

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
to be held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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<b>AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS</b>
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- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** \*Chair
- Motion:  
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of July 4, 2017 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** \*Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS** \*Chair
- Centre for Education Update – Superintendent of Business Bazinet
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD** \*Director
- E. OLD BUSINESS** \*Director
1. **Child Care Update** \*SBO
2. **Capital Funding Outcomes** \*SBO
- a) Motion:  
That the implementation dates for motions 17-R35, 17-R43 17-R44, 17-R45 and 17-R46 be changed to September 1, 2019.
- b) Motion:  
That Rainbow District School Board approve an amount not to exceed \$1.36 million to supplement the Ministry of Education funding for the construction of a new gym addition at Confederation Secondary School (\$600,000 from the proceed of disposition reserve and up to \$760,000 from the Student Focused Initiatives Reserve).
3. **Previous Minutes** \*Chair
- a) Motion:  
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 23, 2017 be approved.
- b) Motion:  
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting - Budget held on May 30, 2017 be approved.

4. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** \*SBO

Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Inspection and Testing of Life Safety Systems - Various Locations - tender #2017-24 to \_\_\_\_\_ for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

5. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** \*Chair

**2017/2018 Budget**

Motion:

That the Rainbow District School Board 2017/2018 budget be approved.

F. **NEW BUSINESS** \*Chair

1. **Requests for Leave of Absence** \*Chair

Motion:

That \_\_\_\_\_ be granted a leave of absence from the July 4, 2017 Board meeting.

2. **Director's Remarks** \*Director

Presentation to outgoing Student Trustee Katie Yao

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**

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Hastings and Prince Edward DSB dated May 5, 2017

Letter to MPP M. Mantha dated May 10, 2017

Email response from MPP M. Mantha's office dated May 17, 2017

Letter from Waterloo Region DSB dated May 16, 2017

Letter from Peel DSB dated May 29, 2017

Letter from Thames Valley DSB #1 dated May 30, 2017

Letter from Thames Valley DSB #2 dated May 30, 2017  
Letter from Thames Valley DSB #3 dated May 30, 2017

- H. FUTURE MEETINGS** \*Chair  
Board Meeting August 29, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Strategic Planning Committee September 12, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom  
First Nation Advisory Committee September 28, 2017 10:00 am Boardroom

- I. ADJOURNMENT** \*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at            p.m.

<b>Title:</b>	Capital Funding Outcomes - System
<b>Contact:</b>	Dennis Bazinet
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	July 4, 2017
<b>Mandate:</b>	Acquire capital funding from the Ministry of Education to implement accommodation review decisions.
<b>Background and Process:</b>	<p>The Ministry of Education released memo 2016:B19 Request for School Consolidation Capital Funding Submissions on December 1, 2016.</p> <p>Through the School Consolidation Capital Funding Program, capital funding is available to school boards for projects that reduce a school board's excess capacity. This funding will be allocated on a business case basis for new schools, retrofits and additions that support consolidations.</p> <p>At the November 24, 2016 Special Board Meeting, staff presented the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report following public meetings for accommodation reviews in six planning areas.</p> <p>Based on the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report, the following requests for school consolidation capital funding were submitted to the Ministry of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valley North Planning Area Chelmsford Valley District Composite School retrofit</li> <li>2. New Sudbury Planning Area New French Immersion Elementary School</li> <li>3. Valley East Planning Area Confederation Secondary School Addition for new gymnasium as well as interior renovations</li> <li>4. New Sudbury Planning Area Revitalization of Churchill Public School</li> <li>5. Central Sudbury Planning Area New dual track elementary school on the Queen Elizabeth Public School site</li> <li>6. Valley North Planning Area Right-sizing of Levack Public School</li> </ol> <p>In June 2017, the Ministry of Education announced capital funding for Rainbow DSB per the following page.</p>

