

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
to be held in the boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

Opening Ceremonies

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| A. | <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> | *Chair |
| | Motion:
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of November 21, 2017 be approved. | |
| B. | <u>PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST</u> | *Chair |
| C. | <u>PRESENTATIONS</u> | *Chair |
| | Vocabulary – Superintendent Noble | |
| D. | <u>REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD</u> | *Director |
| E. | <u>OLD BUSINESS</u> | *Director |
| 1. | <u>Previous Minutes</u> | *Chair |
| | Motion:
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 24, 2017 be approved. | |
| 2. | <u>Tenders/Requests for Proposals</u> | *SBO |
| 3. | <u>Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees</u> | *Chair |
| F. | <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> | *Chair |
| 1. | <u>Enrolment Report</u> | *Director |

2. **Trustee Expenditures 2016-17** *SBO
3. **Insurance Renewal** *SBO

Motion:
That the 2018 Renewal of Insurance for liability, property, crime and fleet automobile with the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange be approved
4. **Budget Development Process** *SBO

Motion:
That the 2018-19 Budget Development Process be approved.
5. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw** *SBO

Motion:
That the Levying Education Taxes for 2018 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.
6. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair

Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the November 21, 2017 Board meeting.
7. **Director's Remarks** *Director
8. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Delegate
Student Trustee
9. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
10. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
 1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
 2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Letter from Peel DSB dated October 17, 2017
Letter from Lakeview School dated October 19, 2017
Letter to Council of Directors of Education (CODE) dated November 7, 2017
Email RE: Algonquin Public School dated November 10, 2017

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

*Chair

First Nation Advisory Committee November 23, 2017 10:00 am Boardroom

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Nov 28, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Student Senate Meeting December 4, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Cmttee Dec 6, 2017 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125

Equity & Inclusion Education Cmttee, Dec 7, 2017 4:00 pm Centre for Education

Board Meeting (organizational) December 12, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Parent Involvement Committee January 9, 2018 7:00 pm Boardroom

Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting January 10, 2018 3:30 pm Boardroom

Equity & Inclusion Education Committee February 15, 2018 4:00 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
69 Young Street, Sudbury
on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett

Absent: R. Ward

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: S. Ackroyd, D. Kitching, J. Wachnuk, M. McNamara, four Lasalle Secondary School students and members of the public

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 17-R134, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 24, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Partnerships for Students

Superintendent Bourget referenced the board report and provided several examples of partnerships in Rainbow District School Board.

Lasalle Secondary School principal Maureen McNamara shared a presentation of three partnerships within the school.

John Island Camp is a formal partnership. Student Jesse Saunders shared his experience at John Island and how this opportunity has enhanced his education.

Students Jackson Bennett, Sydney Wachnuk and Parker Farstad spoke about the value of the formal partnership with RHP Training Centre and how this has enhanced their education as SHSM students.

Principal McNamara spoke about the informal partnership that Lasalle SS has with Finlandia Village. For several years, students have been working with seniors to create Memoir Projects, which are shared with family and friends once completed.

Trustees had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Trustees were thankful for the many partnerships 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-R135, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 26, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #1

New Sudbury Planning Area

Superintendent Bazinet and Sandi Ackroyd (Manager of Capital Planning) shared preliminary plans for the location of the new French Immersion school on the site of Lasalle Secondary School. Some of the items to note: 55,000 square foot school, a full daycare, over 400 parking spots, greenspace for students and the bus drop off and loading area.

Superintendent Bazinet also reminded trustees of the surplus schools (Pinecrest PS and Webbwood PS) as well as the building at 69 Young Street that will soon be put up for sale.

Superintendent Bazinet also informed that work on the gymnasium at Confederation SS is progressing.

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 17-R136, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract for Construction Management Services - RFP 2017-33, to Ameresco Canada Inc. and Properi Co. Ltd. - **Carried**

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

a) Audit Committee (AC)

2016/2017 External Audit Plan

Audit Committee Chair Morrison provided an update for trustees.

Motion: 17-R137, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the 2016/2017 External Audit Plan be approved. - **Carried**

2017/2018 Internal Audit Plan and the Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan

Motion: 17-R138, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the 2017/2018 Internal Audit Plan and the Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be approved. - **Carried**

b) Strategic Planning Committee

Motion: 17-R139, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That Rainbow District School Board write a letter thanking Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) for their financial support for Summer Learning Programs. - **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Finance

Honorarium for Trustees

Superintendent of Business Bazinet reviewed the Honorarium for Board Members effective December 1, 2017. The “base amount” remains the same. However, the total honourarium per trustee continues to decrease because of declining enrolment.

Trustees discussed a cost of living adjustment that had been part of a recent Ministry questionnaire.

