

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
to be held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 23, 2017 be approved.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

*Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS

*Chair

International Education Program - Superintendent Noble

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

*Director

E. OLD BUSINESS

*Director

1. Previous Minutes

*Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 25, 2017 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

*SBO

a) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Confederation Secondary School, interior alterations - tender #2017-17 to _____.

b) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for CC McLean Public School, renovations - tender #2017-20 to _____.

c) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for S. Geiger Public School, washroom renovations - tender #2017-21 to _____.

d) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Markstay Public School, partial roof replacement - tender #2017-22 to _____.

3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair
- a) **Audit Committee**
- Motion:
That Trustee _____ be appointed to the Audit Committee for the remainder of the 2014-2018 term.
- b) **Special Education Plan 2017-2018** *Director
- Motion:
That the Special Education Plan be approved.
- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
- Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the May 23, 2017 Board meeting.
2. **Director's Remarks** *Director
3. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Delegate
Student Trustee
4. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
5. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
First Nation Advisory Committee minutes October 17, 2016 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes November 1, 2016 (official)
Equity and Inclusive Education Committee minutes February 16 2017 (official)
First Nation Advisory Committee minutes February 23, 2017 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes February 28, 2017 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Letter from Thames Valley DSB dated April 11, 2017
Letter from Thames Valley DSB dated April 11, 2017
Letter from Hastings and Prince Edward DSB dated May 8, 2017
Letter from Director Blaseg dated May 9, 2017
Letter to Rusty Hick OPSBA dated May 10, 2017

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

*Chair

Board Meeting (Budget) May 30, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Student Senate Meeting June 5, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Strategic Planning Committee June 6, 2016 5:00 pm Sudbury Secondary School Library

Board Awards June 6, 2017 6:30 pm Sudbury Secondary School Sheridan Auditorium

Special Education Advisory Cmttee June 7, 2017 12:00 pm LDAS Room at Lockerby CS

Board Meeting July 4, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at p.m.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 17-R72, R.Ward/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of April 25, 2017 be approved.

- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Indigenous (First Nation, Métis and Inuit) Education Update

Superintendent Dye introduced two students, Lara Anwhatin from Confederation Secondary School and Pierre Debassige from Manitoulin Secondary School, who shared their stories and made suggestions of how Rainbow might better serve their needs. Trustees thanked both students for honestly sharing their stories.

Superintendent Dye and Kathy Dokis, Principal of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, shared an informative powerpoint presentation with trustees, making reference to the First Nations Annual Education Report 2015-2016. Data was reviewed. Information was shared about the new Four Directions program and the success to date.

Trustees expressed their appreciation for the work that has been done for First Nation students in Rainbow schools.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 17-R73, G.Santala/J.Hunda

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

2. Property

*SBO

a) Motion: 17-R74, G.Santala/R.Ward

That the property at 1650 Dominion Drive, Hanmer (Pinecrest Public School) be declared surplus to the needs of Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 17-R75, B.Clement/G.Santala

That the property at 6 Minto Street, Webbwood (Webbwood Public School) be declared surplus to the needs of Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried**

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 17-R76, J.Kosmerly/G.Santala

That the Board award the contract for R.L. Beattie Public School, modular classroom addition - tender #2017-07 to J.N. Construction Limited for \$502,000. - **Carried**

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

First Nations Advisory Committee

RDSB Commitment to Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Motion: 17-R77, G.Fox/J.Hunda

The Rainbow District School Board respectfully acknowledges the work of the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) regarding residential schools in Canada and the resulting 94 Calls to Action, including the Calls to Action specifically related to education.

Be it resolved that the Rainbow District School Board:

- i) Commit to the development of a Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan in consultation with the First Nation Advisory Committee and the Urban Indigenous Advisory Committee;
- ii) Commit that all students graduate with knowledge of residential schools and their devastating impacts on Indigenous communities in Canada and recognize the importance of their contributions to the reconciliation process;
- iii) Commit that all students graduate with an understanding of the significance of the treaties and the shared history of First Nations and non-Indigenous Ontarians;

- iv) Commit to the continued implementation and development of Anishinaabemowin programs;
- v) Commit to provide opportunities to all staff and students to learn more about the richness of Indigenous worldview and cultures, working hand-in-hand with Indigenous peoples;
- vi) Commit to implement, promote and enforce anti-racism strategies as it relates to Indigenous students, families and communities. - **Carried**

Trustees had the opportunity to discuss the recommendation from the First Nations Advisory Committee. Student Trustee Katie Yao provided much appreciated input from a student's point of view. She eloquently supported the motion and agreed that the work of the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) is education for all.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Superintendent Bazinet presented the Boundaries Report.
 - a) Motion: 17-R78, G.Santala/J.Kosmerly
That Rainbow District School Board eliminate the existing boundary overlap between Algonquin Road Public School and Northeastern Elementary School (English program) and that the area form part of the Northeastern Elementary School (English program) boundary effective June 30, 2017 (refer to map 1).
- **Carried**
 - b) Motion: 17-R79, J.Hunda/G.Santala
That Rainbow District School Board eliminate the existing boundary overlap between Lasalle Secondary School and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School and that the area form part of the Lasalle Secondary School boundary effective June 30, 2017 (refer to map 2).
And furthermore that Rainbow District School Board grandfather transportation services to the existing three (3) Lo-Ellen Park SS students and their siblings (at their current address and provided the siblings attend concurrently in a school year) should they choose to remain at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. - **Carried**
 - c) Motion: 17-R80, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly
That Rainbow District School Board align the MacLeod Public School boundary with the existing Alexander Public School and R.L. Beattie Public School boundaries in the area of Copper Street and Corsi Hill effective June 30, 2017. (refer to map 3 and map 4)
And furthermore that Rainbow District School Board grandfather transportation services to the existing ten (10) Princess Anne Public School students and their siblings (at their current address and provided the siblings attend concurrently in a school year) should they choose to remain at Princess Anne Public School.
- **Carried**

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

Motion: 17-R81, B.Clement/J.Hunda

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

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 17-R82, B.Clement/G.Fox

That Chair Dewar be granted a leave of absence from the April 25, 2017 Board meeting. - **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

Director Blaseg reported that he attended the Kiwanis Festival awards ceremony on Monday, April 24, 2017. Rainbow District School Board was well represented. Lockerby CS, R.H. Murray Public School and MacLeod Public School performed at the ceremony. RDSB schools earned 21 awards in all. Director Blaseg was honoured to present six awards (please see attachment for a list of award winners).

On Sunday, April 9 Director Blaseg had the honour of attending the Sudbury Regional Science Fair and was very pleased to report that Rainbow schools were awarded 48 of the possible 68 awards; two of which supported entries to the Canada Wide Science Fair held in Regina, Saskatchewan May 14-20th). One of the recipients was a grade 8 student from MacLeod PS, Nethra S. Wickramasinghe, who provided a letter acknowledging her win and celebrating her experience (please see attached letter).

Director Blaseg reported that there have been many retirements submitted this spring and is pleased that most will be attending the retirement dinner. He looks forward to seeing trustees and the retirees at the Retirement Dinner on May 31, 2017. Amongst may others 12 elementary and 6 secondary teachers, along with 3 administrators will be a part of the celebration.

Director Blaseg distributed a copy of Canada, Year by Year, written by Elizabeth MacLeod to each of the trustees. All schools will receive a book that will enable then to share over the next 150 school days, starting this spring and continuing into next year, major events that defined Canada since 1867. Some schools are reading these on the morning announcements.