### School Consolidation Capital Funding Program Requests (January 2017) and Outcomes (June 2017)

#	Planning Area	Description of Request	Outcome	Amount (Millions)	Original Estimated Timelines	Revised Estimated Timelines
1	Valley North Planning Area	Chelmsford Valley District Composite School retrofit ( JK-12 school)	Approved	\$ 5.88	Sept 2018	Sept 2019
2	New Sudbury Planning Area	New French Immersion Elementary School (JK-6)	Approved	\$ 12.58	Sept 2019	Sept 2019
3	Valley East Planning Area	Confederation Secondary School Addition for new gymnasium as well as interior renovations	Approved (Gym only)	\$ 1.64	January 2018	March 2018
4	New Sudbury Planning Area	Revitalization of Churchill Public School (JK-6)	Approved	\$ 1.64	Sept 2019	Sept 2019
5	Central Sudbury Planning Area	New dual track elementary school on the Queen Elizabeth Public School site	Not approved			
6	Valley North Planning Area	Right-sizing of Levack Public School	Approved	\$ 1.32	Sept 2018	Sept 2018
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 23.06</b>		

At the February 7, 2017 Special Board Meeting, the following accommodation motions were carried:

**1. Central Sudbury Planning Area**

Motion: 17-R35, G.Santala/D.Morrison

**That Grade 7&8 students (English and French Immersion) from Lansdowne Public School be transferred to Sudbury Secondary School for September 1, 2018. – Carried**

Motion: 17-R36, J.Kosmerly/G.Santala

That a new JK to Grade 6 (English and French Immersion) school be built on the Queen Elizabeth II Public School site to accommodate Lansdowne Public School and Queen Elizabeth II Public School by September 1, 2019, subject to Ministry of Education capital funding. – **Carried**

**2. Espanola Planning Area**

Motion: 17-R37, B.Clement/D.Morrison

That Webbwood Public School be consolidated into S. Geiger Public School for September 1, 2017. – **Carried**

**3. New Sudbury Planning Area**

Motion: 17-R38, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That a new French Immersion JK-6 school be built on an existing school site in New Sudbury to accommodate students from Carl A. Nesbitt Public School, Ernie Checkeris Public School and Westmount Avenue Public School for September 1, 2019, subject to Ministry of Education capital funding. – **Carried**

Motion: 17-R39, G.Santala/J.Kosmerly

That Lasalle Secondary School be revitalized to accommodate Grade 7&8 students from Churchill Public School (English Program) and Carl A. Nesbitt Public School (French Immersion) for September 1, 2018. – **Carried**

Motion: 17-R40, B.Clement/G.Santala

That Churchill Public School be revitalized to accommodate JK to Grade 6 students from Churchill Public School and Cyril Varney Public School for September 1, 2019, subject to Ministry of Education capital funding. – **Carried**

**4. Valley East Planning Area**

Motion: 17-R41, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That Grade 7&8 students from Pinecrest Public School be consolidated into Confederation Secondary School for September 1, 2017. – **Carried**

Motion: 17-R42, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That Redwood Acres Public School offer JK to Grade 6 (currently JK-5) for September 1, 2017. – **Carried**

	<p><b>5. Valley North Planning Area</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion: 17-R43, G.Santala/B.Clement</u></b>  <b>That Chelmsford Valley District Composite School be retrofitted to create a JK to 12 school offering JK to 8 (English and French Immersion) and Grades 9 to 12 (English Program) for September 1, 2018. – Carried</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion: 17-R44, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda</u></b>  <b>That Chelmsford Public School be consolidated into the Chelmsford VDCS building for September 1, 2018. – Carried</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion: 17-R45, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly</u></b>  <b>That the French Immersion Program at Levack Public School be discontinued for September 1, 2018 (French Immersion students from Levack Public School will attend the revitalized Chelmsford Valley District Composite School). – Carried</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion: 17-R46, G.Santala/D.Morrison</u></b>  <b>That Grade 7&amp;8 students from Larchwood Public School be transferred to Chelmsford Valley District Composite School for September 1, 2018. – Carried</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion: 17-R47, G.Santala/J.Kosmerly</u></b>  <b>That the French Immersion Program for Grades 9 to 12 be phased out at Chelmsford Valley District Composite School beginning September 1, 2017 (no new French Immersion students will be admitted). – Carried</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion: 17-R48, B.Clement/J.Hunda</u></b>  <b>That the French Immersion boundary for Sudbury Secondary School be extended to accommodate French Immersion students from Chelmsford Valley District Composite School beginning September 1, 2017. – Carried</b></p>
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That the implementation dates for motions 17-R35, 17-R43 17-R44, 17-R45 and 17-R46 be changed to September 1, 2019.