2. 2018 Summit Children and Youth Mental Health

Motion: 17-R140, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the 2018 Summit Children and Youth Mental Health in Toronto April 12 – 13, 2018:

Trustee Clement

Trustee Hunda

Trustee Kosmerly

Trustee Ward - **Carried**

3. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 17-R141, J.Hunda/G.Fox

That Trustee Ruth Ward be granted a leave of absence from the October 24, 2017 Board meeting. - **Carried**

4. Director's Remarks

We have been notified that two bus routes, one serving R.H. Murray PS and the other serving MacLeod PS, have been altered as driver shortages have effected these two routes. Both routes will see an approximate delay of 15 minutes (Note: a driver has left due to a better paying job offer). Secondly you may have heard on

the radio or read in the news that the consortium has added a courtesy pickup for grade one students (busses will provide service for grade 1 students as a result of available seats, should the seats fill the service would be reduced). This service was introduced in October, so my apologies for the late notice as the service predated the official announcement.

The Ministry of Education has provided \$2.5 million dollars for each of the next five years for Northeastern Boards. Boards must work collaboratively to develop and implement a service to meet the criteria for funding. We are currently working with Sudbury Catholic DSB, Near North DSB, Huron Superior Catholic DSB and Algoma DSB on two initiatives ie: establishment of mental health clinics and secondly establishing a facility and service for students with severe complex needs most notably those students that require a residential program. The ministry must approve these projects prior to implementation. Our goal is to get these two projects up and running by the winter of 2018.

The Ministry of Education, as a result of the Northern and Rural Consultation held last spring, is providing \$335,000 dollars for 15 rural schools. We will be allocating a base amount of \$10 000 dollars per school plus an enrolment amount and we will ensure there is a PD allotment to facilitate staff development for any new projects that may arise. Schools will determine the need for their funding; as well they shall inform their school councils about their plan for expenditures and post their plans.

Please note the funding is a result of definition changes attributed to schools. This change meant some schools lost all of their operational funding ie: Chelmsford VDCS lost over \$500 000 dollars annually.

The area around Queen Elizabeth PS will undergo some yard work over the next couple of weeks. Working with the city and with the Ryan Heights Neighborhood Association, yard work to the area adjacent to the school has been scheduled in phases. Improvements will be made to the playground and the area directly beside the school used by our students and guardians everyday. The city has completed the bulk of their work and Rainbow will be facilitating its part beginning this week. We are very proud of the collaboration as all stakeholders see mutually beneficial results for the Queen Elizabeth PS community. The project should take approximately two weeks.

Itinerary:

September 27	Student Achievement meeting Agenda Setting (SP) School Visits: Cyril Varney PS Lasalle SS
September 28	Orange Shirt Day R.H. Murray PS school visit FNAC meeting – Board office

September 29	Professional Development Day Seniors Centre/CC MacLean, Gore Bay
October 3	Executive Council Safe Schools Committee meeting
October 4	FN – Exec meeting Lasalle SS Awards Barrydowne College - school visit
October 6	Ministry Tele-Conference NSI Safe Schools Committee meeting ETFO Meeting
October 10	Exec Council Strategic Planning Committee meeting
October 11	FN – Exec meeting Agenda Setting
October 12	Joan Mantle Music Trust Sudbury Secondary School
October 13	School Visits: Larchwood Public School Restart Program
October 16	FN Laurentian University COPE conference
October 17	Directors Meeting, Lively DSS Parent Involvement Committee AGM, Sudbury SS
October 18	Architectural Planning meeting – New Sudbury FI school Sudbury SS awards
October 19	Cambrian College meeting with President Best
October 20	Safe Schools Meeting Queen Elizabeth PS school visit with Trustee Hunda
October 23	Safe Schools meeting NSI – teleconference
October 24	Exec Council Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement advised that his next OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Toronto on December 1, 2017. He encouraged trustees to forward any comments or concerns that they would like discussed.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett reported that Student Senators have created and sent out a survey to students regarding well-being and have received over 800 responses to date. She also reported that she and a few student senators will be attending the Ministry 2017-18 *Students as Researchers (StAR)* conference at the Ontario Education Leadership Centre (OELC) in Orillia later this week.

Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett reported that she is co-chair of the OSTA student well-being committee and recently attended an OPHEA conference on student mental and physical health. She also spoke about the White Ribbon Project.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Judy Kosmerly provided trustees with a report on the October 13 and 14, 2017 OPSBA Northern Conference. She also congratulated vice principal Patrick Hopkin for his leadership with the *Free to be Me* conference that was held on October 17, 2017 that attracted over 400 students from Rainbow District School Board.

Trustee Kosmerly made reference to Motion: 17-R70 from the March 21, 2017 Board Meeting

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

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

Trustees discussed and agreed to defer the motion as trustee orientation will be held after the October 2018 election.

Motion: 17-R142, D.Morrison/G.Santala

*That motion 17-R70 be deferred to December 2018. – **Carried***

Trustee Hunda thanked Director Blaseg and community partners for their efforts in cleaning up the brush area beside Queen Elizabeth PS.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Innovative parent involvement projects are being implemented in Rainbow Schools thanks to funding provided by the Ministry of Education's Parent Engagement Office. Eight Rainbow Schools will share \$10,900 while an additional, \$10,000 Regional Grant will enable PIC to host a "Parents as Partners: Learning Together" conference.