Director Blaseg advised of the Ministry session to be held on May 24, 2017 regarding Rural/Remote consultation in Markstay. More information will follow.

Itinerary

March 23 Regional Education Conference, Sudbury

March 24 Regional Education Conference, Sudbury

March 27 Sudbury Court Office,
Hon. Madam Justice Louise Gauthier swearing in Trustee Ward

March 28 Executive Council

March 29 Agenda Setting

March 30/31 CODE, Niagara Falls

April 3 Opioid Forum, Sudbury

April 4 Directors Meeting, Lexington Hotel

April 5 School visits:
Northeastern Elementary, C.R. Judd PS,
Redwood Acres PS, Pinecrest PS,
Valley View PS, & Sudbury SS

April 6 School Visit:
Confederation SS
OSSTF meeting

April 7 Sudbury "Capital Planning Meeting", Board Office

April 8 Joan Mantle Music Trust, YMCA

April 9 Regional Science Fair, Laurentian University

April 10 Student Achievement Meeting
School Visits
S. Geiger PS, Espanola HS, Webbwood PS

April 11 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

April 12 Wear Pink Day Anti-bullying
Espanola "Capital Planning Meeting", Espanola High School

April 13 School Visits:
Chelmsford VDCS, Chelmsford PS
Agenda Setting

April 24 Exec Council
Kiwanis Festival

April 25 Privacy Commission Conference, Sudbury
Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he attended a meeting in Toronto last week. He appreciated that he again had the opportunity to meet with the Northern Boards trustees to discuss rural challenges.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao reminded Trustees of the upcoming Stand Up Speak Out Conference scheduled for May 3 and 4 at Cambrian College and invited all to attend. Ninety students are registered, ten from each secondary school.

Preparations are underway for recruitment of student senators for the 2017-2018 school year. Current students senators will be putting together a video to share with schools to attract students. Incoming trustee, Madeleine Leach Jarrett, was welcomed as she was a visitor in the audience.

Student Trustee Yao advised that past Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato is very involved with the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) and they work together on executive committees.

Student Trustee Yao made reference to student senator Curtis Peltier and his intentions to honour the land at the upcoming Stand Up Speak Out Conference.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Killens asked about the Homestay Program. Director Blaseg and Superintendent Noble explained "Homestay Canada" and advised that the International Education Program would be an agenda item at the May 23, 2017 meeting.

Trustee Kosmerly made reference to *Supporting Students and Communities: A Discussion Paper to Strengthen Education in Ontario's Rural and Remote Communities*. This discussion paper can be found on the Ministry of Education website. The Ministry is seeking public input on strengthening rural education and will be hosting an engagement session in Markstay on Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

Trustee Hunda spoke about the excellent partnership between Rainbow District School Board and Science North and the importance of this additional educational experience for Rainbow students.

Trustee Hunda extended her congratulations to the staff and students involved with the Sudbury Secondary School performance of *A Night on Broadway* and the recent elementary basketball tournaments.

Motion: 17-R83, J.Hunda/G.Fox

That the Board approve the attendance of Trustee Ruth Ward at the 2017 Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) Annual General Meeting in Collingwood June 8 to 11, 2017. - **Carried**

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Charles C. McLean Public School has won \$25,000 in new technology from Staples Canada as part of an annual contest that recognizes inspiring projects Canadian schools implement in support of the environment. They were one of 10 schools chosen from more than 700 applications submitted in the Staples Superpower your School Contest, organized in partnership with Earth Day Canada. Charles C. McLean Public School is raising Chinook salmon for release into the North Channel of Lake Huron. A microhatchery was set up in the Grade 4/5 class last year in partnership with the Gore Bay Fish & Game Club.

Lively District Secondary School's robotics team, The RoboHawks, captured top honours in the regional FIRST Robotics Competition held in North Bay from April 6 to 8, 2017. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology". Students build robots that compete in events.

Grades 4 to 6 students at Princess Anne Public School have been challenged to come up with ideas, big or small, that would help make the City of Greater Sudbury an even better place to live. They will share their thoughts with Mayor Brian Biggar when he visits the school on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 9 am. Students with the most unique ideas will enjoy a pizza lunch with the Mayor in the school library.

Close to 500 French Immersion and Core French students in Rainbow Schools will take centre stage to participate in the Franco-Rainbow competition. The lip sync contest with French songs will take place on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Sudbury Secondary School.

Rainbow District School Board will host guest speaker Dr. Jenny Kay Dupuis on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. An Indigenous author, she will talk about the impact of residential schools and moving forward with Truth and Reconciliation. Dr. Dupuis' presentation "I Am Not a Number: Acknowledging the Truth, Reconciling the Past and Honouring Community Voices" will take place at Queen Elizabeth II Public School from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

All Rainbow Schools will offer Kindergarten orientation sessions in May 2017 for children starting school this fall as well as their parents/guardians. Parents who have not registered their children still have time to do so and can reserve their spot for Kindergarten orientation by calling the nearest Rainbow School. Registrations for September 2017 will also be accepted at the Kindergarten sessions. For a list of dates and times, visit rainbowschools.ca

Rainbow Schools will celebrate Education Week from May 1 to 5, 2017. This year's theme is Ontario150. A list of activities will be posted on rainbowschools.ca.

The 20th Annual Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair will be held on Thursday, May 4th and Friday, May 5th, 2017 at Laurentian University in Sudbury. The community is invited to view projects in the Alumni Hall from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm on May 5th.

Over 500 elementary students from Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island will attend the exhibition and heritage celebration. In addition to student projects, the event will feature displays, workshops and live performances by local singer Andy Lowe.

Three young scientists from Rainbow Schools will compete at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Regina, Saskatchewan from May 14 to 20, 2017. Their projects impressed the judges at the Sudbury Regional Science Fair, which earned them the honour of showcasing their findings among the best young scientists in the country. Congratulations to Nethra Wickramasinghe of MacLeod Public School; and Brendon Matusch and Megan Gran of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School.

Lasalle Secondary School's music department will host its annual Spring Concert on Monday, May 15, 2017. The concert will take place in the school gymnasium from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Feb 1, 2017 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Letter from Waterloo Region DSB dated February 10, 2017
Letter from Waterloo Region DSB dated February 27, 2017
Letter from Limestone DSB dated March 28, 2017
Letter from Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario dated Mar 31/17

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting May 1, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee May 2, 2017 7:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee May 3, 2017 12:00 pm LDAS Room at Lockerby CS
Environmental Education Commuttee May 3, 2017 3:30 pm Boardroom
Stand Up Speak Out Conference Cambrian College Amphitheater May 3 & 4 2017
Equity and Inclusive Education May 11, 2017 4:00 pm Sudbury SS Library
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting May 16, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee May 18, 2017 10:00 am Sheshegwaning First Nation
Board Meeting May 23, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board Meeting (Budget) May 30, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee June 6, 2016 5:00 pm Sudbury Secondary School Library
Board Awards June 6, 2017 6:30 pm Sudbury Secondary School Sheridan Auditorium
Board July 4, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 17-R84, J.Hunda/B.Clement
That we now adjourn at 7:45 p.m. – **Carried.**



Kiwanis Music Festival of Sudbury
2017 Stars of Excellence



On Monday, April 24 the Final Concert of the Kiwanis Music Festival recognized the outstanding festival performances of these musicians who attend schools in the Rainbow District School Board:

MacLeod Mustang Concert Band

Under the direction of **Jack Broumpton**

(awarded the “**Rainbow District School Board Award**” for Top Elementary School Concert Band)

Lockerby Composite School Concert Band*

Under the direction of **Mike Jensen**

(awarded the “Alan Biggs Memorial Award” for Concert Band)

Lasalle Secondary School Guitar Ensemble

Under the direction of **Marc Savard**

(awarded the “Steven Leonard Memorial Award” for Secondary School Guitar Ensemble)

Algonquin Rd. Public School Choir

Under the direction of **JoAnne Hannaway**

(awarded the “Elementary School Choir Award” for Elementary School Choir)

Jacob Zhong - (Alexander Public School)

(awarded the “Muriel E. Holford Memorial Award” for TOP Intermediate Piano)

Dante Mullin-Santone* - (Sudbury Secondary School)

(awarded the “Chrissie Nemis Memorial Award” for Senior Voice)

(awarded the “Bette Leake Memorial Award” for Top Intermediate Music Theatre)

Tia Kontoniemi*- (Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School)

(awarded the “Elizabeth Barrett Browning IODE Award” for Intermediate Voice)

Gillian Zerwer - (Lively District Secondary School)

(awarded the “Mervyn Priest Memorial Award” for Intermediate Guitar)

Elizabeth Arrowsmith - (Alexander Public School)

(awarded the “Chrissie Nemis Memorial Award” for Junior Strings)

Lijiawen (Maggie) Fu - (R. L. Beattie Public School)

(awarded the “Pansy Ng Memorial Award” for Junior Piano)

Bailey MacLennan - (Walden Public School)

(awarded the “Eglantine Rouleau Memorial Award” for Junior Piano)

Angelina Wang - (R. L. Beattie Public School)

(awarded the “Norma Pepin Memorial Award” for Achievements in Piano and Voice)

R.H. Murray Recorder Ensemble - (under the direction of Kate Schell)

(awarded the “**Rainbow District School Board Award**” for Elementary School Recorder Ensemble)

Lilah Jacklin-Warry - (R. L. Beattie Public School)

(awarded the “**Rainbow District School Board Award**” for Junior Piano)

Sophia Cecutti - (R. L. Beattie Public School)

(awarded the “**Rainbow District School Board Award**” for Intermediate Piano)

MacLeod Mustang Percussion Ensemble - (under the direction of Jack Broumpton)

(awarded the “Jack Kehoe Memorial Award” for Percussion)

Logan Koski - (R. L. Beattie Public School)

(awarded the “**Rainbow District School Board Award**” for Junior Guitar)

Kaylee Ross - (MacLeod Public School)

(awarded the “Susan Urquhart-Pandolfo Award” for Elementary Music Theatre)

Brandon Wong - (MacLeod Public School)

(awarded the “Jack Kehoe Memorial Award” for Junior Percussion)

Kate Ye and Lillian Li - (R. L. Beattie Public School)

(awarded the “**Rainbow District School Board Award**” for Junior Piano Duet)

Aidan Kallioinen - (A. B. Ellis Public School)

(awarded the “Kiwanis Club of Sudbury Award” for Intermediate Piano)

*Recommended to the OMFA (Ontario Music Festival Association) Provincial Finals to be held in Hamilton, June 2017

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April 14th, 2017

Director of Education - Rainbow Schools
69 Young Street
Sudbury, Ontario
P3E 3G5

Dear Mr. Norm Blaseg,

Re: Sudbury Regional Science Fair, 2017

Dear sir, I am Nethra Wickramasinghe and I represented MacLeod Public School at the Sudbury Regional Science Fair in the junior division and was a grand winner for my project, the Hot Air Insu-Layer .

I have no words to express how truly grateful I am for winning the grand prize award and receiving the tremendous honour of representing Sudbury at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Saskatchewan. I thank you immensely for your sponsorship of the grand award, as well as your dedication to the Rainbow District School Board.

The elementary school journey has been one I have thoroughly enjoyed, and will profoundly miss when I graduate and move on to Lockerby Composite School. Countless teachers have long instilled a incessant curiosity in me that has been burning to this very day. I have long been an ardent lover of all aspects of the sciences, as, when I am older, I wish to be an Aerospace Engineer; and I recognise that competing in Science Fairs not only broadens my horizons and creates new opportunities, but also draws me that much closer to my ambitions. I want to make good use of all the knowledge I gain in the future and use it for the betterment of my community.

I am absolutely ecstatic for Canada Wide Science Fair and I plan on making MacLeod and Sudbury proud, and showing the rest of our nation just how truly brilliant our little corner of the country is. Once again, thank you so very much for your support of the Sudbury Regional Science Fair and for creating schools in Sudbury that welcome all students and teach them how to be the questioners of today and the answers of tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Nethra . S. Wickramasinghe
MacLeod Public School - Grade 8



Committee Information Sheet

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Audit Committee

MEMBERSHIP: (4 year term)

3 Trustees, 2 non-trustee members (appointed by selection committee),
Director of Education, Superintendent of Business

MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Audit Committee shall assist the Board in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight including: the financial reporting process, the internal control framework, risk management practices, performance and function of the Board's internal and external auditors and the Board's compliance with its obligation under legislation.

The Audit Committee shall review and report on all items as listed in
"Ontario Regulation 361/10 – Audit Committees".

WHEN COMMITTEE MEETS:

A minimum of three times per year at the call of the Superintendent of Business.

REPORT TO THE BOARD BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OR
DESIGNATE

Once per school year, at a minimum.

MINUTES OF THE
FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Whitefish River First Nation
Monday, October 17, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Carlene Assinewai, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Cynthia Trudeau, Sheguindah First Nation
Robert Pitfield, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Vanessa McGregor, Whitefish River First Nation
Dominic Beaudry, Wikwemikong First Nation
Stephanie Roy, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute
Kelly Lee Assinewe, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Kathy Dokis, Principal of First Nation, Métis
and Inuit Education, Rainbow District School Board
Lesleigh Dye, Superintendent, Rainbow District School Board
Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Grace Fox, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board

Members Absent With Regret: Kim Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Sharon Goulais, Dokis First Nation
Janice Cada, Sheshegwaning First Nation
Beverly Roy-Carter, M'Chigeeng First Nation
Anna-Marie Abitong, Sagamok Anishnawbek
Doreen Dewar, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board

Members Absent: Kevin Mossip, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

Recording Minutes: Alicia Marshall, Rainbow District School Board

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Assinewe welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the table.

Trustee Fox suggested that each member report on students from their community. It was decided by committee that this would become a standing item on the agenda moving forward.

Revision to minutes from September 21, 2016 meeting. Cynthia Trudeau is marked as present and she was not in attendance.

Chair Assinewe reviewed the mandate of the FNAC committee. A copy the FNAC Handbook will be attached to minutes.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Revision: Agenda Item 9 – Rescheduled to February meeting.

3. REVIEW MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 - ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Principal Dokis discussed the new Ministry committee she was invited to represent for Education Service Agreements. The next meeting is on October 28, 2016.

ACTION: Principal Dokis to contact committee to request who is representing the First Nations.

Superintendent Dye thanked everyone for supporting and participating in Orange Shirt Day.

Superintendent Dye shared that follow-up was done regarding the student that was not allowed to start school without a letter of commitment. She and Kathy Dokis are working closely with schools so this does not happen again.

Principal Dokis addressed the inconsistency with schools using Letter of Sponsorship or Commitment for tuition. This is not a practice of the board and this will not continue moving forward.