<b>Title:</b>	Capital Funding Outcomes – Confederation SS Gym						
<b>Contact:</b>	Dennis Bazinet						
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	July 4, 2017						
<b>Mandate:</b>	Build a new gym addition at Confederation Secondary School						
<b>Background:</b>	<p>In January 2017, through the School Consolidation Capital Funding Program, Rainbow District School Board submitted a request to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for a gym addition at Confederation Secondary School.</p> <p>In June 2017, the Ministry of Education approved the request and will provide \$1.64 million of capital funding for this project.</p>						
<b>Process:</b>	<p>The estimated cost for the construction of a gym consisting of a regulation high school basketball court, appropriately sized out-of-boundary area, gym storage and retractable bleacher seating is \$3 million.</p> <p>The proposed funding sources to supplement the \$1.64 million are as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Proceeds of Disposition Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$600,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student Focused Initiatives Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$760,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,360,000</td> </tr> </table>	Proceeds of Disposition Reserve	\$600,000	Student Focused Initiatives Reserve	\$760,000	Total	\$1,360,000
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Total	\$1,360,000						
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<p>The following recommendation is presented for your consideration.</p> <p>That Rainbow District School Board approve an amount not to exceed \$1.36 million to supplement the Ministry of Education funding for the construction of a new gym addition at Confederation Secondary School (\$600,000 from the proceed of disposition reserve and up to \$760,000 from the Student Focused Initiatives Reserve).</p>						



**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
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on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. The ministry has indicated it will make their capital plans known by June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> and conclude on June 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 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  
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.**

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Absent: G. Fox, Student Trustee K. Yao  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill  
Others: K. Kozman, G. Gauthier, N. Mousseau, T. Batchilder and members of public

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

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 17-R97, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly  
That the agenda for the Special Board Meeting - Budget of May 30, 2017 be approved. – **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. 2017/2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Superintendent Bazinet provided line-by-line clarification of the distributed 2017/2018 budget presentation.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 17-R98, J.Hunda/D.Morrison  
That Trustee Fox and Student Trustee Yao be granted a leave of absence from the May 30, 2017 Special Board Meeting - Budget. – **Carried**

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 17-R99, J.Hunda/D.Morrison  
That we now adjourn at 6:35 p.m. – **Carried**.



JUN - 6 2017



Hastings and Prince Edward  
District School Board

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

Possibilities  
TODAY & TOMORROW

May 5, 2017

Dave Wallace, Executive Director  
Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC)  
170 Research Lane  
Guelph, Ontario  
N1G 5EW

Dear Mr. Wallace;

On behalf of the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and our 4600 secondary school students, I am writing to express our concern with the implementation of an additional \$50.00 fee to students who wish to make changes to their OUAC applications beginning with this year's cohort of applications.

While we are aware that students still have the ability, free of charge, to change programs within the same university, the added fee of \$50.00 to change choices of university is, in the opinion of the Board, an unfair financial burden for students who are already struggling with the pending financial commitment of tuition. Further, because a similar fee does not apply to those students changing their choice of institutions at the college level through the Ontario College Application (OCAS), I would suggest that students applying through OUAC are treated inequitably because of their choice of pathway.