On September 23, a longtime Lasalle Secondary School teacher and coach was honoured provincially for his contribution to athletics. Denis Gauthier received the Male School Sport Coach Award at the 2017 Ontario Coaching Excellence Awards in Toronto.

On October 10, Paul Schutt, a volunteer coach for Lasalle Secondary School's football team, received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers awarded by the Governor General of Canada. Congratulations to both!

On October 17, some 100 students from Confederation Secondary School visited local neighbourhoods to collect monetary donations for the Students Against Poverty Drive. Thanks to the generosity of the community, a total of \$3,787 was raised enabling Confederation Secondary School to continue to provide everyday essentials to students in need.

After capturing second place in the City of Greater Sudbury's Ugliest Schoolyard Contest, and with the help of the Sudbury Master Gardeners and the Sudbury Horticultural Society, Princess Anne Public School's students and teachers had the opportunity to mulch and plant the school's new gardens.

Walden Home Hardware and Tree Canada planted 16 mature trees at Lively District Secondary School to celebrate the school's 60th anniversary and to honour the memory of long-standing principal Charles Tuttle.

Sudbury Secondary School, winner of the 2017 Ugliest Schoolyard Contest, thanks students, staff, community volunteers and generous sponsors for their transformed green space including an outdoor amphitheatre/classroom, multiple shade trees, beautiful perennial gardens and wood benches with flower boxes built by students in the woodworking class.

Thanks to two \$1,000 grants from Union Gas Limited, Markstay Public School students and staff will work alongside Union Gas representatives and community members to plant trees and hostas, add planter boxes, a seating area, and a brand new gaga court. FYI: Gaga is similar to dodgeball, but played with a soft foam ball.

Lockerby Composite School will host their 22nd annual Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive this Thursday, October 26. Donations can also be made at Lockerby Composite School or online at the Northern Cancer Foundation. To date, Lockerby has raised over \$830,000 in memory of Laura Cotesta.

You only have until Monday, October 30, to drop off gently used winter clothing at any of the Rainbow District School Board's elementary and secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island. Rainbow Schools are participating in the Winter Clothing Drive powered by Cooper Equipment Rentals in support of Our Children, Our Future.

Wednesday, November 1, Grade 9 students in Rainbow Schools will spend the day at work job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host on as part of the national *Take Our Kids to Work* program.

Rainbow Schools are celebrating Treaty Recognition Week from November 6 to 10, 2017, as they continue to learn about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples of Canada.

Grade 7 and 8 students and their parents are invited to attend a secondary school information evening. "Making the Transition: Finding Your Way from 8 to 9" will take place on Tuesday, November 14, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Cambrian College Student Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Sudbury Secondary School's upcoming main stage production of *The Theory of Relativity* will be presented on Saturday, November 18, Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25. Performances will be held in the Sheridan Auditorium at 7:30 pm. Tickets are now on sale for this not-to-be-missed production.

The quote for the month is from Robert Laurence Binyon, an English poet, dramatist and art scholar. His most famous work, *For the Fallen* says in part: "They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Rainbow Schools will participate in Remembrance Day services. A schedule of events will be posted on the Board website – rainbowschools.ca.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

Audit Committee minutes December 8, 2016 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

Letter from Waterloo Region DSB dated September 15, 2017

Letter from Waterloo Region DSB dated September 22, 2017

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Education Advisory Cmttee Nov 1, 2017 12:00 pm Lockerby CS LDAS office

Student Senate Meeting November 6, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom @ 69 Young

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Nov 7, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom @ 69 Young

Equity & Inclusion Education Cmttee Nov 9, 2017 4:00 pm Boardroom @ 69 Young

Parent Involvement Committee November 15, 2017 7:00 pm Boardroom @ 69 Young

Board Meeting November 21, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom @ 408 Wembley

First Nation Advisory Committee November 23, 2017 10:00 am Boardroom @ Wembley

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Nov 28, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom @ Wembley

Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting January 10, 2018 3:30 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 17-R143, D.Morrison/B.Clement
That we now adjourn at 7:20 p.m. – **Carried.**

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Elementary Actual Enrolment Summary