Principal Dokis updated the committee on conversations with Cynthia Trudeau and it has been decided that Cultural Training Sessions will occur in the fall and the spring for staff at Little Current Public School and Manitoulin Secondary School. The focus of these sessions will be how the Rainbow District School Board can build staff understanding when working with First Nation communities and students. The hope is to have multiple sessions over the next three years so that all staff will have a chance to attend.

Motion to accept Agenda by Robert Pitfield. Seconded by Stephanie Roy.

Motion to accept Minutes from September 21, 2016 by Carlene Assinewe. Seconded by Robert Pitfield.

Members updated the committee on how students in their communities are doing.

4. FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT SUPPORTS, 2016-2017

Principal Dokis reviewed supports for the school year. Highlights include a new re-engagement teacher partnered with the student success program. There is also a full-time urban teacher this year.

Principal Dokis has also brought back the Youth Group to provide leadership opportunities to students.

Information about the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Collaborative Inquiries from the Ministry of Education:

Dr. Susan Dion is the lead-researcher on this project. She is a Lenape and Potawatomi educational-scholar, and professor at York University.

To date, the Year 1 and 2 reports have been published. The Year 3 report is in final draft for approval and should be published very soon.

Dr. Dion's "The Listening Stone" reports are shared with participants in two ways:

1. The reports are contracted through CODE (Council of Directors of Ontario) and posted on their website at: <http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/> where you can view, download, share, save or print the reports as needed. For your convenience, I've hyperlinked them here:

- i. The Listening Stone: Year 1 Report
- ii. The Listening Stone: Year 2 Report

2. Dr. Dion will attend the fall gatherings to share her findings in person with all who are able to attend.

5. FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT LEAD ROLE

Principal Dokis is the lead this school year. Part of her responsibility is to bring items and articles forward to help better understand First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities and world views.

Discussion occurred on the role of the lead and how the committee can influence the work of the lead role.

6. SPONSORSHIP LETTER, LETTER OF COMMITMENT (JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE)

As discussed earlier in the meeting, this is not a practice that exists in the board. Jordan's Principle is still being reviewed.

Superintendent Dye updated the committee on the threat at Espanola High School. Rainbow District School Board has worked with the police very closely and they have a youth in custody. The schools and students are safe and will re-open on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

7. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR LITTLE CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL AND MANITOULIN

This was covered earlier in the meeting under review of minutes.

8. URBAN FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT GROUP

Principal Dokis reviewed the organization of this group. There are currently six members and they will have four meetings this school year. The goal is to better meet the needs of students in urban setting who identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit.

9. CYRIL VARNEY STORY

Rescheduled to the February meeting.

10. CHARTER OF COMMITMENT

Principal Dokis and Superintendent Dye summarized the report and priorities of the Charter of Commitment. Principal Dokis presented a draft of what the report format. This report will be added as a standing item to the FNAC agenda.

11. ANISHINABEK EDUCATION SYSTEM INFORMATION

Trustee Fox discussed the challenges of students that are not succeeding in the education system. The committee recommended that a representation from Union of Ontario of Indians could be invited to the next meeting for discussion.

12. FNMI BUDGET

Trustee Fox tabled the motion to discuss the budget. She discussed options for the committee being involved in decisions of how the budget is being spent with reference to any funding for FNMI.

ACTION – Attach a highlight of specific dollar amounts from the minutes of last meeting.

Superintendent Dye reviewed the specific dollars that Rainbow District School Board receives, including the Educational Aboriginal Supplement and that the dollars are to be used for all pupils of the board.

The committee discussed the importance of culture and identity and that culture needs to be embraced and flourished throughout the school system as well.

13. FALL HARVEST FAIR M'CHIGEENG

Trustee Fox shared feedback from the Fall Fair and how many students were present. She suggested for the future that students present how they enjoyed the fair and possibly creating artwork to represent what they learned.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Dye requested input on the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Resource Guide and had discussion about honorariums for guests. The committee suggested that the tobacco gift was the Migwech and that an acceptable form of reimbursement for their expertise should be, at least, the daily rate of substitute teachers with the Rainbow District School Board. Guests should also be reimbursed for any travel expenses incurred.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

October 17, 2016
November 17, 2016
February 23, 2017
April 6, 2017
May 18, 2017

Whitefish River First Nation
Sheguiandah First Nation
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Sagamok Anishnawbek
Sheshegwaning First Nation

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Board Office**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Jessica Joy, Parent, Walden Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Dahnja Schoengen, Parent, Levack Public School; Karla Allen, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School and Lasalle Secondary School; Trustee Bob Clement; Trustee Gord Santala; Amber Siddiqui, Parent, Queen Elizabeth II Public School; Alison Bujold, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Jan-Marie Prato, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Jamie Roque, Parent, Pinecrest Public School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO; Heather Downey, Vice-Principal, Sudbury Secondary School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Jason Innis, Parent, Alexander Public School; Deena Zmijowskyj, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; and Tim Rancourt, Parent, Chelmsford Public School

Manitoulin Site:

N/A

Espanola Site:

Jennifer Tilston, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Michael Bellrose, Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School

1. Call to Order: 7 pm

2. Welcome: Principal Kristina Rivard Gobbo

Principal Kristina Rivard Gobbo welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited PIC members to introduce themselves.

3. Presentation on G Suite (formerly Google Apps for Education or GAFE) - Computers in Education Co-ordinator, Karen Burgess, and Principal of Student Success, Heather Gaffney

Parents were given Chromebooks to explore G Suite tools, including Google docs, Gmail, Hangouts, Calendar, Sites, YouTube and Classroom. Students have access to more apps as they progress through the grades. In G Suite, documents are saved automatically and there is unlimited storage space. Students can collaborate and share in real time, accessing content from anywhere, at anytime, on any device. Students have rscloud accounts to access G Suite. With G Suite, there is no software to purchase or install. The apps are always up-to-date when students log in. The tools within Google docs support teaching and learning.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on May 3, 2016

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2016 be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Dahnja Schoengen, Levack Public School

Seconded by: Jason Innis, Alexander Public School

Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC AGM held on October 18, 2016

Motion: "That the minutes of the AGM held on October 18, 2016 be approved, as amended."

Moved by: Dahnja Schoengen, Levack Public School

Seconded by: Amber Siddiqui, Queen Elizabeth Public School

Carried

Add the names of Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School and Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School to the attendance list for the Annual General Meeting.

7. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Principal Kristina Rivard Gobbo reviewed the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary in accordance with the Terms of Reference for PIC. Parents serve on PIC for one-year terms. The Chair can serve a two-year term and there must be a break for at least one year before being re-elected.

Kristina Rivard Gobbo thanked Jessica Joy for having served as Chair for the past school year. She called for nominations for the Chair.

Motion: "That Dahnja Schoengen be elected Chair."

Moved by: Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Carried

Kristina Rivard Gobbo called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Motion: "That Natasha Delaney be elected Vice-Chair."

Moved by: Dahnja Schoengen, Levack Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Carried

Kristina Rivard Gobbo called for nominations for Secretary.

Motion: "That Nicole Charette be elected Secretary."

Moved by: Amber Siddiqui, Queen Elizabeth Public School

Seconded by: Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School

Carried

Dahnja Schoengen chaired the meeting at this point.

8. Communications Report

Copies of Strategic Directions, 2016-2020, were distributed at the meeting.

Grade 9 students in Rainbow Schools will spend the day at work job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 as part of the national Take Our Kids to Work program.

