

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (chair), B. Clement, D. Dewar, G. Fox, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, R. Ward, Student Trustee K. Yao
Absent: L. Killens, G. Santala
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director of Education
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents
Staff: H. Thirkill, L. Fisher, H. Gaffney, L. Piquette, J. Wachnuk, P. Potvin, J. Harvey, D. Bertrim, C. Teolis, D. Winsa, M. Clark, K. Welch, R. Jones and member of the public

Trustee Ward was welcomed to the board table.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Hunda/R.Ward

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for April 11, 2017 be approved - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Student Achievement K-12 Math Strategy**

Director Blaseg welcomed presenters and repeated that three foci this year are working memory, vocabulary and comprehension.

Superintendent Dye began the elementary presentation with teams from Lansdowne PS and Queen Elizabeth PS who shared their individual school success stories, highlighting strategies being used in the math classroom to support learners with a learning disability. Presenters shared data to support the success to date.

Superintendent Noble continued with grade 7 – 12 success stories. Staff from Chelmsford VDCS shared their strategies for reaching all students in math.

The Ministry chose the schools that are receiving additional math support (driven by EQAO math results).

Trustees were appreciative of the significant gains in a short period of time and congratulated both students and staff for all the work done in the area of math.

2. Safe Schools

Superintendent Wachnuk shared with trustees the 13 Safe School Online Training Modules that have been selected for staff this year. Target staff includes administrators, teachers, educational assistants and early childhood educators. This is one way Rainbow has chosen to train staff. The online training provides individuals the opportunity to complete modules and review the information at a later date if necessary. Staff will be given time on the upcoming April 28 PA day to complete modules.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on March 7, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

E. NEW BUSINESS

F. FUTURE ITEMS

AODA Training Modules

Career Planning – myBlueprint

Policy Review

G. TRUSTEES' REMARKS

Trustee Dewar made reference to *Board Policy No. GOV-03* and suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to review board policies periodically. After much discussion amongst the trustees, the suggestion was put off until a later date when all trustees could voice their opinion.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

May 16, 2017

June 6, 2017 (Board Awards)

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the meeting be adjourned (7:30 pm). - **Carried**

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