RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

on Tuesday November 11, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Present:	Trustees:	D. Morrison (chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, D. Dewar, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), G. Santala, L. Brunton
	Absent:	G. Fox, R. Kirwan
	Officials:	N. Blaseg – Director of Education D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business B. Bourget – Superintendent L. Dye - Superintendent J. Noble - Superintendent K. Wachnuk – Senior Administrator
	Staff:	N. Charette, H. Thirkill, J. Oshell

Chair Morrison confirmed that Trustee Killens was on the phone line.

Chair Morrison spoke briefly about Remembrance Day, followed by a moment of silence.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: G.Santala/J.Hunda
That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for November 11, 2014 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of Director's Remarks prior to Trustees' Remarks (item F). **- Carried**

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

C. **OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion: B.Clement/T.Campbell
That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on September 9, 2014 be approved. **– Carried**

D. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Anishinaabewin Toolkit Presentation – Superintendent Lesleigh Dye

Superintendent Dye walked through the Anishinaabewin Toolkit on the Rainbow District School Board website. This toolkit was created by RDSB with the support of the First Nations Advisory Committee. RDSB is a leader in the province with this initiative. Superintendent Dye will be sharing this at a session in Toronto next week. Trustee Campbell suggested this might be a presentation to share with OPSBA in the future.

Trustees thanked Superintendent Dye and staff that worked on the Anishinaabewin toolkit.

2. Motion: G.Santala/D.Dewar
That the Board Standing Committees be approved. **– Carried**

3. **Board of Trustees Procedures**

a. Motion: B.Clement/D.Dewar
That the Board of Trustees Procedure: *Trustee Attendance* be recommended to the Board for approval. **– Carried**

b. Motion: T.Campbell/D.Dewar
That the Board of Trustees Procedure: *Trustee Expenses* be recommended to the Board for approval. **– Carried**

c. Motion: D.Dewar/B.Clement
That the Board of Trustees Procedure: *Trustee Honoraria* be recommended to the Board for approval. **– Carried**

4. **Governance By-laws**

Motion: T.Campbell/B.Clement
That the amendments to the Governance By-Laws be recommended to the Board as a Notice of Motion. **– Carried**

E. **FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Student Well-Being

2. Board of Trustees Procedure: *Student Trustee*

3. Positive Alternatives to School Suspension (PASS) pilot project

F. DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Director Blaseg reviewed details of the new administrative procedure, called **Purchasing Code of Ethics and Procedures**. OP.1.09, OP.4.06 and OP.4.09 have been consolidated into one administrative procedure. The new administrative procedure aligns with the Broader Public Sector Supply Chain Guideline that is currently followed.

This guideline requires us to publicly advertise tenders and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for $100,000 and more on a nationally accessible electronic bulletin board, such as Biddingo.

The major change to the new **Purchasing Code of Ethics and Procedures** is the threshold for approval by the board, which has been increased from $75,000 to $100,000, to align with the advertising requirements.

The new Administrative Procedures and the new Board of Trustees Procedures will be posted on the board website as they are revised.

G. TRUSTEES' REMARKS

Trustee Dewar thanked Superintendent of Business Diane Cayen-Arnold for her work with the new administrative procedures.

Trustee Dewar, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Santala, Trustee Clement and Trustee Campbell all commented on the Remembrance Day ceremonies that they have attended. The trustees appreciate the time and effort put forth by staff to provide this experience for students.

Trustee Campbell also expressed his thanks to the leadership of the board for bringing over 1600 students to the ceremony at the Sudbury Arena earlier today. Director Blaseg informed that the board was able to provide bussing to the event for all students attending. The participation by students was sincerely appreciated.

Chair Morrison announced that the Strategic Planning Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2014 has been cancelled. The Inaugural and Organization Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014 in Council Chambers. The regular board meeting will take place as scheduled on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

January 13, 2015
February 10, 2015
March 10, 2015
April 14, 2015
May 12, 2015
June 9, 2015

i. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: B.Clement/D.Dewar
That the meeting be adjourned (6.00 pm). **- Carried**