

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the Boardroom  
69 Young Street, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:40 p.m.

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

Absent: G. Santala

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, C. McDonald, H. Gaffney, L. Fisher, S. Conroy, P. Mackey, J. Harvey, L. Pogue and members of the public

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

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 17-R123, R.Ward/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 26, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

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

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Student Achievement K-12

Superintendent Noble introduced the program team: principals Sherry Conroy, Lesley Fisher, Heather Gaffney and Colleen McDonald. Each system principal shared student achievement information and data in their area, comparing current data to data from previous years.

Vice Principal Heather Downey, program leader Crystal Gibbs and teacher Clinton Jameus spoke to Trustees about how the team worked at Sudbury Secondary School to close the gaps. The target group was grade 9 students in the applied stream. Excellent results were shared.

Principal Paula Mackey, Vice Principal Jennifer Harvey and math support teacher Laura Pogue shared Queen Elizabeth Public School's approach to closing the gap. Examples were presented and success stories were shared. The group spoke about the importance of teamwork and knowing your learners.

Trustees had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Trustees were thankful for the work that is being done to help Rainbow students.

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

Motion: 17-R124, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

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

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 17-R125, G.Fox/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 29, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

**2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

Motion: 17-R126, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the Board award the contract for Confederation Secondary School, gymnasium addition - tender #2017-31 to Prosperi Co. Ltd. for \$1,924,500.  
- **Carried**

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

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Ontario Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Special Education Conference 2017**

Motion: 17-R127, D.Morrison/G.Fox

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the CEC 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Special Education Conference in Toronto November 24 – 25 2017:

Trustee Clement  
Trustee Hunda  
Trustee Kosmerly  
Trustee Ward

- **Carried**

**2. Public Education Symposium (PES) 2018**

Motion: 17-R128, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the Public Education Symposium 2018 in Toronto January 26 – 27, 2018:

Chair Dewar  
Trustee Clement  
Trustee Fox  
Trustee Hunda  
Trustee Kosmerly

3. **Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting**

Motion: 17-R129, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Leach Jarrett at the OSTA Fall General Meeting November 2 to 5, 2017 in Toronto. – **Carried**

4. **OSTA-AECO Fees**

Motion: 17-R130, B.Clement/ J.Hunda

That the 2017/18 membership fees in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association be approved. – **Carried**

5. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 17-R131, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That Trustee Santala be granted a leave of absence from the September 26, 2017 Board meeting. – **Carried**

6. **Director's Remarks**

Director spoke about enrolment and staff changes. Superintendent Bourget confirmed that any class reorganizations, as a result of enrolment fluctuations, would be complete by the end of the month.

Superintendent Dennis Bazinet provided a brief transportation update. He confirmed there would be some transportation challenges over the next few weeks as there is a driver shortage and as a result we will have two routes that will be providing double runs.

Director informed that the board is working with the city, more specifically with Councillor Kirwan, on a community project that is directed to support the efforts of the Ryan Heights Neighbourhood Association and the area surrounding Queen Elizabeth Public School.

Profession Development day – Friday, September 29, 2017

- All staff are required to attend as this is the one opportunity to have input on the Annual School Improvement Plan.
- Remind everyone this is year two of a 3-year plan. Last year you will recall there was an emphasis on one of the three foci: working memory, which included spaced practice and automaticity.
- This year we will continue to build on last years work and for many schools introduce the second foci: vocabulary
- More to come on this over the next few weeks.

Finally we will be introducing a revised Homework package this year. The first month will be available later this week.

Itinerary:

August 30	Agenda Setting
August 31	Transportation meeting
September 5	P.A. Day Executive Council
September 6	First day of school First Nations lead meeting
September 7	Northern Support Initiative meeting New Sudbury area planning meeting
September 8	Directors' Meeting, four local school boards
September 11	ETFO Meeting
September 12	Executive Council Meeting Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
September 13	First Nations lead meeting Agenda Setting ETFO meeting
September 14	Wear Pink Day – anti bullying message
September 18	OPSEU meeting
September 19	Student Achievement Meeting Meeting with Greater Sudbury Police Service Chief Pederson
September 20	First Nations lead meeting
September 21	CODE - Toronto
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September 25	SATSO meeting Audit Committee Meeting Ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee meeting (Policy review)
September 26	Executive Council N'Swakamok Agreement signing – Friendship Centre Labour Relations Committee meeting.

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement advised he attended the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting in Toronto on September 22, 2017. He reported that Minister Mitzi Hunter will be attending the Northern Conference in Sault St. Marie on Friday, October 13, 2017. Trustee Clement commented on in depth discussion of grad rates throughout the province. There were also discussions of student trustee involvement in OPSBA.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett reported that the first Senate meeting was held on September 11. The enthusiastic group are working on the talent show and the annual conference. The next Student Senate meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2017.

Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett reported that she is the OSTA representative for northern boards.

8. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison reported that the Audit Committee met yesterday and that a full report would be provided at the October 24, 2017 board meeting.

Trustee Killens referred to emails he sent with questions about the partnership between Lasalle SS and the RHP Training Centre Inc.

Motion: 17-R132, L.Killens/B.Clement

That a presentation be made regarding the partnership between Lasalle Secondary School and RHP Training Centre Inc.

Amendment: D.Morrison/J.Hunda

..... partnerships involving Rainbow schools in general. - **Carried**

Motion: 17-R132, L.Killens/B.Clement

That a presentation be made to the board regarding partnerships involving Rainbow schools in general. – **Carried**

Trustee Killens referred to an article in the newspaper concerning parents of Rainbow students. The chair ruled this item as being an in-camera item under **Governance By-Law 10.1 b)** namely: the possible disclosure of personal information in respect of a parent(s) of Rainbow students.

9. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Chair Dewar made reference to an email recently received from Jennifer McIntyre from OPSBA requesting individual trustee input on the Ministry's "Sector Engagement Discussion Guide". Trustees were encouraged to submit feedback to OPSBA as soon as possible. OPSBA's submission is due November 13, 2017.

Rainbow Schools are participating in the Winter Clothing Drive powered by Cooper Equipment Rentals in support of Our Children, Our Future. Members of the

community are invited 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 until October 30, 2017. Clothing will be redistributed within the schools and communities served by the Board.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools have been invited to wear orange on Thursday, September 28 to show support for residential school survivors. "Orange Shirt Day" recognizes the effects and intergenerational impacts of the residential school system on First Nation, Métis, and Inuit children in Canada. Participation in Orange Shirt Day demonstrates our collective commitment to building our ongoing understanding.

*Background:*

*Orange Shirt Day began in Williams Lake, British Columbia by the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration project. Phyllis Webstad, a young girl from the Dog Creek reserve, attended the Mission in 1973, where her clothes were removed, including her brand new orange shirt.*

*Phyllis' story inspired the Mission to declare September 30th Orange Shirt Day, as this was the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to attend residential schools.*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lasalle Secondary School SISU Family Walk in partnership with Sling-Choker will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Participants will embark on a 10-kilometre journey from Lasalle Secondary School to Finlandia Village. Everyone is invited to come show their SISU and join them in their efforts by making a donation and/or participating in the walk. Funds raised will support outdoor walking and fitness activities at Finlandia Village. A trail system will be developed and built, engaging students, local businesses and volunteers.

Representatives from Ontario's 21 universities will be in Espanola at Espanola High School on Monday, October 2, 2017, from 10 am to 11 am, for the University Information Program (UIP).

Representatives will be in Sudbury at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School on Thursday, October 5, 2017, from 7 pm to 9 pm.

This free event offers high school students from the surrounding area, and their parents, the opportunity to speak in-person with multiple university representatives. Any high school students in the area are welcome to attend, regardless of which school board their school belongs to.

A media event will be held at Sudbury Secondary School on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 10 am to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Joan Mantle Music Trust.

Rainbow District School Board will host the Embrace Diversity: Free to Be Me Conference on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Lexington Hotel. The conference

will begin with a keynote address followed by a variety of dynamic activities and workshops.

The Annual General Meeting of School Councils will take place in the library at Sudbury Secondary School on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm. The AGM will be followed by a presentation on well-being.

## **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

### **1. Reports from Officials and Staff**

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes April 5, 2017 (official)  
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes May 17, 2017 (official)  
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes June 7, 2017 (official)

### **2. Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Waterloo Region DSB dated May 31, 2017  
Letter from Rainy River DSB dated June 1, 2017  
Letter from Peel DSB dated June 20, 2017  
Letter from Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario dated June 23, 2017

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

First Nation Advisory Committee Sept 28, 2017 10:00 am Boardroom @ 69 Young  
Student Senate Meeting October 2, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom @ 69 Young  
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Oct 4, 2017 12:00 pm Lockerby CS LDAS office  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Oct 10, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom @ 69 Young  
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Oct 11, 2017 3:30 pm Boardroom @ 69 Young  
Parent Involvement Cmttee AGM October 17, 2017 5:30 pm Sudbury SS Library  
Board Meeting October 24, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom @ 69 Young

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 17-R133, D.Morrison/B.Clement  
That we now adjourn at 7:45 p.m. – **Carried.**