Rainbow District School Board is inviting students and staff to go paperless in support of World Paper Free Day on Friday, November 4, 2016. This Go Green initiative is part of the Environmental Committee's ongoing efforts to encourage sustainable practices and increase awareness about paper consumption.

Parents/guardians and students in Grades 7 and 8 are invited to an interactive information session designed to help students make key decisions in the transition from elementary school to secondary school. All students are welcome to participate along with their parents/guardians, regardless of which elementary school they currently attend. Rainbow District School Board will present Making the Transition: Finding Your Way from 8 to 9 on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Student Centre at Cambrian College, 1400 Barrydowne Road. There will be free parking on site in Lot # 15 next to the Student Centre.

Students in Rainbow Schools continue to receive new instruments thanks to generous donations to the Joan Mantle Music Trust. The Trust has reached \$200,000 in total funds raised since it was launched in the fall of 2008, as local businesses and individuals continue to make donations for the benefit of students in Rainbow Schools. Chelmsford Valley District Composite School, Lasalle Secondary School and Lively District Secondary School will receive funding in the 2016-2017 school year. Barrydowne College, Lockerby Composite School, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School and Manitoulin Secondary School received funding in 2015-2016.

The fourth annual Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award will be presented at the International Dinner on April 8, 2017. An individual (or organization) from the community served by Rainbow District School Board who has had a significant impact on music and/or music education at the elementary, secondary, postsecondary and/or community levels may be nominated. Nominations will be accepted until January 16, 2017. For more information, including a nomination form, visit rainbowschools.ca and click on "community".

Valley View Public School was among 150 nation-wide recipients of a 150th "Happy Birthday Canada" Celebration Garden. A special planting ceremony took place at the school in Val Caron on Thursday, October 13, 2016. Members of the local community, including Mayor Brian Bigger, Rainbow District School Board Trustee Judy Kosmerly, parents/guardians, grandparents and School Council members, joined staff and students to plant 1,000 red and white tulips in the school yard.

Levack Public School proudly unveiled two new Buddy Benches during a special ceremony on Monday, September 24, 2016. The Buddy Bench is a character education initiative used to help eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the school playground.

Accommodation Review Update

The Special Meeting of Rainbow District School Board to decide accommodation review outcomes has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 7, 2017. At public meetings, parents asked the Board to delay the decision until secondary school exams were over. Trustees passed a motion approving the new date at the regular Board meeting held on October 25, 2016.

The Board is currently seeking input at a series of public meetings. The input will inform the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report. The Board will continue to receive input through its online feedback form until Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Four public input meetings have already been held. The meeting for the Espanola Planning Area will take place on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Espanola High School. The meeting for the Central Sudbury Planning Area will take place on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Sudbury Secondary School.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Staff will present the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report to Trustees at a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, November 24, 2016.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 for members of the public to make presentations on the Final Staff Report to the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Board's governance by-laws, which can be accessed here.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 to decide accommodation review outcomes.

Locations and start times will be posted on rainbowschools.ca.

LEARN MORE:

More information is available on the Board website at rainbowschools.ca, including:

- Updates
- School Information Profiles
- News releases with background information
- Capital and Accommodation Plan Initial Staff Report
- Long-Term Capital Plan Reports
- Board Policy GOV-15 Student Accommodation
- Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships Administrative Procedures
- Ministry of Education Guide to Pupil Accommodation Reviews

9. School Announcements

Michael Bellrose and Jennifer Tilston, A.B. Ellis PS – The official opening of the revitalized Espanola High School and the new A.B. Ellis Public School was held on September 28, 2016. The schools held a combined Remembrance Day celebration.

Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson PS – The school is fundraising for the Nickels for the North campaign. Information was also shared on the Raise the Flag for Autism campaign.

Deena Zmijowskyj, Lo-Ellen Park SS – Lo-Ellen Park welcomed the Grade 7 and 8 students from R.L. Beattie in September. The School Council has expanded. The school will host its Swing Soirée on December 3, 2016, with funds going towards school bands.

Trustee Gord Santala invited parents to share their input on the accommodation reviews. He indicated that the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report will be presented at a Special Board Meeting on November 24, 2016.

Karla Allen, Parent, Northeastern, Carl A. Nesbitt PS and Lasalle SS – The cafeteria at Northeastern is now operating three days a week. The school is hosting pizza days, movie nights and Zumba nights. At Nesbitt, proceeds from the Fun Fair held in 2015-2016 have been used to purchase Chromebooks and buddy benches were launched. Students at Lasalle participated in the first annual walk for Finlandia in support of the seniors' gym. Grade 7 and 8 students from Nesbitt participated in a CSI Night at Lasalle. The Lasalle Secondary School Information Night will be held on November 24, 2016.

Trustee Bob Clement indicated that Rainbow District School Board parent engagement resources were shared with boards across Ontario at a meeting of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), including the Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians, the transition guide and equity posters.

Dahnja Schoengen, Levack PS – Parent volunteers helped to organize a Fall Harvest Feast for 170 people within a week. Buddy Benches were donated to the school by King Fabricating. Community partnerships are being explored for the accommodation review. Fundraisers are also underway.

Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne PS – A number of fundraisers are underway at Lansdowne Public School, including cookie dough, labels and popcorn.

Alison Bujold, Lockerby – Lockerby raised \$109,000 over the past six months for cancer research. Donations to the Laura Cotesta Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive can still be made. Students achieved honours in golfing, Science Olympics and flag football.

Ron Hodgkinson, Principal, Cyril Varney PS – Cyril Varney has been transformed into a 21st Century school. Traditional desks have been replaced with interactive tables and flexible seating. Students are connecting with schools abroad to collaborate on documents.

Heather Downey, Vice-Principal, Sudbury SS – The Art Department is presenting workshops for feeder schools. The Information Night will be held on November 23, 2016. ELF the Christmas musical will be presented in December.

Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School – The investment in the 21st Century classroom has had a phenomenal impact on student engagement. The Sudbury & District Health Unit has hosted presentations for parents on the teenage brain. The school is participating in food drives. The school will host a Winter Feast with parental and community involvement.

Jessica Joy, Walden PS – The school is participating in a city-wide clothing drive. The school also hosted a spaghetti fundraising dinner and will host a book fair.

Jan-Marie Prato, R.L. Beattie PS – The school gained 95 JK students. The Grade 7 and 8 students moved to Lo-Ellen Park. The school will host a Christmas craft show.

Jamie Roque, Pinecrest PS – The school raised \$2,000 for library books. Some 200 people were fed during the Fall Harvest Feast, which received tremendous community support. The school is participating in a winter clothing drive and canned food drive. Sports teams are doing well. New parents have joined the School Council and everyone is working diligently to make a difference for the accommodation review. The school also has a 21st Century learning classroom.

Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College – Barrydowne College is creating a community council. The school experienced a significant increase in students ages 18 to 20 who can obtain secondary school credits at an alternative setting at the Cambrian College campus. The school played a role in the Free to Be Me Conference, which attracted 425 students to Espanola High School for keynote speakers, workshops and a dance.

Sara Pidgen, ETFO – A series of posters have been created to address various themes in equity and inclusion. Everyone was welcomed at a fall feast at Princess Anne Public School.

