

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Boardroom
69 Young Street, Sudbury
on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Present:	Trustees:	D. Morrison (chair), B. Clement, D. Dewar, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, G. Santala, R. Ward, Student Trustee M. Jarrett Leach
	Absent:	G. Fox
	Officials:	N. Blaseg – Director of Education D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents
	Staff:	N. Charette, H. Thirkill, D. Kitching, S. Conroy, K. Dokis, R. Duffy, L. Fisher, H. Gaffney, D. Koziar, J. Pakkala, Y. Poirier, D. St. Amour
	Other:	Members of the public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: R.Ward/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for October 10, 2017 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition under **PRESENTATIONS: Homework Calendar. - Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Summer Programs

Superintendent Noble provided information about the many opportunities that were available during July and August 2017 for Rainbow students.

Superintendent Wachnuk spoke about the Special Education programs available to students.

Principal Jodie Pakkala reported to trustees about the Kindergarten Camp that was offered at 14 Rainbow schools during the last two weeks of August 2017. The purpose of this new program was to make the transition into first year kindergarten classes smooth for our youngest students and feedback has confirmed that it was a success.

Daniel Koziar spoke about the Summer Learning Program that was held for the seventh summer in a row for three weeks during July. Students made gains in literacy and numeracy, as well as robotics and coding that was added this year through enhanced funding from Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE).

Motion: D.Dewar/J.Hunda

That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend to the Board that Rainbow District School Board write a letter thanking Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) for their financial support for Summer Learning Programs.

- Carried

Richard Duffy spoke about the grade 6 – 8 Summer Learning Program that was held this year for the first time as a pilot project (money was provided by a Ministry grant) at Princess Anne PS. This was another successful program showing positive results for students.

Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, provided a report on another successful summer program, namely the Indigenous Summer School that was offered to students at Manitoulin Secondary School and Espanola High School. This was an opportunity for incoming grade 9 students to earn a Careers and Civics credit prior to starting high school, as well as to help students with the transition from elementary to secondary.

Dave St. Amour, Principal of Summer School Programs spoke in general terms about secondary summer programs. Vice Principal Yves Poirier shared information about summer school opportunities at Barrydowne College during July and August 2017.

Trustees had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions. Trustees were extremely pleased with the results from all summer school programs.

2. Homework Calendar

Principal of Program Sherry Conroy walked trustees through the revised user friendly homework calendar that is available on the Rainbow District School Board website.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: J.Kosmerly/R/.Ward

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on September 12, 2017 be approved. – **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Career Planning - myBlueprint
Policy Review

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Dewar advised that Paul Schutt was receiving national recognition for his role as volunteer football coach at Lasalle Secondary School. Tonight he will receive the Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. The medal is awarded to celebrate individuals who give of themselves to others and to thank them for their contributions as caring Canadians.

Trustee Dewar reminded that October 9-15, 2017 is Citizenship Week and special events are being held in many Rainbow schools. She also mentioned that October 15-21, 2017 is local government week.

Trustee Dewar referenced a recent article in the Toronto Star regarding the quality of drinking water in schools throughout the province.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Dewar recently attended the official opening of a special exhibition at Science North entitled "GENOME: Unlocking Life's Code". This new exhibit is available until January 7, 2018.

Trustee Killens referenced the attendance of Director Blaseg and Chair Dewar at the grand opening of the Seniors Centre at C.C. McLean Public School. This is our first partnership agreement under the new Community Planning and Facilities Partnership administrative procedure.

Trustee Ward thanked Levack PS staff, students and community members for a memorable Thanksgiving lunch.

Chair Morrison also attended Thanksgiving feasts last week and recognized Barrydowne College, Churchill PS, Markstay PS and Monetville PS staff and students for the work done to prepare for this annual event.

Trustee Ward congratulated Nicole Charette for work done to secure a Ministry Parent Reaching Out Grant to be used during the 2017-2018 school year. As a

result, several schools will receive money from the Ministry.

Trustee Clement encouraged trustees to check S. Geiger PS's facebook postings about the many exciting things going on at the school.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

November 7, 2017
November 28, 2017
January 16, 2018
February 6, 2018

March 6, 2018
April 10, 2018
May 8, 2018
June 5, 2018

Ad Hoc Sub Committee Meeting #2 – October 25, 2017 @ 4:30 PM in the boardroom at 69 Young Street.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly
That the meeting be adjourned (6:46 pm). - **Carried**