

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward, Student Trustee K. Yao
Absent: G. Fox
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, T. Batchilder, J. McKibbon, M. Bertrand, B. Ravi, R. Jones, Lo-Ellen Park SS students and members of the public

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

Chair Dewar stated “Before we begin our meeting tonight, I would like to ask you to join me in observing a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the explosion at Manchester Arena in Northern England.

May it comfort the community of Manchester to know that we are thinking of them in this time of deep sorrow.”

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 17-R85, J.Hunda/G.Santala

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

- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustee Santala declared a conflict with item D on the agenda as his wife is an employee of the Board.

C. PRESENTATIONS

International Education Program

Superintendent Noble introduced Principal Jeff McKibbon, teacher Melanie Bertrand and Bela Ravi to speak about recent recruitment in China, Vietnam and India. Trustees were provided information regarding agent meetings, meetings with commissioners, education trends, the importance of trust between parents, students, principals, directors, and agents, follow-up requirements and upcoming exchange agreements.

International students in Rainbow schools provide diversity in the classroom and the community and we all benefit.

Trustees were appreciative of Bela Ravi's perspective and the support of the multi-cultural community in Sudbury.

Three students attending Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School shared stories about their first few months in Canada.

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

Motion: 17-R86, D.Morrison/R.Ward

That the report from the Labour Relations Committee be approved. - **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 17-R87, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

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

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

a) Motion: 17-R88, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract for Confederation Secondary School, interior alterations - tender #2017-17 to Prosperi Co. Ltd. for \$815,000. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 17-R89, D.Morrison/R.Ward

That the Board award the contract for CC McLean Public School, renovations - tender #2017-20 to Schutt Restoration Services (Thunder Bay) Ltd. for \$206,977. - **Carried**

c) Motion: 17-R90, B.Clement/G.Santala

That the Board award the contract for S. Geiger Public School, washroom renovations - tender #2017-21 to Durigon Brother Construction Ltd. for \$234,000. - **Carried**

d) Motion: 17-R91, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract for Markstay Public School, partial roof replacement - tender #2017-22 to Douro Roofing & Sheet Metal Contractors Ltd. for \$148,700. - **Carried**

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

a) **Audit Committee**

Chair Dewar called for nominations for the vacant position on the Audit Committee.

Trustee Morrison nominated Trustee Ward.

Chair Dewar asked three times if there were any further nominations.

Motion: 17-R92, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That nominations be closed. – **Carried**

Trustee Ward confirmed her willingness to be one of three trustees on the Audit Committee for the remainder of the term.

Motion: 17-R93, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That Trustee Ward be appointed to the Audit Committee for the remainder of the 2014-2018 term. - **Carried**

b) **Special Education Plan 2017-2018**

Motion: 17-R94, J.Kosmerly/G.Santala

That the Special Education Plan be approved. - **Carried**

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 17-R95, J.Hunda/R.Ward

That Trustee Fox be granted a leave of absence from the May 23, 2017 Board meeting. - **Carried**

2. **Director's Remarks**

On Friday May 5th I was honoured to attend and present at the Sudbury Heritage Fair held at Laurentian University. This is a special event that highlights so many historical contributions from a variety of cultures.

I recently attended Jean Hanson Public School's annual Blacklight performance. The work and effort by both staff and students is so amazing. It is a credit to all for providing to the public such a wonderful display of talent, inclusiveness and pure entertainment.

Principal/Vice Principal placements will be announced on June 20th. The ministry has indicated it will make their capital plans known by June 19th, which will have an impact on our principal and vice principal placements.

Information was recently released regarding the Northern Ontario Supports Initiative; 22 million dollars will be allocated to Northern Boards for various Special Education Initiatives. Northeastern Boards will share 4.5 Million. This will be an

annual initiative with a commitment for funding lasting 5 years, more details to follow.

Speak Up project approvals were announced this month and many of our schools will receive ministry funds. This initiative provides students with the opportunity to add their voice in raising awareness in a variety of areas that directly impact on student interests.

Graduations start June 5th and conclude on June 29th. I invite everyone to attend and participate in these culminating ceremonies. It is a wonderful opportunity to share and acknowledge the success of all our students. If required, please check with Heather Thirkill to confirm dates, time and location.