10. The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Board Office

Topic: Diversity

Equity and Inclusive Education Committee Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2017
4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Sudbury Secondary School, Library

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Minutes reviewed from November 10, 2016 meeting

Trustee Kosmerly reviewed SEAC notes with regards to EQAO and Raise the Flag for Autism, April 3rd, 2017.
3. Embrace Diversity – Free To Be Me
 - Looking for new members to begin planning. Email Patrick Hopkin if interested.
 - Keynote – dividing groups – elementary and high school
4. Poverty Working Committee
 - Focus on vocabulary utilized in schools
5. First Nation, Métis and Inuit
 - 1 750 students who have self identified
 - Espanola and Manitoulin Secondary have 2 ASWs modeling a program after a school in Dryden. Grad rates in Rainbow are at 74%.
 - Niigaan Sinclair worked with 50 community members and 150 Rainbow staff last Friday. Great feedback from his visit and looking at November PA Day with Truth and Reconciliation
 - Offering Rainbow staff to attend conference in Toronto in July. Information has been sent out.
6. School receiving Equity Funds
 - Proposals have been received. \$17 000 worth of proposals and Rainbow has committed \$32 000.
7. Get Real Presentation
 - Group coming up to schools in April. How to support students being allies.
 - Nine schools are involved
8. Transgender Guide Update
 - Guide is the hands of Nicole and hopefully the guide will be in schools by next meeting

9. New Business

- Should we create an eighth poster? An explanation of what the other posters represent
- Gender identity poster is being revised
- Break out groups to discuss the 8th poster. The overall consensus was that an 8th

Truth and Reconciliation

- Lansdowne is organized into clans
- Selection of literature is important for each school to provide strong conversations in classes
- Providing staff with the tools and resources to understand and acquire background knowledge

Next meeting:

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Sudbury Secondary's Library

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Thursday, February 23, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Carlene Assinewai, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Cynthia Trudeau, Sheguindah First Nation
Kim Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Sharon Goulais, Dokis First Nation
Stephanie Roy, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute
Doreen Dewar, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Kathy Dokis, Principal of First Nation, Métis
and Inuit Education, Rainbow District School Board
Lesleigh Dye, Superintendent, Rainbow District School Board
Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board

Members Absent with Regret: Robert Pitfield, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Beverly Roy-Carter, M'Chigeeng First Nation
Janice Cada, Sheshegwaning First Nation
Vanessa McGregor, Whitefish River First Nation
Dominic Beaudry, Wikwemikong First Nation
Kelly Lee Assinewe, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Grace Fox, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Anna-Marie Abitong, Sagamok Anishnawbek

Members Absent: Kevin Mossip, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

Recording Minutes: Alicia Marshall, Rainbow District School Board

Superintendent Dye to Chair meeting as Chair Assinewe and Vice Chair Fox has sent her regrets.

Meeting begun at 10:15am – With 7 committee members present, quorum has not been met.

1. WELCOME

Kim Nootchtai welcomed everyone to Atikameksheng Anishnawbek.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Education Service Agreement to be added to agenda.

3. REVIEW MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17, 2016

Cyril Varney to be invited to the April meeting.

4. FIRST NATION ANNUAL REPORT

Superintendent Dye and Principal Dokis reviewed draft version of the Annual Report.

Discussion occurred around the table about the possibility of reviewing and updating the Seven Social Factors.

Stephanie Roy commented that the challenges relevant today are not only student achievement but also the learning environment. The challenge is how to assess and gauge the Social Factors. For example: Personal Equity - how are we making progress within staffing across the board.

Other points discussed:

- The committee would like more than one First Nation Trustee on the Board.
- The factors and how we capture and assess them are important to the committee.
- First Nation students are still feeling alienated in their environment.
- How does the committee ensure the spiritual aspect of learning is taken into account?
- Could there be an opportunity to look at a partnership with a provincial and federal group with the board to work on specific initiatives to target improving student outcomes?

ACTION ITEMS:

Superintendent Dye to include data on the staff equity survey that was completed.

Principal Dokis to have students think about questions for a survey for students to gauge what is working and how they are feeling at the next Youth Group meeting on March 2.

A working group will be put together to discuss the Seven Social Factors. They will bring back the results and information of this working group to the May 18th meeting.

Principal Dokis reviewed the role of the focused Aboriginal Support Worker at Manitoulin Secondary School and Espanola High School. She also brought the committee up to date on the visit to Dryden High School to see the work that is being done there with First Nation students.

Superintendent Dye and Principal Dokis continued to review the Annual Report.

Highlights of Annual Report

- Enrolment – all schools in Rainbow District School Board have students who identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit.
- In the last 5 years, district totals have doubled for the board for students who identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit.
- Anishinaabemowin Enrolment - number of students have almost tripled in 5 years.
- Native Studies - highest number of Native Studies courses taken.

ACTION ITEM: Superintendent Dye to look at a comparison of how many First Nation students take French language as a comparison to Anishinaabemowin?

Cindy Fisher, a guest at the meeting presented her new role with ONECA and the NCTP Courses.

Points discussed during review of Annual Report:

Math

- Vocabulary is significantly impacting the math results across the board.
- Superintendent Dye discussed that there are three focus areas across the board for this school year. They are literacy strategies, working memory and vocabulary.

OSSLT

- There have been intensive tutoring supports put in place for students for the OSSLT.

Students may write again March 30, 2017.

Special Education

- The category Learning Disability has increased over the years from 8% to 16%. This is something the board needs to review.

Attendance

- Percentage of students under ESA in all categories are almost twice as high when comparing with the board results.

Edits to Annual Report – looking at Native Studies to see if it's possible to show a 5 year breakdown of students under an ESA and show breakdown by school.

Add OLC 4.0 course in the Annual Report – breakdown in same way for students under ESA.

5. FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT LEAD ROLE

Member Sharon Goulais questioned the responsibilities and autonomy of the FNMI Lead Role and what this position means to the committee, the community and the board. The committee would like a clear definition of the responsibilities and autonomy of this role.

Member Stephanie Roy discussed moving forward with the implementation of the TRC. Results from the Annual Report prove that the committee needs to work together moving forward to work on student outcomes. This is an opportunity for changing and improving the system. Looking at the impact that the Lead Role can have in the future and how discussions with the committee, Trustee Fox and the Director of Education can help make significant changes to the progress of the students.

ACTION ITEM: Attach professional learning highlights from Principal Dokis

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2016-2017

April 6, 2017

Sagamok Anishnawbek

The following items are to carry over to the next meeting.

- Annual Report
- Anishinabek Education System - some communities will be a part of AES and some won't. How would communities like to move forward with negotiations of Education Service Agreement?
- Lead role
- Presentation from Cyril Varney Public School

May 18, 2017

Sheshegwaning First Nation

Meeting adjourned – 2:15pm

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Board Office**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Jessica Joy, Parent, Walden Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Dahnja Schoengen, Parent, Levack Public School; Karla Allen, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School and Lasalle Secondary School; Trustee Bob Clement; Trustee Gord Santala; Amber Siddiqui, Parent, Queen Elizabeth II Public School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Jason Innis, Parent, Alexander Public School; Deena Zmijowskyj, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Karry Strelezki, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Stacey Paajanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Kelly Lemieux, Parent, Valley View Public School; Cori Pitre, Principal, Webbwood Public School and S. Geiger Public School; and Christine McInnes, Social Worker, Rainbow District School Board.

Manitoulin Site:

N/A

Espanola Site:

N/A

1. Call to Order: 7 pm

2. Welcome: Chair Dahnja Schoengen

PIC Chair Dahnja Schoengen welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited PIC members to introduce themselves.

