

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 17-R59, G. Santala/J. Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 21, 2017 be approved.

- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Achievement Data - Students with a Learning Disability

Superintendent Dye shared data gathered over the last five years for all elementary students and for identified students for reading, writing and math.

Superintendent Noble shared data gathered over the last five years for all secondary students and for identified students for grade 9 courses, math and English, as well as EQAO and OSSLT results. There was discussion regarding the applied and academic pathways for secondary students. Superintendent Noble reminded trustees that this is the first year this precise data has been available concerning students with a learning disability and suggested additional data in the coming years will be beneficial to track progress in this area.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the achievement gaps.

2. Summer Programs 2017

Superintendent Dye, Superintendent Noble and Superintendent Wachnuk provided details about 2017 summer programs for elementary and secondary students.

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

Motion: 17-R60, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the Voting Process for filling the Trustee vacancy, March 21, 2017 be approved. – **Carried**

Motion: 17-R61, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That Ruth Ward be appointed trustee with the Rainbow District School Board for the remainder of the 2014-2018 term. – **Carried**

Motion: 17-R62, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the ballots for the trustee vacancy be destroyed. – **Carried**

Chair Dewar thanked all candidates for their interest in Rainbow District School Board. She congratulated Ruth Ward as the successful candidate chosen to fill the trustee vacancy.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 17-R63, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 21, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

a) Motion: 17-R64, J.Kosmerly/G.Fox

That the Board award the contract for Redwood Acres Public School, heating upgrades - tender #2017-11 to Metal-Air Mechanical for \$338,502. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 17-R65, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Jean Hanson Public School, HVAC and lighting upgrades - tender #2017-12 to Airco Limited for \$468,922. - **Carried**

c) Motion: 17-R66, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for CR Judd Public School, window replacement - tender #2017-14 to Schutt Restoration Services (Thunder Bay) for \$295,545. - **Carried**

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting

Motion: 17-R67, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the 2017 OPSBA Annual General Meeting in Collingwood June 8 to 11, 2017:
Trustee Clement, Trustee Fox, Trustee Killens - **Carried**

2. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Annual General Meeting**

Motion: 17-R68, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Katie Yao at the OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 25 to 28, 2017. - **Carried**

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 17-R69, G.Santala/D.Morrison

That Student Trustee Yao be granted a leave of absence from the March 21, 2017 Board meeting. - **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

The Director reported that the Ministry of Education has asked school boards to inform the public that the Motherisk Commission has found that "hair strand drug and alcohol testing done by the laboratory (Motherisk Drug Testing Laboratory at the Hospital for Sick Children) was inadequate and unreliable for legal purposes" Individuals affected by this decision should contact:

Motherisk Commission

www.motheriskcommission.ca

1-844-303-5476 (toll free)

The Director shared staff announcements. Six acting vice-principals were notified today that, effective August 21, 2017, their acting titles would change to reflect permanent status.

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Itinerary

February 22	Agenda Setting
February 28	Directors Meeting
March 1	School Visit: – Queen Elizabeth "FNMI Cultural day"
March 2	Budget deliberations Community Builders Awards
March 3	Plant/Operations meeting
March 6	Executive Council meeting

- March 7 Executive Council meeting
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- March 8 School Visit:
– Sudbury Secondary School “Student Senate Talent Show”
Agenda Setting meeting
OPSEU meeting
- March 9 School Visits:
- Carl A Nesbitt PS
- Ernie Checkeris PS
- Adamsdale PS
- Lockerby CSS
- March 10 Executive Council meeting
- March 15 Communications Coordinator Interviews
- March 20 School Visit:
– Cyril Varney PS
- March 21 School Visit:
– Princess Anne PS
Board meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he attended a meeting in Toronto on March 3, 2017. He had the opportunity to meet with the Northern Boards trustees to discuss rural challenges. Trustee Clement made reference to the recent media report from Minister Hunter encouraging boards to work together in rural and remote communities.

Student Trustee – NIL

6. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Kosmerly suggested, with the welcoming of a new trustee, that the Board invite staff from OPSBA to provide a refresh for trustees about confidentiality and any other areas of importance.

Motion: 17-R70, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That trustees invite Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) staff to Sudbury to present a refresher course to all trustees of the board. - **Carried**

Trustee Fox suggested that this might be an opportunity to include members of the public.

Trustee Hunda commented on the successful Student Senate Talent Show held at Sudbury Secondary School, which brought students from all schools together to create an outstanding performance.

Trustee Morrison commented on the important educational partnership that Science North has in our community.

Trustee Clement spoke about the excellent productions of both the student Talent Show and the Evolutionary Band performance.

7. Chairperson's Remarks

Rainbow District School Board's Environmental Committee has been issuing monthly challenges to staff and students. This month, everyone is invited to Go Blue for International World Water Day, tomorrow, Wednesday, March 22. The Go Blue challenge has three components: to drink only water for the day, to research the importance of protecting our water supply, and to find ways to conserve water at home.

Also tomorrow, Wednesday, March 22, Kindergarten students from Northeastern Elementary School will team up with Art and Design Fundamentals students at Cambrian College to create a collaborative art project. They will discuss the following question: *"If you could do something to change the world, what would you do?"* The College students will then work with the Kindergarten students to assist them in creating a piece of art using a variety of media. In turn, the College students will create their own original works of art, which will be inspired by the Kindergarten students' work.

Thirdly, on Wednesday, March 22, Algonquin Road Public School will be hosting an exhibit of student art in the school library from 2 pm to 5 pm. Funded by the Ontario Arts Council in cooperation with the Rainbow District School Board, the Artists-in-Residency (education) program has connected local artist, Katie Fenerty with students in Gr 3 and kindergarten on a variety of projects. All are welcome.

On Thursday, March 30, many Grade 10 students in Ontario will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) – including students in Rainbow Schools. The OSSLT is a graduation requirement administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Grade 10 students who wrote the OSSLT last fall and were successful do not need to write again this spring.

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. The award will be presented at the International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Trust on Saturday, April 8, 2017. 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. Congratulations to Dr. Robert Hall.

I challenge and invite you to review the chair's remarks delivered at every Board meeting. They can be found as part of the official minutes posted on the Board website. Over the span of a year, hundreds of good news stories, inspirational initiatives and positive accomplishments - both individual and collaborative have provided many examples of fulfilling our vision of being leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts.

The thought for the month comes from American author, salesman, and motivational speaker, Zig Ziglar who bears a striking resemblance to former Vice-President, Jo Biden: *"Don't be distracted by criticism. Remember: The only taste of success some people have is when they take a bite out of you"*.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Equity and Inclusive Education minutes Nov 10, 2016 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Durham District School Board dated February 13, 2017

Letter from Peel DSB dated February 14, 2017

Letter from Ontario Universities' Application Centre

Letter to Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario dated March 14 2017

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting April 3, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Parent Involvement Committee April 4, 2017 7:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Cmttee April 5, 2017 12:00 pm LDAS Room at Lockerby CS

First Nation Advisory Committee April 6, 2017 10:00 am Sagamok Anishnawbek

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting April 11, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Meeting April 25, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Stand Up Speak Out Conference Cambrian College Amphitheater May 3 & 4 2017

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 17-R71, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That we now adjourn at 7:40 p.m. – **Carried.**