

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**Minutes of the**  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

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Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, D. Dewar, G. Fox, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, G. Santala, Student Trustee K. Yao

Absent: J. Hunda

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director of Education  
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget - Superintendent  
L. Dye - Superintendent  
J. Noble – Superintendent  
K. Wachnuk - Superintendent

Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, H. Gaffney, C. McDonald, K. Martel, R. Jones, member of the public

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for October 11, 2016 be approved. - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Learning Disabilities (L.D.) Ministry Pilot Program**

Superintendent Wachnuk, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services Colleen McDonald and Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury Wendy Larouche provided trustees with an informative presentation about the 3-year pilot project at Northeastern Elementary School. This is an intensive support program for students with severe learning disabilities.

2. **Primary, Junior and Intermediate Student Achievement Results, 2016-2017**

Superintendent Dye and Superintendent Noble, along with the Principal of Student Success Heather Gaffney and 7 – 12 Math Co-coordinator Kerry Martel, provided trustees with information regarding primary and junior reading and writing, Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) and Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), with the mandate to increase students' level

of achievement throughout the Board. Trends were reviewed, sample questions were provided in an effort to understand student learning.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Minutes

Motion: G.Fox/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on September 13, 2016 be approved. – **Carried**

2. Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #2

Superintendent of Business Bazinet provided trustees with information including September 30, 2016 elementary and secondary enrolment, distances, School Information Profiles and next steps in the capital and accommodation plan process.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback.

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

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. Growth Mindset
5. Math Presentation
6. Review Code of Conduct

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Kosmerly reminded trustees that October is Learning Disabilities Awareness month. A free community workshop is scheduled for October 24, 2016. It has been designed for families of children with learning disabilities as well as professionals that work with this population. Participants will learn Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction as a promising practice for parents,

children, youth and adults with learning disabilities. Everyone is welcome.

Trustee Dewar shared a letter from The Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin advising that October has been designated in Ontario as "Child Abuse Prevention Month." CAS has challenged teaching staff to wear a purple ribbon or purple clothing on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 in recognition of *Go Purple Day*.

Chair Morrison thanked schools for the many fall feasts held prior to Thanksgiving. Always a great event for students, staff and parents/guardians.

Chair Morrison reviewed the schedule of public meetings that will begin on Monday, October 17, 2016.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

November 8, 2016  
November 29, 2016  
January 17, 2017  
February 7, 2017  
March 7, 2017  
April 11, 2017  
May 9, 2017  
June 6, 2017

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: D.Dewar/B.Clement  
That the meeting be adjourned (7:40 pm). - **Carried**