

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**Minutes of the**  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 5:45 pm.

Present: Trustees: T. Campbell (acting as chair), B. Clement, D. Dewar, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, G. Santala, L. Brunton  
Absent: D. Morrison  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director of Education  
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget – Superintendent  
L. Dye - Superintendent  
K. Wachnuk – Senior Administrator  
Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, S. Ackroyd, D. Bazinet, K. Kozman, R. MacLeod, N. Mousseau

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: B.Clement/D.Dewar

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for June 9, 2015 be approved. - **Carried**

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

C. **REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA STRATEGIC PLANNING** – NIL

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Minutes**

Motion: G.Santala/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on May 12, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

2. **2015/16 Budget**

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold spoke briefly about the \$182,532,000 2015/16 budget.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion: B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the Rainbow District School Board 2015/16 budget be recommended to the Board for approval. – **Carried**

Trustees thanked Superintendent Cayen-Arnold and her staff for the excellent work done to ensure a balanced budget.

3. Construction Update - Espanola

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold explained that the Ministry has taken another look at the plans for the revitalization of A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School. 12,000 square feet, originally scheduled for demolition, will remain. Nathalie Mousseau, Manager of Facilities Maintenance and Operations, presented the new site plan layout to trustees as well as the construction schedule. Superintendent Cayen-Arnold provided information about the budget for this project.

Trustees asked questions and provided comments throughout the presentation.

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Special Education Plan 2015-2016** \*Director

Senior Administrator Kathy Wachnuk walked Trustees through a PowerPoint presentation highlighting special education staffing, section 23 programs and distribution of special education staff for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion: D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the Special Education Plan be recommended to the Board for approval.  
– **Carried**

2. **Summer Programs 2015**

Senior Administrator Kathy Wachnuk provided information about summer programs available for elementary special education students. Kathy Wachnuk will be the principal for this summer program.

Superintendent Dye provided information about the summer programs available to support primary students who are currently achieving below the provincial standard. Programs will be running at Little Current Public School, Lansdowne Public School and Little Current Public School. 220 students are registered in one of five literacy classes, three numeracy classes and two First Nations, Métis and Inuit classes. The principal for this program is Cori Pitre.

Superintendent Dye spoke about secondary initiatives that will be available this summer. Dave St. Amour will be the principal of the secondary program.

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Board of Trustees Procedure: *Student Trustee*
2. Role of School Councils and Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

3. Early Learning support
4. Positive Alternative to School Suspension (PASS) pilot project

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Killens made reference to two very successful events he had recently attended: the Entrepreneur Fair held at R.L. Beattie Public School on June 4 and the Pow Wow held at Princess Anne Public School on June 5, 2015.

Trustee Fox commended Principal Colleen McDonald and Ramona Shawana on the excellent Pow Wow held on Friday, June 5, 2015 at Princess Anne Public School.

Trustee Fox also spoke about Toronto District School Board considering a kindergarten to Grade 12 First Nations School. She advised that a process has been established by the Union of Ontario Indians to develop a First Nation Education Act. There are suggestions that schools will create their own policies to customize for aboriginal students. Trustee Fox will forward an article in the Toronto Star to Trustees.

Trustee Kosmerly advised that the updated *Greater Sudbury's Vital Signs* report is now available.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

September 15, 2015

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Hunda/ D.Dewar/

That the meeting be adjourned (7:00 pm). - **Carried**