She offered her support for the schools that have been affected by this year's Accommodation Review Process. She indicated that the ARC process has resulted in the most passionate community and parent involvement that we have seen in many years.

She encouraged PIC members to return to their parents and empower them to continue to stay engaged and voice their thoughts, opinions and concerns, to be better prepared for the next ARC.

Contact your MPP, City Councilors and the Ministry of Education to express concerns and help to engage the various levels of government in the hopes of easing the pressure on the School Board.

**3. Presentation on Equity and Inclusive Education by Principal Cori Pitre
on behalf of the Equity and Inclusive Education Committee**

Cori Pitre reviewed the Board's commitment to equity and inclusive education in Strategic Directions 2016-2020, the Ontario Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy (2009); and the Ministry of Education's Achieving Excellence document. The Board's Equity and Inclusive Education Committee includes more than 40 members who meet four times annually. There are also a variety of working groups.

Surveys were administered in 2011 and 2015 to determine needs, implement initiatives and monitor progress. Principal Pitre talked about the importance of building awareness, being an ally and supporting everyone in our school communities to create welcoming and safe spaces.

Equity funds are being used in schools to support strategies. A number of system-wide strategies have also been implemented, including professional learning, Dealing Directly with Language cards, Embrace Diversity posters, and the Dare to Stand Out / Free to Be Me Conference. PIC members engaged in a game of LGBTQ 101 Jeopardy to test their knowledge and generate discussion.

4. Presentation on Mindfulness by Social Worker Christine McInnes

Social Worker Christine McInnes described mindfulness as being aware in the moment, while accepting emotions and thoughts without judgment. Practicing mindfulness can lead to a change in behaviour. Rainbow District School Board has six Social Workers who work with students to foster mental health and wellness.

Christine McInnes used jars, sand and balls to demonstrate how we decide what we fill our life with. When we are so preoccupied with small stuff, there is no room for the big (significant, important) stuff.

She also engaged PIC members in an exercise that used the five senses. What do you see? Note three things in the room. Now focus on what you hear, feel, taste and smell. Did you think about what was preoccupying your mind? When you are rooted in the past and can't get beyond something, using The Five Senses strategy helps to reframe and refocus.

Being aware of breathing is an important part of mindfulness. Breathe in through the nose, hold for a second, breathe out through the mouth. Head to toe relaxation technique also promotes mindfulness. PIC members expressed an interest in having Social Workers speak to School Councils.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Karla Allen, Northeastern Elementary School,

Carl A. Nesbitt Public School and Lasalle Secondary School

Seconded by: Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School

Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on November 1, 2016

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on November 1, 2016 be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Kelly Lemieux, Valley View Public School
Seconded by: Amber Siddiqui, Queen Elizabeth Public School
Carried

7. Communications Report

PIC members received a copy of the Administrative Procedure on Digital Citizenship, which is also available on the Board website. Superintendent Noble reviewed the overall purpose and focused on the roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians. She said it's important for parents/guardians to access their children's passwords and to know what their children are doing online. Superintendent Noble asked PIC members to bring the Administrative Procedure on Digital Citizenship back to their School Councils. PIC members expressed concerns about Google Hangouts. Students use Google Hangouts to share work and collaborate, an important skill in 21st Century teaching and learning. Superintendent Noble reminded parents/guardians that letters were sent home earlier in the school year re: how to obtain passwords.

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning delivered the communications report.

Information was shared with parents/guardians about the new Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). Free tuition for college or university is available to eligible students. Family income must be under \$50,000. To learn more, visit ontario.ca/osap.

The School Year Calendar for 2017-2018 will be released on March 1, 2017. It will be posted on the Board website – rainbowschools.ca.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants, including grants for regional projects. The deadline for applications is May 25, 2017.

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.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 will participate in the annual science fair on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017. Up to 37 projects will be selected to advance to the Sudbury Regional Science Fair at Laurentian University on April 8th and 9th, 2017.

Rainbow District School Board will host its twelfth annual Technological Skills Competition on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 at Cambrian College. Secondary students will test their skills in events such as 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.

On Thursday, March 30, 2017, all Grade 10 students in Ontario will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). 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.

8. School Announcements

Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School – The winter carnival will feature snowshoeing and sleigh rides. Work is underway on the year-end Pow Wow. Grade 8 students are fundraising for their year-end trip.

Deena Zmijowskyj, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School – Students are participating in NOSSA Nordic Skiing, getting ready for the semi formal, and building a robot for the FIRST Robotics Competition. Grade 7 and 8 students have access to a new gym.

Karry Strelezki and Stacey Paajanen, Lively District Secondary School – Parents shared a number of good news stories from Lively District Secondary School, including comedy night, semi-formal, wingo bingo, S Day for snowmobile safety, Grade 7 and 8 ski excursion, results in wrestling and participation in the FIRST Robotics.

Jessica Joy, Walden Public School – Walden Public School launched a composting program. The curling team did well. Students are participating in a popcorn fundraiser. Students celebrated the 100th day of school.

Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School – CVDCS is launching the iT.E.C.H. certificate program, which focuses on innovation through technology, experiential learning, community involvement, and health and wellness. The school is trying to launch a football program. The school is divided into three corridors, which provides all kinds of opportunities for the new JK to Grade 12 school.

Amber Siddiqui, Queen Elizabeth II Public School – Students are benefiting from Chromebooks, using technology for problem solving. A Christmas bazaar raised funds for educational trips. Students participated in the canned food drive and took part in a number of sporting events, with success. Students benefited from a donation of supplies from Staples.

Jason Innis, Alexander Public School – The Christmas concert was well received. Funds from a raffle helped to purchase new chairs and tables for the gym. A carnival was held. Students made taffy, enjoyed horse rides and had a pancake breakfast. There was also a poutine truck on site. Alexander continues to welcome new students.

Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School – Preparations are underway for the Blacklight production. April 2, 2017 is World Autism Day. Autism Ontario (Sudbury Chapter) and Boston Pizza will be hosting a fundraiser and information night to celebrate from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Karla Allen, Northeastern, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School and Lasalle Secondary School – There has been an increase in parent involvement. Family Movie Nights have been successful as well as pizza days. Students are working on Heritage Fair projects. Senior FI students at Northeastern participated in a ski trip. Nesbitt students will be joining Churchill students in the Hike for Hospice fundraiser. Nesbitt collected the most cans for the food drive. The Lasalle Secondary School Info Night and Orange Crush day for feeder schools were successful. The school is focusing on an upcoming mental health day.

Kelly Lemieux, Valley View Public School – The school will host a Fun Fair on April 27, 2017. The Eco School Committee is working on an outdoor classroom. Valley View Public School is Rainbow District School Board's first green school.

Dahnja Schoengen, Levack Public School – Students participated in a canned food drive. A teacher slept outside as an incentive. The school is working on a battery recycling project as part of the Ontario Battery Challenge. Students are using old milk cartons to make ice blocks to build igloos. Students participated in gingerbread art and anograms. Maple syrup is being sold to raise funds.

9. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Deena Zmijowskyj, Lo-Ellen Park SS

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Board Office

Topic: 21st Century Classrooms



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Laura Elliott, Director of Education and Secretary

April 11, 2017

Ministry of Education
22nd Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Attention: Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education

Dear Minister Hunter:

Re: Request for Reduction of Class Size Requirements for Native Language Courses

At the January 24, 2017, Board meeting of the Thames Valley District School Board, Trustee Schuyler moved the following motion that was carried:

That the Chair of the Board, in collaboration with the First Nation Trustee write a letter to the Ontario Ministry of Education requesting that the class size required to offering Native Language be reduced from 12 to 5 students in Ontario schools. This would also be done in collaboration with the Federal Government who has the responsibility for funding First Nation education.

