

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), T. Campbell (via phone), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, 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: G. Gauthier and members of the public

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 16-R141, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of November 22, 2016 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Parent group representing Valley North Planning Area

Felicia Fahey provided a presentation on behalf of the Valley North Planning Area.

2. Student Well-Being

Director Blaseg introduced Superintendent Wachnuk, Brien Managhan (Mental Health Lead) and Christine McInnes (Social Worker) who provided trustees with an introduction to well-being in Rainbow schools.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 16-R142, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 25, 2016 be approved. - **Carried**

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL

3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees**

Strategic Planning Committee

Motion: 16-R143, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That Rainbow District School Board continue to write letters to the Ministry of Education related to funding and support to rural and community schools.

- **Carried unanimously**

4. **Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #5**

Superintendent Bazinet reported staff is working on the Final Staff Report.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Insurance Renewal**

Motion: 16-R144, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the 2017 Renewal of Insurance for liability, property, crime and fleet automobile with the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange be approved.

- **Carried**

2. **Trustee Expenditures 2015-16**

Superintendent of Business Bazinet explained the details on the Trustee Expenses spreadsheet to trustees. The report will be posted on the board's website tomorrow.

3. **Budget Development Process**

Motion: 16-R145, G.Santala/J.Kosmerly

That the 2017-18 Budget Development Process be approved. - **Carried**

4. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw**

Motion: 16-R146, B.Clement/D.Morrison

That the Levying Education Taxes for 2017 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. - **Carried**

5. **Ontario Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 60th Annual Special Education Conference 2016**

Motion: 16-R147, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the CEC 60th Annual Special Education Conference in Toronto December 2 – 3, 2016:

Trustee Kosmerly - **Carried**

6. **Requests for Leave of Absence** NIL

7. **Director's Remarks**

Monday, November 28, 2016 is a professional activity day for staff. George Couros, author of *The Innovators Mindset* will be offering his insights at Lockerby Composite School Auditorium (two sessions, one in the morning and a second in the afternoon).

*If there are any trustees wanting to attend please advise.

On Friday November 11 Rainbow District School Board participated in numerous Remembrance Day activities. We are very proud of our seniors; more specifically the way our staff and students participate at community events is just outstanding. I attended the ceremonies at the Sudbury Arena and marveled at how well our students and staff participated in Remembrance Day activities. We had over 1500 participants at the event; it was truly a remarkable event.

Several senior staff attended the 2017-2018 Education and Funding Engagement/Consultation on November 9 and 10th. Most attention was directed toward specific envelopes: First Nations and bandwidth – Phase 1. The latter focused on end-to-end challenges associated with connectivity. We will be one of the pilot boards. We do not know which solution(s) will be selected.

On the second day we focused on well-being. We struggled to understand the complexities associated with a definition, along with grappling with ways to measure it. As you saw in our presentation tonight we have a lot of work to do. Next week, at our Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, with the help of ministry and OEDCA tools, we will engage in a conversation to help us develop a common understanding.

On Thursday, October 27 I attended the Lo-Ellen Knights award ceremony and on Thursday, November 3 attended the Lockerby awards ceremony. Again like so many secondary schools we have so much to be proud of. Our students and staff are truly remarkable.

Itinerary

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| October 26 | Agenda setting |
| October 27 | Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Awards Valley East Public Planning Area Public meeting at Confederation S.S. |
| October 28 | PA day Child and Youth Advisory Panel |

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| October 31 | CODE teleconference |
| November 1 | Executive Council |
| November 2 | Meeting with President of Cambrian College |
| November 3 | Executive Council Lockerby Composite School Awards ceremony Espanola Planning Area Public meeting at Espanola HS |
| November 7 | Executive Council Central Sudbury Planning Area Public meeting at Sudbury S.S. |
| November 8 | Executive Council OSSTF meeting Strategic Planning Committee Meeting |
| November 9 | Agenda Setting |
| November 10/11 | Ministry of Education Consultation, Toronto |
| November 14 | Executive Council |
| November 15 | Directors Meeting Transition Meeting, Cambrian College |
| November 17/18 | CODE, Markham |
| November 21 | Executive Council |
| November 22 | Executive Council Board Meeting |

8. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate - Trustee Clement reported he contacted France Gelinás' office and that she did bring up the subject of northern and rural schools at Question Period. Her office said that she has asked the Wynne government for a moratorium on proposed closures and consolidations in northern and rural schools.

Trustee Clement will be attending a meeting on December 2, 2016 in Toronto. At that time, northern boards will meet prior to the OPSBA meeting to discuss northern challenges. Minister of Education Mitzie Hunter is scheduled to speak.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao informed that the Student Senate continues to prepare for this year's talent show which will be held in late February

2017 at Sudbury Secondary School. The committee has secured guest judges for the event.

Planning is underway for the annual Stand Up Speak Out conference which will be held in early May at Cambrian College. Three keynote speakers have been booked.

Student Senate welcomes a new senator from Barrydowne College.

Student Trusee Yao recently attended the Fall General Meeting November 17-20, 2016 in Toronto. She reported very productive committee meetings and advised that a new ad-hoc committee has been created to focus on student well-being. She advised many initiatives are underway, including: Ontario wide survey, four continuing scholarships plus two new ones, First Nations Metis Inuit symposium outlines, student trustee icebreakers and handbook and a position paper. She also aided with the media release for the *By Any Measure* video launch with the Ministry of Accessibility.

9. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** NIL

10. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Rainbow Schools celebrated Treaty Recognition Week from November 7th to 11th as we continue to learn about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples of Canada. A variety of activities and lessons help to create awareness about treaties and treaty relationships.

Rainbow Schools marked Remembrance Day 2016 in a variety of ways. Students and staff took part in school-based and community ceremonies and presentations to honour the men and women who served our country.

On Tuesday, November 15th, parents/guardians and students in Grade 7 and 8 participated in the Transition Evening, which focused on the changes, challenges and choices students face as they enter high school. This was a prelude to upcoming secondary school information nights.

Sudbury Secondary School's information night will take place tomorrow, November 23rd at 6:30 pm while Lasalle Secondary School's information night will take place on Thursday, November 24th at 6 pm. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school they currently attend.

Rainbow District School Board is currently accepting nominations for the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. If you know someone who shared Joan Mantle's passion for music education, has had a positive impact on music in the community, promotes lifelong music education and serves as an inspiration to others through their musical contributions, please consider nominating them for the Award. The deadline for nominations is Monday, January 16, 2017.

Earlier today, I received an email from Chris Bourre, principal of Walden Public School reporting on the YMCA Winter Clothing Campaign. As a board, we were able to collect 1288 coats, 373 snowsuits, 3594 accessories and 223 pairs of boots. That's enough to clothe more than 1600 people. This success will hopefully inspire championing this cause again next year!

We are heading into what can be a very special festive season. A list of events in Rainbow Schools is currently being compiled and will be posted on the board website in the coming weeks.

The thought for the month comes from Aristotle who said, "The roots of education are bitter but the fruit is sweet."

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

Parent Involvement Committee minutes May 3, 2016 (official)
Equity and Inclusive Education Committee minutes Sept 22 2016 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee AGM minutes October 18, 2016 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

Letter from Peel DSB dated October 14, 2016

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting November 24, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Nov 29, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Dec 7, 2016 12:00 pm Lockerby CS LDAS office
Special Board Meeting December 12, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board Meeting December 13, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Student Senate Meeting December 19, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee January 10, 2017 7:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 23, 2017 10:00 am N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 16-R148, D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That we now adjourn at 6:30 p.m. – **Carried.**