On behalf of the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board, I would like to strongly urge OUAC to rethink the imposition of a \$50.00 "change fee" for the 2017-2018 applicants. Students in the Province of Ontario are amongst the highest performing students in the world, and as a Board of Trustees, we are proud of our graduates and believe they deserve every opportunity to pursue post-secondary studies without bearing the cost of added administration fees imposed by OUAC.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Lucille Kyle  
Chair, Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board

cc: Laurie French, Ontario Public School Board Association  
All Ontario School Boards Chair



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May 10, 2017

Michael Mantha  
MPP Algoma-Manitoulin  
Constituency Office  
18 Mary Walk  
Elliott Lake, ON  
P45A 2A1

Dear MPP Mike Mantha:

I acknowledge receipt of your letters to Norm Blaseg, Director, Rainbow District School Board dated April 12, 2017, May 1, 2017 and May 2, 2017.

On behalf of the Board, I would welcome the opportunity to address the concerns expressed in your correspondence.

They require an immediate response based on accurate information.

I would sincerely appreciate your contacting me at your earliest convenience to arrange a meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doreen Dewar".

Doreen Dewar  
Chair

cc: Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education  
Paul Dubé, Ontario Ombudsman  
Honourable Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour  
Premier Kathleen Wynne  
Glenn Thibeault, MPP Sudbury  
Laurie French, President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
(OPSBA)  
Jennifer McIntyre, Director of Policy, OPSBA  
Norm Blaseg, Director of Education

----- Original Message -----

From: "Buck, Grant" [BuckG@ndp.on.ca](mailto:BuckG@ndp.on.ca)  
May 17, 2017 3:58:46 PM  
Subject: RE: Letter from Rainbow DSB  
To: Heather Thirkill

Dear Ms. Thirkill:

MPP Michael Mantha wishes to acknowledge and thank Chairperson Dewar for her letter of May 10<sup>th</sup> requesting a meeting. Mr. Mantha would appreciate an opportunity to meet with Ms. Dewar to discuss the matters of concern. However, he asks her indulgence as this time of year with the Legislative Assembly winding down prior to the summer recess; his calendar does not currently offer any opening until the Legislature rises and he is back in the riding for the summer in early June.

As soon as Mr. Mantha has some appropriate availability we will be in touch to confirm a date to meet.

Thank you again for contacting our office.

Sincerely,

**Grant Buck**

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May 16, 2017

Honourable Mitzie Hunter  
Ministry of Education  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Hunter:

On April 24, 2017, the Waterloo Region District School Board passed a motion to write a letter to the Minister of Education in response to a recent correspondence from the Bluewater District School Board. This correspondence requested a comprehensive review of the Ontario Special Education Model that included both the delivery of special education programming and funding.

The Waterloo Region District School Board supports the request that the scope for the Special Education Funding Working Group be expanded to include a more robust and comprehensive review. We also support the recommendation that further consultation should include the following groups:

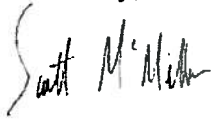
- Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education
- Provincial Parent Advisory Association Committee on Special Education Advisory Committees
- Special Education Advisory Committees
- Provincial organizations that represent each exceptionality area
- Ontario Teacher Federations
- School Boards
- Trustees
- Parents of students with special education exceptionalities
- Students with special education exceptionalities

The Waterloo Region District School Board also supports the recommendation that a comprehensive review include:

- A gap analysis of our current provincial model for special education delivery and any research on current and future models for special education around the world
- A financial analysis for each area of exceptionality to determine what portion of each special education dollar reaches students and what portion of each dollar goes to administration, communication, the IPRC process and other paperwork

- A narrative that links the "special education model" to the *Learning For All* ministry document
- An analysis of the data that has been collected by the ministry since the inception of Bill 82 to discover patterns and insights that would be applicable to the development of a new or modified model for special education and appropriate funding for that model
- Current directions in neuroscience in the review of the current special education model and development of any future special education model

Sincerely,



Scott McMillan  
Chairperson of the Board

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May 29, 2017

The Honourable Mitzie Hunter  
 Minister of Education  
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 Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Hunter:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Peel District School Board, I am writing once again to follow up on your April 18, 2017 response to the Peel District School Board's concerns regarding the reporting of school-based EQAO results.