During the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, there were ninety-four calls to action that flowed from the abuses that occurred at residential schools in Canada. Through the atrocities that occurred in residential schools, our First Nations communities lost their language. Furthermore, their culture was denied by the government and churches that ran the schools.

As a result of these actions, it is incumbent upon the government to help ensure that our current and future First Nations students have the opportunity to learn their native languages and help open the doors to learn their culture. It is important that not only students on reserves are able to access language courses but also those First Nations students who are living in urban settings and attending a variety of our schools.

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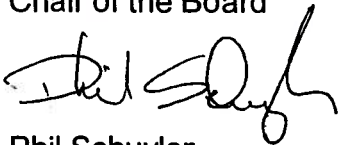
The Ministry currently has criteria for a class size of twelve (12) students for our school board to be able to offer a fully funded First Nations language class. This poses a major obstacle in many of our urban schools to run a class. Furthermore, when we do have the critical mass to run a class we are not able to recognize the diverse native languages that are found within our region. It contradicts the goals of the Truth and Reconciliation's Calls to Action to require an Ojibway First Nations child to learn the Oneida (Iroquois) language at their school. The Thames Valley District School Board urges the Provincial Government to work with the Federal Government and properly fund First Nations Language classes and reduce the class size to a minimum of five (5) students to ensure more students will have access to learn and celebrate their language and culture.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with you more as we move forward to improving our education system for all of our students.

Sincerely,



Matthew Reid
Chair of the Board



Phil Schuyler
First Nations Trustee

cc: Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
David Zimmer, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Laura Elliott, Director of Education, TVDSB
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Laura Elliott, Director of Education and Secretary

April 11, 2017

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Request for Reduction of Class Size Requirements for Native Language Courses

At the January 24, 2017 Board meeting of the Thames Valley District School Board, the following motion was moved by Trustee Tisdale and seconded by Trustee Schuyler:

That a letter be sent to the Federal Government emphasizing their commitment and responsibility to fully fund First Nations, Inuit and Métis student's education.

Through the ninety-four calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, our government has recognized the atrocities that occurred in residential schools that saw abuse of our students along with them being prevented from learning their language and culture.

As a result, there are concerns of First Nations communities losing their language and identity. Our school board would like to raise the concerns over the lack of resources that are currently being provided for our First Nations students on reserves. The fact that First Nations communities are provided less education funding per student than our provincially funded students continues the disgraceful legacy of previous governments that allowed residential schools to operate for so many generations.

Furthermore, we would like to ask that the Federal Government work with the Ontario Government to provide further funding for First Nations language classes for our urban students. Currently in our school board, the Ministry of Education requires a class to have twelve (12) pupils to be fully funded. This creates an obstacle when we are unable to create the critical mass needed in our urban schools with First Nations students. The

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Thames Valley District School Board has called on the Ontario Government to reduce the number of pupils required for a First Nations language class to five to help ensure more students have access to learning their language.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with you as we move forward to improving our education system for all of our students.

Sincerely Yours,



Matthew Reid
Chair of the Board



Phil Schuyler
First Nations Trustee

cc: Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
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Lucille Kyle, Chair of the Board
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May 8, 2017

Deputy Minister of Education Bruce Rodrigues
14th Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Deputy Rodrigues:

Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board's (HPEDSB) 2015-2020 Strategic Plan focuses on four priorities: Achieving Excellence & Equity, Learning & Leadership, Public Confidence and Well-Being and aligns with the Ministry of Education's Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario. In our school board we are committed to increasing our graduation rate and have set high standards for our graduates.

We value testing provided through the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) as a tool that provides a valuable source of data that contributes to the identification of student learning needs and ultimately the professional learning needs of our teachers. This data along with other data sources help us to develop the evidence based goals reflected in our Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being (BIPSAW) and in our School Improvement Plans for Student Achievement and Well-Being (SIPSAW). We are focused on assessment and instruction that can directly impact student achievement and well-being. Over time, we are seeing improvement in the achievement level of our students in Grade 3, 6, and 9 and EQAO data helps us to identify strengths and gaps in curriculum implementation.

We also appreciate the efforts of EQAO to implement an on-line tool for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). We believe that the implementation of the on-line testing tool will support many students to access the test with the supports and tools they use in their daily practice.

Our concern, which aligns with the recent discussion paper: EQAO and Large Scale Testing in Ontario by the Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) is the sequencing of the requirement to fail the OSSLT prior to being eligible to take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). We support Recommendation #3 in the OPSBA discussion paper that states that "Teachers and administrators should be supported in making a professional judgement about which students require a remedial course prior to taking the test. Offering remedial help first would create an environment that enhances motivation and self-esteem, and would serve to maximize student success." Offering curriculum support rather than failing the test would create an environment that builds skills, confidence and self-esteem and would maximize student success. The sequencing of the literacy course prior to the literacy test would also provide some equity for our students with special needs.

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Lucille Kyle, Chair of the Board
Mandy Savery-Whiteway, Director of Education

We understand that realigning the sequencing of the OSSLT and OSSLC would require a change in Ministry of Education policy. We hope you will consider Recommendation #3 as proposed by OPSBA and supported by HPEDSB as a way to further support student achievement and increased graduation rates.

Sincerely,

Lucille Kyle
Chair, on behalf of Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board

cc: Laurie French, President, Ontario Public School Board Association
Dr. Richard Jones, Interim Chief Executive Officer
All Ontario School Board Chairs



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May 9, 2017

Rileigh Erbersdobler
c/o Pinecrest Public School

Dear Rileigh:

Congratulations on being appointed to the Minister of Education's Student Advisory Council. We value student voice and are delighted that Rainbow District School Board will have a representative providing input at the provincial level.

In this role, you will meet with the Minister of Education twice during your one-year term. The Minister has informed me that you will also be able to join sub-committees on topics of interest to you, work collaboratively to prepare a report of recommendations, and may be invited to participate in other student forums, events or conferences to discuss student-related issues.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to gain meaningful experience in the field of education and to develop essential skills such as communications, collaboration, critical thinking, co-operation, creativity and citizenship. Your involvement in the Student Advisory Council will also have a positive impact on students in Rainbow Schools and across Ontario.

Thank you for applying for this important position. We are proud of you for having been selected and extend our best wishes as you begin this exciting role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norm Blaseg", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

cc: Doreen Dewar, Chair
Mark Patterson, Principal, Pinecrest Public School



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May 10, 2017

Rusty Hick
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
439 University Avenue, Suite 1850
Toronto ON
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Dear Rusty Hick:

On behalf of Rainbow District School Board, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Executive Director of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

As a long-time trustee who values public education, I am delighted that you will be joining OPSBA in this senior leadership position. My colleagues join me in welcoming you and we look forward to working with you.

As the provincial voice of school boards across Ontario, OPSBA plays an important role in student success. Given the scope of OPSBA's mandate, it is critical that a visionary leader be at the helm to continue the good work accomplished to date.

Your experience and insight, from the classroom to the boardroom, will ensure that OPSBA remains responsive and progressive, supporting school boards in meeting their shared mission of student achievement and well-being.

Thank you for accepting this new opportunity. Please know that we would be delighted to have you visit our Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin Island and Shining Tree at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doreen Dewar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doreen Dewar
Chair