Locations and start times will be posted on [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca).

#### **LEARN MORE:**

More information is available on the Board website at [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca), including:

- Updates
- School Information Profiles
- News releases with background information
- Capital and Accommodation Plan Initial Staff Report
- Long-Term Capital Plan Reports
- Board Policy GOV-15 Student Accommodation
- Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships Administrative Procedures
- Ministry of Education Guide to Pupil Accommodation Reviews

## **9. School Announcements**

Michael Bellrose and Jennifer Tilston, A.B. Ellis PS – The official opening of the revitalized Espanola High School and the new A.B. Ellis Public School was held on September 28, 2016. The schools held a combined Remembrance Day celebration.

Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson PS – The school is fundraising for the Nickels for the North campaign. Information was also shared on the Raise the Flag for Autism campaign.

Deena Zmijowskyj, Lo-Ellen Park SS – Lo-Ellen Park welcomed the Grade 7 and 8 students from R.L. Beattie in September. The School Council has expanded. The school will host its Swing Soirée on December 3, 2016, with funds going towards school bands.

Trustee Gord Santala invited parents to share their input on the accommodation reviews. He indicated that the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report will be presented at a Special Board Meeting on November 24, 2016.

Karla Allen, Parent, Northeastern, Carl A. Nesbitt PS and Lasalle SS – The cafeteria at Northeastern is now operating three days a week. The school is hosting pizza days, movie nights and Zumba nights. At Nesbitt, proceeds from the Fun Fair held in 2015-2016 have been used to purchase Chromebooks and buddy benches were launched. Students at Lasalle participated in the first annual walk for Finlandia in support of the seniors' gym. Grade 7 and 8 students from Nesbitt participated in a CSI Night at Lasalle. The Lasalle Secondary School Information Night will be held on November 24, 2016.

Trustee Bob Clement indicated that Rainbow District School Board parent engagement resources were shared with boards across Ontario at a meeting of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), including the Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians, the transition guide and equity posters.

Dahnja Schoengen, Levack PS – Parent volunteers helped to organize a Fall Harvest Feast for 170 people within a week. Buddy Benches were donated to the school by King Fabricating. Community partnerships are being explored for the accommodation review. Fundraisers are also underway.

Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne PS – A number of fundraisers are underway at Lansdowne Public School, including cookie dough, labels and popcorn.

Alison Bujold, Lockerby – Lockerby raised \$109,000 over the past six months for cancer research. Donations to the Laura Cotesta Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive can still be made. Students achieved honours in golfing, Science Olympics and flag football.

Ron Hodkinson, Principal, Cyril Varney PS – Cyril Varney has been transformed into a 21<sup>st</sup> Century school. Traditional desks have been replaced with interactive tables and flexible seating. Students are connecting with schools abroad to collaborate on documents.

Heather Downey, Vice-Principal, Sudbury SS – The Art Department is presenting workshops for feeder schools. The Information Night will be held on November 23, 2016. ELF the Christmas musical will be presented in December.

Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School – The investment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom has had a phenomenal impact on student engagement. The Sudbury & District Health Unit has hosted presentations for parents on the teenage brain. The school is participating in food drives. The school will host a Winter Feast with parental and community involvement.

Jessica Joy, Walden PS – The school is participating in a city-wide clothing drive. The school also hosted a spaghetti fundraising dinner and will host a book fair.

Jan-Marie Prato, R.L. Beattie PS – The school gained 95 JK students. The Grade 7 and 8 students moved to Lo-Ellen Park. The school will host a Christmas craft show.

Jamie Roque, Pinecrest PS – The school raised \$2,000 for library books. Some 200 people were fed during the Fall Harvest Feast, which received tremendous community support. The school is participating in a winter clothing drive and canned food drive. Sports teams are doing well. New parents have joined the School Council and everyone is working diligently to make a difference for the accommodation review. The school also has a 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning classroom.

Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College – Barrydowne College is creating a community council. The school experienced a significant increase in students ages 18 to 20 who can obtain secondary school credits at an alternative setting at the Cambrian College campus. The school played a role in the Free to Be Me Conference, which attracted 425 students to Espanola High School for keynote speakers, workshops and a dance.

Sara Pidgen, ETFO – A series of posters have been created to address various themes in equity and inclusion. Everyone was welcomed at a fall feast at Princess Anne Public School.

## **10. The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.**

*Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned."*

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**  
**Board Office**  
**Topic: Diversity**