October 31st, 2017

School	JK Full-time	SK Full-time	JK Grade 1	SK Grade 1	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Self Contained				Sub-Total	Section 23	Oct. 31 Actual 2017	Oct. Pred. 2017	Oct. Actual 2016
													JK	SK	1-3	4-8					
A.B. Ellis	23.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	24.0	27.0	20.0	30.0	19.0	42.0	33.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	13.0	280.0	0.0	280.0	280.0	281.0
Adamsdale	10.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	26.0	20.0	14.0	19.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	13.0	161.0	0.0	161.0	160.0	159.0
Alexander	29.0	28.0	0.0	0.0	39.0	34.0	25.0	27.0	31.0	30.0	23.0	31.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	297.0	0.0	297.0	315.0	311.0
Algonquin	26.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	31.0	28.0	35.0	33.0	36.0	34.0	31.0	37.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	306.0	0.0	306.0	268.0	278.0
Alta Elem.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	9.0	10.0	10.0
Assignack	6.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	14.0	19.0	17.0	13.0	9.0	17.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	123.0	0.0	123.0	120.0	121.0
C.C. McLean	16.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	11.0	10.0	18.0	16.0	16.0	12.0	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	149.0	0.0	149.0	151.0	149.0
C.R. Judd	9.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	14.0	19.0	9.0	13.0	18.0	18.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	155.0	0.0	155.0	153.0	155.0
CAMHP	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0
CTC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	14.0
CVDCS 7&8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.0	27.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	53.0	0.0	53.0	54.0	61.0
Carl Nesbitt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	44.0	44.0	41.0	41.0	26.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	221.0	0.0	221.0	229.0	217.0
Central Manitoulin	12.0	18.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	19.0	20.0	19.0	21.0	14.0	15.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	6.0	190.0	0.0	190.0	187.0	188.0
Chelmsford	23.0	39.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	29.0	27.0	31.0	32.0	29.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	5.0	12.0	249.0	8.0	257.0	236.0	237.0
Churchill	24.0	36.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	33.0	34.0	31.0	35.0	35.0	77.0	85.0	2.0	1.0	9.0	21.0	447.0	0.0	447.0	455.0	452.0
Confederation 7&8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.0	65.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	117.0	0.0	117.0	113.0	119.0
Copper Cliff	21.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	17.0	20.0	19.0	15.0	22.0	23.0	19.0	21.0	0.0	1.0	8.0	13.0	219.0	0.0	219.0	203.0	203.0
Cyril Varney	32.0	29.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	41.0	35.0	43.0	37.0	26.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	267.0	0.0	267.0	250.0	262.0
Ernie Checkeris	26.0	29.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	36.0	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	118.0	0.0	118.0	120.0	127.0
Jean Hanson	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	3.0	9.0	43.0	60.0	0.0	60.0	55.0	50.0
Lansdowne	32.0	23.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	21.0	21.0	16.0	12.0	14.0	27.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	13.0	238.0	0.0	238.0	261.0	265.0
Larchwood	7.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	12.0	9.0	10.0	8.0	13.0	5.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.0	0.0	87.0	99.0	103.0
Levack	12.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	10.0	15.0	13.0	14.0	13.0	15.0	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	122.0	0.0	122.0	128.0	144.0
Little Current	37.0	24.0	0.0	1.0	25.0	32.0	27.0	37.0	32.0	30.0	32.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	6.0	317.0	6.0	323.0	320.0	305.0

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Lively 7&8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.0	58.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	122.0	0.0	122.0	119.0	107.0
Lo-Ellen 7&8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.0	46.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.0	0.0	92.0	104.0	93.0
M.W. Moore	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Macleod	40.0	44.0	0.0	0.0	44.0	58.0	63.0	78.0	55.0	66.0	68.0	64.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	13.0	594.0	0.0	594.0	565.0	554.0
Markstay	11.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	12.0	9.0	12.0	9.0	8.0	14.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	5.0	118.0	0.0	118.0	109.0	110.0
Monetville	3.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	7.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	2.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	47.0	60.0
Northeastern	51.0	32.0	0.0	0.0	47.0	50.0	44.0	46.0	53.0	39.0	60.0	49.0	1.0	2.0	10.0	33.0	517.0	0.0	517.0	494.0	498.0
Princess Anne	40.0	34.0	0.0	0.0	49.0	48.0	56.0	55.0	52.0	43.0	30.0	40.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	19.0	476.0	0.0	476.0	464.0	463.0
Queen Elizabeth	27.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	22.0	21.0	25.0	14.0	34.0	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	187.0	0.0	187.0	189.0	191.0
R.H. Murray	13.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	4.0	5.0	10.0	8.0	18.0	8.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	103.0	0.0	103.0	100.0	103.0
R.L. Beattie	91.0	99.0	0.0	0.0	78.0	65.0	75.0	68.0	56.0	57.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	589.0	0.0	589.0	600.0	515.0
Redwood	27.0	28.0	0.0	0.0	38.0	37.0	43.0	47.0	40.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	309.0	0.0	309.0	310.0	321.0
S. Geiger	8.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	14.0	13.0	10.0	17.0	16.0	16.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	123.0	0.0	123.0	128.0	131.0
SHILO	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	6.0
Valley View	55.0	56.0	0.0	0.0	65.0	54.0	57.0	77.0	56.0	60.0	58.0	47.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	585.0	0.0	585.0	574.0	581.7
Walden	63.0	63.0	0.0	0.0	56.0	49.0	73.0	63.0	52.0	59.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	478.0	0.0	478.0	485.0	488.0
Westmount	19.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	26.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.0	0.0	98.0	106.0	116.0
Total	793.0	807.0	0.0	1.0	814.0	849.0	863.0	880.0	853.0	812.0	818.0	814.0	11.0	12.0	64.0	236.0	8,627.0	25.0	8,652.0	8,581.0	8,551.7

