

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, Student Trustee K. Yao
Absent: B. Clement, G. Santala
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Others: R. Hodkinson, D. Kitching and members of the public

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 17-R50, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 21, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Principal Ron Hodkinson presented Rainbow's 21st Century elementary school, Cyril Varney Public School. Principal Hodkinson highlighted some of the creative and innovative changes that have been made to the school, through collaboration with staff and students.

Trustees had the opportunity to make comments, ask questions and congratulate the outstanding efforts of Principal Hodkinson and his staff.

D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD NIL

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

a) Motion: 17-R51, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 31, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 17-R52, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on February 7, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

2. **Property**

Motion: 17-R53, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the property at 69 Young Street (Board Office) be declared surplus to the needs of Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried**

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL

4. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **2017 School Year Structure**

Motion: 17-R54, G.Fox/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the 2017-2018 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools. - **Carried**

2. **OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2017**

Motion: 17-R55, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2017 in Toronto April 6 – April 7, 2017: Trustee Clement and Trustee Hunda - **Carried**

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 17-R56, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That Trustee Clement and Trustee Santala be granted a leave of absence from the February 21, 2017 Board meeting. - **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

2017-2018 School Year Calendar will be communicated to the public on March 1, 2017.

On February 9, 2017 Chair Dewar and Director Blaseg met with the French Catholic School Board regarding Monetville area.

Motion: 17-R57, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That Rainbow District School Board send a letter to Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario to encourage future collaboration. **Carried**

Director Blaseg recently attended the "We are Moving Forward Together" session held in Toronto. Discussions included:

- Master Agreement
- Anishinabek Education System (AES)

- Kinoomaadziwin Education Body
- Education Agreements

Director Blaseg confirmed there are 13 applications for the trustee vacancy. As per the approved process, Director Blaseg is verifying qualifications of the applicants. The list will be brought forward after the March 7, 2017 Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Transition Committees have been established for Confederation SS/Pinecrest PS and Geiger/Webbwood following the ARC decisions.

The Director reported that several International trips are planned for this spring. Additional information will be provided on March 7, 2017.

Itinerary

- February 1 Meeting with Annie Kidder, “ People for Education”
- February 2 School Visit – Levack Public School
Larchwood Public School
Westmount Public School
- February 3 Plant meeting
ETFO Meeting
- February 6 Student Achievement Committee Meeting
- February 7 Board Meeting
- February 8 Agenda Setting
- February 9 Meeting with French Catholic Board Chair, Director and superintendent of Business
- February 10 Niigaan Sinclair “Truth and Reconciliation: We all Play a Role” presentation at the Lexington Hotel, Sudbury
- February 13 Student Achievement Committee Meeting
Moving Upstream – Bryston’s – Copper Cliff
- February 14 First Nations Conference – Toronto
“We are moving Forward Together”
- February 15 First Nations Conference – Toronto
“We are moving Forward Together”
- February 16 ETFO meeting
- February 21 Executive Council

Board Meeting

5. **Other Items** OPSBA Delegate - NIL

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao informed that the Student Senate will be participating in the Big Bike Fundraiser on May 19, 2017, that work continues for the annual Stand Up Speak Out conference to be held on May 3 and 4, 2017 at Cambrian College, that a facebook page has been launched and that the board-wide talent show is scheduled for March 7 at Sudbury Secondary School.

Student Trustee Yao reported another busy month at OSTA-AECO. This past weekend Student Trustee Yao attended the Board Council Conference in Ottawa, and advised that this year the French Student Trustee Association (RECFO) joined this conference for the first time in many years. Student Trustee Yao has been very busy with committee work for OSTA.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison thanked Student Trustee Yao for her work and acknowledged that much can be learned from student groups. Student Trustee Yao voiced her appreciation for the experience she has gained as the student trustee

Trustee Kosmerly advised that the choir from Redwood Acres Public School would be singing the national anthem at the Wolves game on Friday night.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Lockerby Composite School was chosen among 1,000 schools worldwide to implement AP Capstone, an innovative Advanced Placement diploma program that allows students to develop skills for postsecondary success - research, collaboration and communication. The program consists of two courses taken in sequence, AP® Seminar (in Grade 11) and AP Research (in Grade 12), which were developed with direct feedback from postsecondary institutions. Lockerby Composite School will offer AP Seminar in the fall of 2017. Students who achieve standings in keeping with the program have an opportunity to earn an AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.

Rainbow District School Board hosted guest speaker Niigaan Sinclair for a presentation entitled "Truth and Reconciliation: We All Play a Role" on February 9 and 10, 2017. Prior to Mr. Sinclair, our own Trustee Grace Fox, residential school survivor, spoke with passion and inspiration. Niigaan Sinclair provided an opportunity to learn more about reconciliation and, more importantly, the role we can all play in this important process.

The International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust will take place this year, on Saturday, April 8. Dr. Robert Hall has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award for his contribution to music and education. Dr. Robert "Bob" Hall is an

accomplished musician, vocalist, pianist, organist and conductor, who has served 22 years as Associate Professor of Music at Laurentian University, and Director of Music and Organist at St. Andrew's United Church, Sudbury. Dr. Hall's contributions to Sudbury's music culture have greatly influenced elementary, secondary and postsecondary education, as well as the community at large.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 will participate in the annual science fair on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Lockerby Composite School. The public is invited to view projects in the gym from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. The awards ceremony will take place in the auditorium from 1:45 pm to 2:15 pm. Up to 37 projects will be selected to advance to the Sudbury Regional Science Fair at Laurentian University on April 8 and 9, 2017.

Rainbow District School Board will host its twelfth annual Technological Skills Competition on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Cambrian College. Secondary students will test their skills in carpentry, welding, TV/video editing, photography, auto-service technology and cabinet making as they vie for the opportunity to compete in the provincial Skills Competition this May in Toronto.

Earlier this month, I attended the Student Senate meeting. It was an amazing experience. All of these students, under the leadership of Student Trustee Katie Yao, are inspiring. The group had committed to raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation by entering teams to "Ride the Big Bike" in May. They had 5 teams but needed one more team to be able to stage a special Rainbow Board Day. A quick but urgent call went out to the staff of 69 Young Street, the Gord Ewin Center and the Trustees looking for 29 members to form the 6th team. We not only have amazing students but the most amazing staff. In a matter of hours, we had/have a Board team under the enthusiastic leadership of "Captain Tiffany". The next step is to raise the funds to support the cause. Please talk to your friends and relatives to sponsor our team. We need a minimum of \$1500.

Thought for the month comes from Niigaan Sinclair's father, Justice Murray Sinclair, chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on native residential schools who said:

"We have described for you a mountain. We have shown you the path to the top. We call upon you to do the climbing."

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Dec 7, 2016 (official)

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes January 11, 2017 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

Letter from Bluewater DSB dated January 23, 2017

Letter to Ontario Universities Application Centre dated Feb. 6, 2017

2017 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation dates

Board and Strategic Planning Schedule of Meetings 2017-2018

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 23, 2017 10:00 am Atikameksheng Anishnawbek FN
Parent Involvement Committee February 28, 2017 7:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee March 1, 2017 12:00 pm LDAS Room at Lockerby CS
Student Senate Meeting March 6, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting March 7, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board Meeting March 21, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Stand Up Speak Out Conference Cambrian College Amphitheater May 3 & 4, 2017

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 17-R58, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly
That we now adjourn at 7:20 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official