Itinerary:

- April 26 School Visit – Alexander Public School
Agenda Setting
- April 27/28 OPSOA - Ottawa
- May 1 Exec Council – Budget Deliberations
Kiwaniis Festival Ceremony – St. Andrews Church
- May 2 Directors Meeting
Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
- May 3 School Visits with Trustee Ward
Levack Public School
Larchwood Public School
Chelmsford Public School
Chelmsford VDCS
- May 4 Exec Council
Facilities/HR Meeting
Student Senate Conference - Cambrian College
- May 5 Blacklight Theatre - Jean Hanson Public School
Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair – Laurentian University
- May 8 Capital Planning community meeting – Manitoulin Secondary School
- May 9/10 Strong Districts Symposium – Thunder Bay
- May 11 Agenda Setting
- May 12 School Visits
C.C. McLean Public School
Manitoulin Secondary School
Central Manitoulin Public School

Assiginack Public School
Little Current Public School

- May 15 Principal/Vice Principal interviews
- May 16 School Visit – Monetville Public School
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- May 17 Meeting with Councillor Kirwan
- May 19 ETFO meeting
Big Bike fundraiser for Heart & Stroke
Minister of Education – Northeastern Public School
- May 23 Agenda Setting
Labour Relations meeting
Board Meeting

3. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that Trustee Ward will be representing the Board at the upcoming Annual General Meeting at Blue Mountain June 8-11, 2017 .

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao reported that the Stand Up Speak Out Conference that took place on May 3 and 4 at Cambrian College was very successful, with over 100 students attending. She shared a video that was taken at the conference that will be shared with all schools to promote the student senate. Highlights of the conference included: teambuilding activities, discussion about what the perfect schools looks like, discussion about what each school does and discussion about issues at schools. This information will be forwarded to the incoming student senate to follow up on suggestions from students.

The three keynote speakers at the confence were Wally Shaw, Scott Hammond (a magician) and Blake Fly (a musician). Topics of the breakout sessions included woman empowerment, FNMI culture, motivation and the trades pathway.

Student Trustee Yao informed that she and incoming trustee Madeleine Leach Jarret will be attending the OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 25-28, 2017 in Toronto.

4. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison thanked Student Trustee Katie Yao for her contributions to the Board and spoke about the Big Bike event, a fundraiser for Heart and Stroke that took place at Delki Dozzi Park on Friday, May 19, 2017. This successful event brought secondary staff and students as well as board office staff and trustees together for a successful fundraising event for Rainbow District School Board.

5. Chairperson's Remarks

Rainbow District School Board secondary school students showcased their analytical and critical thinking skills at the 17th annual Mock Trial Competition where they garnered both gold and silver medals and captured a number of individual awards.

A Grade 8 student from Pinecrest Public School is one of only 60 students from Ontario to serve on the 2017-2018 Minister of Education's Student Advisory Council. Raleigh Erbersdobler was selected from more than 480 applicants representing the province's cultural, social, economic and geographic diversity.

The Minister of Education visited students in the Learning Disabilities class at Northeastern Elementary School on Friday, May 19, 2017, where they are piloting the Empower Reading Program.

On a personal note, I was privileged to attend the inspiring Blacklight performance by the students of Jean Hanson PS. I brought greetings to the Regional Heritage Fair and experienced the pride of our students as they acknowledged our heritage and history. I attended a portion of the Stand up Speak out Conference to witness the poise and self-confidence of our future leaders. And I attended the Big Bike ride for Heart and Stroke. It was extremely gratifying to see students from five Secondary Schools and our Staff enjoying each other as they worked together to raise money for a worthy cause.

Minister of Energy and Sudbury MPP Glenn Thibeault will visit MacLeod Public School tomorrow, May 24, 2017, to learn about our green initiatives as part of Ontario's EcoSchools program.

Also tomorrow, a delegation from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School's Sister School in Shanghai, China will arrive for a two-week stay. They will participate in classes and enjoy local attractions.

The public is invited to support our young entrepreneurs at the Rainbow District School Board Entrepreneur Fair in the Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School gym on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Also on June 8, 2017, Lasalle Secondary School will host a Citizenship Ceremony for new Canadians.

Students will showcase their proud heritage at the Provincial Heritage Fair from June 9 to 11, 2017, in Toronto. They include Markstay Public School student, Aiden Lippert-Murdoch, for his project on his Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather, John "Daddy" Hall's escape from slavery via the Underground Railroad; and Lo-Ellen Park Elementary School student, Kaija Grubber, for her project about a Scottish woman who posed as a man in order to make the journey to Canada, and find work as a fur trader for Hudson's Bay Company.

The thought for today comes from Vivien Greene,

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass..... It's about learning to dance in the rain.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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
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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

Board Meeting (Budget) May 30, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Retirement Dinner May 31, 2017 6:00 pm Holiday Inn
Strategic Planning Committee June 6, 2017 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
Student Senate Meeting June 12, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Student Senate Meeting June 19, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board Meeting July 4, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 17-R96, B.Clement/D.Morrison
That we now adjourn at 7:15 p.m. – **Carried.**