Secondary Actual Enrolment Summary

October 31st, 2017

Summary By Program

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Total
Regular FTE	914.00	915.50	1,047.72	1,413.82	4,291.04
High Credit FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.22	7.22
Self-Contained FTE	31.00	32.00	34.00	59.50	156.50
Sub-total	945.00	947.50	1,081.72	1,480.54	4,454.76

Summary By School

School	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	High Credit	Sub-total	Section 23	21+	Oct. 31 Actual 2017	Oct. Pred. 2017	Oct. Actual 2016
Adult Day School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.00	52.00	60.00	78.00
Attendance Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	6.00	5.00	5.00
Barrydowne Sr.	0.00	0.00	0.00	188.75	0.00	188.75	0.00	2.00	190.75	175.00	209.00
CVDCS	52.00	37.00	52.75	53.00	0.00	194.75	0.00	0.00	194.75	202.00	195.00
Cecil Facer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	6.00	8.00	8.00
Confederation	102.00	81.00	108.00	167.32	1.73	460.05	0.00	0.00	460.05	479.00	504.83
Espanola	102.00	88.00	99.00	153.75	0.00	442.75	4.00	11.75	458.50	470.00	479.75
Frank Flowers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Lasalle	144.00	138.00	162.25	207.83	2.51	654.59	0.00	0.00	654.59	639.00	640.21
Lively	46.00	76.00	73.00	85.51	0.49	281.00	0.00	0.00	281.00	280.00	300.00
Lo-Ellen	190.00	202.00	185.00	137.88	0.75	715.63	0.00	0.00	715.63	709.50	650.37
Lockerby	102.00	117.00	176.00	186.50	0.00	581.50	0.00	0.00	581.50	610.00	673.50
MW Moore S.S.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manitoulin	97.00	92.00	102.22	134.03	0.49	425.74	3.00	0.72	429.46	442.00	456.28
Mishko-deh-Wendame	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	0.00	18.00	18.00	17.00
N'Swakamok	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	29.50	36.50	45.50	45.50
O'Connor Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	9.00	11.00
Sudbury Secondary	110.00	116.50	123.50	151.75	1.25	503.00	8.00	0.25	511.25	530.00	547.25
Total	945.00	947.50	1,081.72	1,473.32	7.22	4,454.76	56.00	96.22	4,606.98	4,682.00	4,820.69

**Rainbow District School Board
Trustee Expenses
2016/2017**

	Trustee Location	Honoraria and Statutory Benefits(1) (2)	Conferences	Mileage	Local Accommodation (3)	Cell Phone	Fax & Internet	Computers and Printers (3)	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trustee Dewar, Chair	Sudbury	13,959	2,019	1,669		235	797		18,679
Trustee Morrison, Vice Chair	Sudbury	11,369	-	284			1,063		12,716
Trustee Clement	Espanola	8,483	3,083	4,356			781		16,703
Trustee Fox	Manitoulin	8,375	4,215	2,988	220		708		16,506
Trustee Hunda	Sudbury	8,483	-	-			1,276	1,175 (5)	10,934
Trustee Killens	Manitoulin	8,375	-	6,165	339		762		15,641
Trustee Kosmerly	Sudbury	8,483	3,155	1,281			958		13,877
Trustee Santala	Sudbury	8,483	-	1,362			966		10,811
Trustee Ward	Sudbury	3,700	1,662	880			434		6,676
Student Trustee		2,542	6,743	1,435				(6)	10,720
Total		82,252	20,877	20,420	559	235	7,745	1,175	133,263

(1) Trustee honoraria is calculated in accordance with the Board of Trustees Procedures: Trustee Honoraria

(2) Statutory benefits include Canada Pension Plan (CPP), where applicable, and Employer Health Tax (EHT)

(3) Board of Trustees Procedures: Trustee Expenses

(4) Computers and printers are provided to trustees to conduct Board business and are the property of the Rainbow District School Board. They are returned when the term of office ends.

