

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 Prosperi 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 planned 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 CODE teleconference
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.**

Official