You will recall that our original concerns related to the fact that, since December 2015, the Peel board has welcomed more than 500 refugees from Syria and beyond. We noted that some of these students arrived in Canada with little or no English language skills, are traumatized by what they experienced and have never had formal schooling. Of course, given their circumstances, these students have been exempted from writing EQAO assessments until they have at least acclimatized to life in Peel. Despite these extenuating circumstances leading to exemption, school results using the *All Students* method are reported as "no level" which ultimately results in scores of zero for those students exempted from the assessment. It continues to be our belief as a Board of Trustees that this is an unfair reflection of the hard work and focus on student achievement and well-being of schools throughout Peel.

In your April 18 letter, you noted that EQAO reports the results of their assessments in two ways:

*"[...] All Students, which accounts for all students in a grade, including those exempted from the assessment, and Participating Students, which reports the results for those students who took part in the assessment [...]."*

Since our original September 27, 2016 letter to you, we met directly with representatives of EQAO in order to better understand the methodology used to assess students and report on the results. Of course, EQAO staff reinforced what you have stated above – that results of the assessments are reported in two ways, and that these two methods provide different and important information, both to EQAO and to our communities.

Now that we better understand the purpose of the dual reporting methods, we nonetheless continue to believe that the *Participating Students* method is a more accurate reflection of student performance at a particular school. Currently, while both methods of reporting are available to the public, the *All Students* method is more clearly highlighted when results are reported, and as a result, it is this method that is often *exclusively* reported by the media. The *Participating Students* method is embedded in reports.

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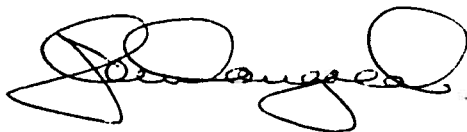


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It is our suggestion that *the order* of these methods be reversed in all EQAO reports and News Releases. If, in fact, EQAO continues to value the data and information contained in both methods, surely we can agree that this reversal of the order of the methods would fulfill this requirement while, at the same time, better serving our students, our communities and the educators who work so diligently to ensure students achievement and well-being throughout the Peel District School Board and across the Province of Ontario.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Janet McDougald  
Chair

c. OPSBA  
Ontario School Board Chairs  
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Encl. - Copy of the September 27, 2016 letter

September 27, 2016

The Honourable Mitzie Hunter  
Minister of Education  
Mowat Block, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Hunter:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Peel District School Board, I am writing to share concerns we have with respect to newcomer students from Syria and beyond and other excluded/"non-participating" students being included in Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessment method one reports. In June 2016, the Peel board wrote to EQAO Chief Executive Officer Bruce Rodrigues to express these concerns and to ask that EQAO reconsider this practice as we believe it to be unfair and demoralizing to students and staff.

Since December 2015, the Peel board has welcomed more than 500 refugees from Syria and beyond. As you know, some of these students arrived in Canada with little or no English language skills, are traumatized by what they experienced and have never had formal schooling. Given their circumstances, these students have been exempted from writing the assessments. Their exemption is appreciated. What is not acceptable to the board, however, is that their "not participating" identification is included in school reports, thus negatively impacting the overall scores of the schools they attend and increasing the likelihood that community members will blame newcomer/refugee students for lowering school scores.

We understand that EQAO reports scores in two ways—one that includes the scores of all students, including those who are identified as "not participating," and a second method that excludes non-participating students. Unfortunately, although the second method is a more accurate reflection of student performance at a particular school, it is clear to us that this method is not shared publicly or widely, not by EQAO or the media. As such, the reports that are more broadly distributed (method one) can and do dishearten and discourage staff, students and parents of a school community, and negatively impacts the perception of student achievement.