(5) Replacement computer

(6) Administrative Procedure: Student Trustee



Invoice Date: November 1, 2017

OSBIE Premium Invoice 2018

Policy Number SG 00203
Named Insured Rainbow District School Board
Policy Period From January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019

Coverages	Limits (\$)	Deductible (\$)	Premium (\$)
1. Property	Unlimited	100,000	54,320.00
1. Crime	1,000,000	500	8,573.00
2. Boiler & Machinery	Unlimited	5,000	5,396.00
3. Liability	27,000,000	N/A	128,212.00
Non-Owned Auto*	27,000,000	N/A	1,295.00
Liability Subtotal	27,000,000	N/A	129,507.00
4. Privacy Data Security Liability	2,000,000	See Declaration Sheet	4,288.00
5. Fleet Automobile			
Third Party Liability	20,000,000	N/A	4,324.00
Accident Benefits	See Declaration Sheet	N/A	1,370.00
All Perils	N/A	1,000	4,390.00
O.P.C.F. 27 (Additional Coverage for Leased Vehicles under 30 days)			86.00
O.P.C.F. 20 (Loss of Use)			Declined
O.P.C.F.43 (Replacement Cost)			75.00
Auto Subtotal*			10,245.00
	Total Taxable Premium		200,789.00
	Premium Subtotal		212,329.00
	8% PST on Premiums		16,063.12
	Total Premium Payable		228,392.12

*8% PST is not applicable

Payable to: Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange

Payment is due on January 1, 2018

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**OSBIE**ONTARIO SCHOOL BOARDS'
INSURANCE EXCHANGE

October 27, 2017

Dennis Bazinet
Superintendent of Business
Rainbow District School Board
408 Wembley Drive
SUDBURY, ON
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Dear Dennis,

RE: 2018 Premium Invoice

It continues to be a good news story for OSBIE members in 2018. Overall improvements in the quality of risk have resulted in general rate decreases across our three main lines of business. In keeping with the actuarial practice of funding for OSBIE's expected claims costs the following general rate changes are set for 2018:

Liability	-2.0%
Property	-4.0%
Boiler	no rate change
Crime	no rate change
Automobile	-6.0%
Cyber	no rate change

Along with stable premium rates, OSBIE also endeavours to provide our members with tailor made protection against insurable financial losses. With this in mind, we have made the following enhancements to our coverages for 2018 at no additional premium:

- 1) Comprehensive General Liability - increased policy limit to \$27 million
- 2) Crime Insurance policy - added "Social Media Manipulation" coverage

More information about these changes will be shared in your Board's renewal package which will be sent out before Christmas.

Attached you will find the following:

- Fact sheet outlining the factors impacting your renewal premiums
- 2018 Premium Invoice

Please contact OSBIE if you have any questions regarding the information contained in this package.

OSBIE sincerely appreciates your continuing membership and contributions to our success. We look forward to working with you in 2018.

Sincerely,

Tammy Hicks
Director, Risk Management & Member Services

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EVOLVING TO THE ULTIMATE BENEFIT OF SUBSCRIBERS



Invoice Fact Sheet

Rainbow District School Board, SG 00203

As at January 1 2018, OSBIE is now in year 2 of the current 5-year Subscription Period which ends December 31, 2021.

Premium Factors

Overall premiums are determined by OSBIE's appointed actuary. Please refer to the chart below for an outline of the premium factors used in determining premium. Individual board premium variances from year to year result primarily from the following:

- General Rate Adjustments (based on OSBIE's expected claims costs for the entire pool)
- Changes in Exposure (based on member's exposure data)
- Loss Experience (based on member's last 5 years of claims experience)

	2017 Premium (\$)	General Rate Change	Exposure Change (%) *	Claims Experience (%)	Overall % Change	2018 Premium (\$)
Liability	123,373	-2%	.85	9.29	4.97	129,507
Property	62,522	-4%	0.34	-15	-13.12	54,320
Boiler & Machinery	5,396	0%	0	N/A	0	5,396
Crime	8,501	0%	.85	N/A	0.85	8,573
Auto**	9,222	-6%	15	N/A	9.35	10,084
Privacy Data Liability	4,228	0%	1.44	N/A	1.44	4,288

***does not include optional endorsement premiums*

**Exposure Change refers to changes listed below.*

Exposure Factors (Line of business)	2017	2018
Student Count (Liability & Crime)	12,766	12,875
Property Square Footage (Property)	2,362,380	2,370,491
# of Locations (Boiler & Machinery)	47	47
# of Automobiles (Fleet Auto)	20	23
Record Count* (Privacy Data Liability)	15,372	15,594
<small>*Includes combination of student and staff records</small>		

We hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



2017 PREMIUM REFUND

Statement Date: October 16, 2017

Policy Number: SG 203

Named Insured: Rainbow District School Board

Liability Surplus Premium Refund	\$60,417.00
Property Surplus Premium Refund	\$34,415.00
Automobile Surplus Premium Refund	\$3,835.00
Total Premium Refund	\$98,667.00
PST refund applicable (8%) *	\$7,586.56
Total Refund	\$106,253.56

* PST refund tax is applicable to Liability and Property only

For the convenience of Subscribers, OSBIE will be sending an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by October 16, 2017.

