

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
**Minutes of the**  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
on Tuesday, November 29, 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  
K. Wachnuk - Superintendent  
Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, media, member of the public

Chair Morrison requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for November 29, 2016 be approved as amended. The amendment being the change of order of the two presentations under **C. PRESENTATIONS - Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Coding

Superintendent Noble introduced Michele Henschel (Coordinator – Science and Technology) and Chelmsford VDCS teacher David Winsa who walked trustees through a hands-on session about computer coding, the “new literacy”. Michele explained that Rainbow teachers have been encouraged to go ahead with this new concept and not wait for ministry curriculum documents and spoke about many innovative projects that are going on in Rainbow schools on a daily basis. David Winsa spoke about coding in his secondary classroom.

Superintendent Noble noted that Rainbow teachers are collaborating in this area. As well, the role of staff in Information Services is changing to offer more support in classrooms.

Trustees were given the opportunity to explore the Hour of Code app (<http://code.org>) using ipads provided and were invited to take part in Computer Science Education Week's Hour of Code between December 5 and 11, 2016.

2. Student Well-being

Director Blaseg provided trustees with an executive summary of the CAMH 2015 Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS) Mental Health and Well-Being Report and walked through the report, highlighting some specific data regarding home life, school life, physical health, health care utilization, internalizing indicators, externalizing indicators, gambling and video gaming, coexisting problems, sex differences, grade differences and regional differences.

The Director provided each trustee with a copy of George Couros' new book The Innovators Mindset.

Trustee interacted in the discussion.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Minutes

Motion: J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on November 8, 2016 be approved. – **Carried**

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**

Motion: D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the Manitoulin Expositor be notified that the schools on the island were never "under review." – **Carried unanimously**

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

January 17, 2017

February 7, 2017

March 7, 2017

April 11, 2017

May 9, 2017

June 6, 2017

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the meeting be adjourned (7:40 pm). - **Carried**

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