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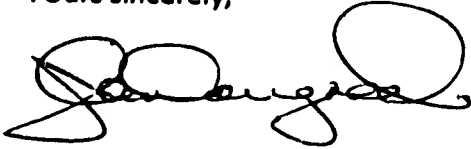
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In a recent conversation between Bruce Rodrigues and the Peel board's Director of Education Tony Pontes, we understand that the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, provides the mandate to EQAO on its reporting of student achievement. As such, we ask that the ministry consider excluding non-participating (absent and excluded) students from its EQAO reporting so that what is most widely shared is a true and accurate reflection of student achievement. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet McDougald', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Janet McDougald  
Chair

c. OPSBA  
Ontario School Board Chairs  
Peel MPPs

Encl. - Copies of letters sent to Bruce Rodrigues, CEO, EQAO, from the Peel board

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Laura Elliott, Director of Education and Secretary

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May 30, 2017

Hon. Mitzie Hunter  
Minister of Education  
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Hon. Michael Coteau  
Minister of Children and Youth Services  
Ministry of Children and Youth Services/Anti-Racism Directorate  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
56 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto ON M7S 2S3

Dear Ministers Hunter and Coteau:

I am writing to you today on behalf of Trustees of the Thames Valley District School Board to express our profound concerns about funding for children with special education needs.

Specifically, Trustees believe more supports are urgently needed for students with significant behavioural and mental health concerns, including dedicated Care and/or Treatment, Custody and Correctional (CTCC) programs in all communities and more long-term residential programs focusing on early intervention, as well as transitional classrooms for students.

The Province of Ontario has already demonstrated its commitment to Ministries working together in order to address complex needs. This is an example where your two ministries could work together in order to address an urgent and increasing need in Ontario communities.

As elected public school Trustees, we acknowledge the generous commitment this government has made to fund public education in Ontario. However, it is our responsibility to identify what we feel is a serious gap in support for these particularly vulnerable students.

We would be happy to provide you with further details of our concerns at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Matt Reid  
Chair of the Board

c.c.: Laura Elliott, Director of Education, Thames Valley District School Board  
Laurie French, President, Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
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Ministry of Education  
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**Attention: Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education**

Dear Minister Hunter:

I am writing to share with you the complex concerns identified by Thames Valley District School Board Trustees over the capital and ongoing funding for schools in our communities, particularly in rural areas. Let me begin by acknowledging our sincere appreciation for the generous financial support Thames Valley has received from the Ontario government. This has allowed us to build many new schools and additions that are the source of great pride among our students, parents, staff members and community.

We are also keenly aware of the problem of declining enrolment and share your concerns over the subsequent inefficiencies created by thousands of empty pupil places – particularly while facilities age and become costly to maintain. Through careful planning and an extraordinary amount of public consultation, Thames Valley has closed 41 schools since 2006. During that time, 67 new schools have been built or significantly renovated.

After having conducted a large number of pupil accommodation reviews, Trustees have reached the conclusion that, while communities deeply value their schools, the current funding formula puts small schools at a disadvantage. This is particularly true in rural areas where consolidations may result in longer travel times for students.

In some cases, the funding formula requires boards to consider closing smaller schools that are operating at or over capacity and in reasonably good repair – leading the public to ponder whether we are “fixing a problem that does not exist.” As elected Trustees, we find ourselves unable to fulfill the wishes of our constituents under the current capital funding process.

We respectfully request that you realign the funding process and policies for school consolidation. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matt Reid'.

Matt Reid  
Chair of the Board

c.c.: Laura Elliott, Director of Education, Thames Valley District School Board  
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Laura Elliott, Director of Education and Secretary

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May 30, 2017

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**Attention: The Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education**

Dear Minister Hunter:

**Re: TVDSB First Nations Student Trustee**

It is with great excitement that I write you today to inform you that earlier this month our school board approved policy changes that allow for the election of a self-identifying First Nations Student Trustee in the fall of 2017.

I believe this Indigenous Student Trustee position is the first in Canada for a school board. I hope you will encourage other school boards to take similar steps to help articulate their important student voice.

It is also important to note that this policy change came from our current Student Trustee, Stefan Suvajac. This is just one example of the significant work that Student Trustees accomplish in our school boards and province. While Student Trustee Suvajac's term is ending, the positive changes he has made will continue to benefit our students for many years to come.

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Thank you for your time. I hope you will join me in congratulating our newest board member in the fall when we complete this important and historic election.

Sincerely Yours,



Matthew Reid  
Chair of the Board

c.c.: Laura Elliott, Director of Education, Thames Valley District School Board  
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