Contact: Tammy Hicks, Director, Risk Management & Member Services, OSBIE
tammyh@osbie.on.ca
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Budget Development Process

2018-2019 Budget:

Invitation to the educational community on suggestions for improvements or reductions to programs and services or any other budget considerations that require attention	December 2017
Replies due to the Superintendent of Business	February 2, 2018
Grants for Student Needs	March 30, 2018
Board meeting: Overview of draft budget	May 22, 2018
Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations to the Board	June 5, 2018
Board meeting: Overview of draft budget and approval	July 3, 2018
Budget due to the Ministry of Education	July 2018

Dennis Bazinet
Superintendent of Business

Rainbow District School Board
BY-LAW NUMBER 2017- 02

Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the *Education Act* (the “*Act*”) requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the *Act*;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 257.12(1) of the *Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

The rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2018 are hereby levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the *Act*.

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY ENACTED IN OPEN BOARD MEETING THIS 21st DAY OF November, 2017.

Chair

Secretary

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October 17, 2017

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

Dear Minister Hunter:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Peel District School Board, I am writing to request that the Ministry of Education suspend Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) testing for the 2017-2018 school year while the province reviews curriculum, report cards and how students are assessed.

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held on October 10, 2017, the Board approved the following motion:

"Whereas, there has always been a strong discrepancy between Peel District School Board report card results in mathematics and EQAO mathematics scores, and

Whereas, the Ministry of Education has stated that it is time to 'examine provincial measurement and assessment policy, including EQAO testing';

Therefore, be it proposed, that the Peel District School Board request the Ministry of Education to suspend EQAO testing for the 2017-2018 school year, and request the support of Ontario Public School Boards' Association and all other public school boards in Ontario for this motion."

Trustees are concerned that current assessments administered by the EQAO do not accurately reflect what Peel students are learning in the classroom and we are not alone in our growing concern.

For the last few years we have struggled to understand the discrepancy between students who learn and achieve well on curriculum expectations as evidenced on the Ministry Provincial Report Card data but who do not perform well in math on EQAO. Despite an intensive focus on numeracy and staff engagement in professional learning to improve their knowledge and skills around the teaching of math, results of the EQAO math assessments continue to be low. The Ministry of Education and the Office of the Premier have also raised concerns about this discrepancy. To quote the news release of Sept. 6, 2017, from the Office of the Premier, it states that the province aims to "update provincial assessment and reporting practices, including EQAO, to make sure they are culturally relevant, measure a wider range of learning, and better reflect student well-being and equity." Given the diversity within Peel region, the issue that the provincial assessment may not be culturally relevant is a real concern. While a Peel board strategy to improve literacy results led to significant increases in EQAO reading and writing scores, after three years of our *Engage Math* strategy, we are not seeing any improvement on EQAO math assessments.

Trustees

Janet McDougald, Chair
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub

David Green
Sue Lawton
Brad MacDonald
Kathy McDonald
Harkirat Singh
Rick Williams

Director of Education and Secretary
Peter Joshua

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Instructional and Equity Support Services
Poleen Grewal

Associate Director, School Support Services
Wendy Dowling

Associate Director,
Operational Support Services
Jaspal Gill



As a Board of Trustees, we have puzzled over the EQAO math results. We have had many presentations and have talked to staff and to students. In addition, we have hosted three senior members of EQAO who we hoped would help us better understand the discrepancy between in-school achievement and performance on EQAO scores. We do not have the answers. However, we appreciate that the Ministry will review EQAO assessments as part of its plan to refresh provincial assessment and reporting practices.

Twenty years have passed since EQAO was introduced. A comprehensive review is overdue, and we ask that, as this review takes place, we pause EQAO testing for the 2017-2018 school year. This pause would allow our students and staff to not be subjected to an assessment that the Premier has acknowledged needs to be reviewed and improved.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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

Janet McDougald
Chair

- c. Peel District School Board Trustees
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Ontario School Board Chairs
Peel MPPs



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October 19th, 2017

Dear Mr. Mohamad and Ms. Dokis,

Please accept this letter of appreciation on behalf of the Grade 8 students at Lakeview, myself and the other organizers of our annual canoe trip into Willisville. For the last 21 years, we have endeavoured to get to know our students better, improve our rapport with them, and develop a sense of ownership to the responsibility we all share in keeping the environment healthy through hands-on, experiential learning.

This year, we were very pleased that RDSB was supportive of this component in our program by allowing Mr. Alan Davy to accompany us on this trip. Mr. Davy was able to connect with students by taking the time to interact and communicate with them. His outdoor education experience not only added an enhanced safety factor but also additional canoe instruction. Mr. Davy is an excellent role model who demonstrates a love for the outdoors and a commitment to student learning.

We believe that this partnership was not only valuable this school year but will continue to pay off when our students attend MSS next year. They will have another familiar face to relate to in a sea of strangers. This will help to alleviate some anxiety and reduce the stress of being new to a school.

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation. We look forward to working with Mr. Davy and MSS staff in the future.

In Education,

Dianne Glasby-Debassige H.B.K., B.Ed., M.A.
Special Education Resource Teacher



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November 7, 2017

Frank Kelly
Executive Director
Council of Ontario Directors of Education
1123 Glenashton Drive
Oakville, ON L6H 5M1

Dear Frank Kelly:

Rainbow District School Board would like to commend CODE for providing funding on behalf of the Ministry of Education to support summer learning programs.

At its regular meeting on October 24, 2017, trustees approved the following motion:

Motion: 17-R139, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That Rainbow District School Board write a letter thanking Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) for their financial support for Summer Learning Programs. - Carried

The motion was recommended to the Board following a presentation at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on October 10, 2017. The Summer Learning Program, aimed at minimizing summer learning loss and increasing literacy and numeracy skills, has been a tremendous success in Rainbow Schools. A copy of the presentation, with achievement results, is attached for your reference.

Since its inception seven years ago, the Summer Learning Program has been expanded to 17 classes at five sites, benefiting 250 students. This year, robotics and coding activities were provided through enhanced funding.

Not only did students make impressive gains in academics, they also enjoyed the recreational component, which included traditional games and sports as well as activities focused on science, technology, arts and mathematics.

The Rainbow District School Board Summer Learning Program is an important investment, giving students every opportunity to build strong foundational skills for learning in all subject areas.

Sincerely,

Doreen Dewar
Chair

Title	Summer Programs for Students
Contact	Judy Noble and Kathy Wachnuk
Date Submitted	October 10, 2017
Mandate	To ensure Rainbow students are successful in a variety of summer programs.
Background	Rainbow District School Board offers programs during the summer months to support students.
Information	<p>Elementary Special Education: For the past ten years, Rainbow District School Board has offered the Summer Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and the Summer Social Emotional Program. These programs service students from ages 5 to 12. A total of 16 students participated in these programs at Princess Anne Public School.</p> <p>Elementary: For the seventh summer, Rainbow District School Board offered Summer Programs organized by Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) and funded by the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat (LNS). The focus was to support students who are currently achieving below the provincial standard and to minimize summer learning loss. There were eleven literacy classes, five numeracy classes and one blended classroom with a total of 253 students attending Cyril Varney Public School, Lansdowne Public School, Chelmsford Public School, A. B. Ellis Public School or Little Current Public School.</p> <p>Each class had summer students and Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership (OFIP) students. Enhanced funding was also provided to support robotics, coding and STEAM activities. The principal was Daniel Koziar.</p> <p>Elementary (Grades 6 – 8) For the first time, Rainbow District School Board offered an Intermediate Summer Program modelled after the Primary – Junior Summer Learning Program. Program goals included minimizing summer learning loss, supporting students who are currently achieving below the provincial standard and the promotion of fundamental literacy and numeracy skills in a fun and engaging atmosphere. The grade 6 program focussed on numeracy, while the grade 7/8 program had both language and mathematics components. Fifteen grade 6 students and twenty grade 7 and 8 students participated in the program at Princess Anne Public School. Four experienced teachers, supported by university students and a consultant as site lead, maximized small group learning opportunities and afforded students a wealth of one-on-one support. Dave St. Amour was the principal of this pilot program.</p> <p>Secondary: Secondary programs continued this past summer included eLearning Summer School, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course, 3 Credit Co-operative Education and Credit Recovery. New programs this summer included the expanded Grade 6/7/8 remedial program above. Programs ran from Sudbury Secondary School (Adult Ed Site) and Barrydowne College.</p>

Results	<p><u>Elementary Results:</u></p> <p>Literacy Program (176 Students) 129 students improved their DRA score by one level or more (73%).</p> <p>Numeracy Program (62 students) 54 students demonstrated improvement in their use of strategies for mental math and/or computations (87%).</p> <p>Blended Literacy and Numeracy (14 students) 11 students improved their DRA score by one level or more (80%).</p> <p>6 students demonstrated improvement in their use of strategies for mental math and/or computations (43%).</p> <p><u>Secondary Results:</u></p> <p>455 Participating Students 514 Credits Granted 98% Overall Pass Rate 20 Graduates</p>
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Cathy Nursall on November 10, 2017 at 1:42 PM -0500 wrote:

Good Afternoon Norm and Judy,

I was so proud of being part of the Algonquin family and so proud of our ceremony today that I wanted to pass on this letter sent to me by one of our parents. As my career with this Board comes to the end, I would once again like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work at Algonquin Road P.S.
Cathy

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

Hello Cathy and Kathy,

I want to express my thanks to you for the profoundly touching Remembrance Day ceremony today. The presentations were all wonderfully done. I don't have the words for it, but the slide show was so significant and brought home the reason why we remember. To see the pictures of the beautiful smiling children, paying tribute to their ancestors who sacrificed so much just so the future generations could live peaceful happy lives - I cried through the whole thing!

Seeing the staff dressed formally to pay respect was also significant to me and also lets me know that my children are learning from excellent role models. I have to commend the behavior of the children; I was in awe to how quiet the gym was.

Overall, this ceremony has given me another reason to say that Algonquin is the best school in town and I am honoured that my children have the privilege to be educated there.

Thank you again,
Krissy Leinala