

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
to be held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *Chair
- Motion:
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 12, 2017 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** *Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS** *Chair
- Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) – Brien Managhan
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD** *Director
- E. OLD BUSINESS** *Director
1. **Previous Minutes** *Chair
- Motion:
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 21, 2017 be approved.
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** Nil *SBO
3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair
- Audit Committee
- i) **Audit Committee Annual Report** *Chair AC
- ii) **2016/17 Financial Statements** *SBO
- Motion:
That the 2016/17 Financial Statements be approved.

4. **Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #2** *SBO
New Sudbury Planning Area
- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
 1. Director's Annual Report *Director
 2. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair

Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the December 12, 2017 Board meeting.
 3. **Director's Remarks** *Director
 4. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Delegate
Student Trustee
 5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
 6. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
 1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Parent Involvement Committee minutes April 4, 2017 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes May 2, 2017 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes October 17, 2017 (official)
 2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Letter from Grand Erie DSB dated November 2, 2017
Letter from Canadian Cancer Society dated November 18, 2017
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair

Student Senate Meeting January 8, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee January 9, 2018 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Jan 10, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting January 10, 2018 3:30 pm Centre for Ed Room 125
Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Jan 16, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Board Meeting January 30, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee February 15, 2018 10:00 am TBA
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee February 15, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris 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 Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Present:	Trustees:	D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett
	Absent:	G. Fox, R. Ward
	Officials:	N. Blaseg – Director D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents N. Charette, H. Thirkill
	Others:	Muiriel MacLeod Checkeris, Vicki Kett, Frank Benish, Jim Sutherland, Julie Ozawagosh, Chief Steven Miller, Chop Waindubence, Bob Goulais, C. McDonald, S. Conroy, K. Dokis, L. Fisher, H. Gaffney, G. Gauthier and members of the public

Director Norm Blaseg welcomed everyone to the first meeting of Rainbow District School Board in the Centre for Education.

Julie Ozawagosh, an Elder with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, provided a traditional opening.

Chief Steven Miller of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek acknowledged the territory, explained the significance of this acknowledgement and offered the flag of the Anishnawbek Nation that will be displayed in this boardroom.

Chop Waindubence, an Aboriginal Support Worker with the Board, highlighted the importance of the flag and provided the drumming.

Director Blaseg advised that several Board traditions that existed in former locations would continue in the Centre for Education. The area where the consultants and co-ordinators are located on the third floor will be named the Gord Ewin Wing, in honour of former Director of Education Gord Ewin. The meeting room on the second floor will be the Howard Shecter Room in memory of Board Psychologist Dr. Howard Shecter. The meeting room on the first floor will be the Indigenous Room, acknowledging our commitment to truth and reconciliation. The main boardroom will be dedicated in memory of long-time trustee, Ernie Checkeris.

Director Blaseg called on Chair Dewar to read Ernie Checkeris' bio.

Retired principal Jim Sutherland presented the board with a bell that was used at Wembley Public School that will be placed in a prominent location as a reminder of the rich heritage of Wembley Public School.

After a brief recess, Chair Dewar called the meeting to order and requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 17-R144, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of November 21, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Vocabulary

Superintendent Noble introduced *vocabulary* as this year's focus. She reminded trustees that the focus last year was *working memory* and *automaticity* and advised that next year's focus would be *comprehension*.

System principals Sherry Conroy and Colleen McDonald informed trustees about vocabulary development: what it is, why it is important, myths and research about vocabulary and explanations of how children learn.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 17-R145, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 24, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Enrolment Report

Superintendent of Business Bazinet referred to the elementary and secondary actual enrolment summaries dated October 31, 2017 that were provided as back up with the agenda.

2. **Trustee Expenditures 2016-17**

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

3. **Insurance Renewal**

Motion: 17-R146, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the 2018 Renewal of Insurance for liability, property, crime and fleet automobile with the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange be approved.
- **Carried**

4. **Budget Development Process**

Motion: 17-R147, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the 2018-19 Budget Development Process be approved. - **Carried**

5. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw**

Motion: 17-R148, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the Levying Education Taxes for 2018 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. - **Carried**

6. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 17-R149, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That Trustee Grace Fox and Trustee Ruth Ward be granted a leave of absence from the November 21, 2017 Board meeting. - **Carried**

7. **Director's Remarks**

Director Blaseg spoke about Remembrance Day ceremonies that were held throughout the board and made reference to the email attached to the agenda from an Algonquin Public School parent who attended a ceremony.

Director Blaseg shared details of the November 17 professional activity day. Niigann Sinclair spoke with all teachers about Truth & Reconciliation. Manitoulin and Espanola teachers participated at Espanola High School in the morning. In the afternoon, Niigann traveled to Sudbury and presented to Sudbury teachers at the Radisson. Most educational assistants completed First Aid training while others completed ABA training provided by Brien Managhan, while other staff who had not completed their Health & Safety requirements completed their training.

Director Blaseg reminded trustees of the First Nation Consultations and reviewed dates and locations of upcoming sessions.

Itinerary:

October 25 FNMI portfolio meeting

	ETFO meeting Agenda setting meeting Ad Hoc committee meeting
October 26	School Visit, Lasalle Secondary School Chelmsford VDCS Junior Awards
October 27	Student Achievement Meeting
October 30	ETFO meeting
October 31	Executive Council
November 1	Teleconference MCYS School visits with Trustee Hunda Queen Elizabeth Public School Sudbury Secondary School Adamsdale Public School
November 2	Lockerby Vikings Awards
November 3	Tele-Conference CODE
November 6	School Visits with Trustee Morrison C.R. Judd Public School Northeastern Elementary School Cyril Varney Public School Churchill Public School
November 7	Executive Council Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
November 8	Agenda setting meeting OSSTF meeting
November 9	Ministry GSN consultations
November 10	Review of Leadership Eligibility process
November 13	School Visits with Trustee Kosmerly Redwood Acres Public School Confederation Secondary School Valley View Public School
November 14	Director's Meeting Transition Meeting, Cambrian College
November 15	Agenda setting meeting

November 16	Capital Planning Ad Hoc committee meeting
November 17	Professional Activity Day
November 20	Tele-conference RE: School Year Calendar
November 21	Lo-Ellen Nights awards Exec Council Board Meeting

8. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement advised that his next OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Toronto on December 1, 2017.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett reported a very busy month. She attended the Ministry's *2017-18 Students as Researchers (StAR)* conference at the Ontario Education Leadership Centre (OELC) in Orillia along with a student senator and Superintendent Noble. Last week she attended the OSTA Fall Conference in Toronto. She commented that she has been the only northern student trustee to be at both the May and November OSTA conferences. Student Trustee Leach Jarrett attended a meeting with the Minister of Education to further discuss rural communities. Trustees appreciated that she is a strong student voice for Northern Ontario.

9. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Kosmerly shared her personal notes from the OPSBA Northern Regional meeting that she attended October 13 and 14, 2017 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Trustee Clement reported that he has received complaints from parents and staff concerning the shortage of space at A.B. Ellis PS.

Motion: 17-R150, B.Clement/D.Morrison

That Rainbow District School Board send a letter to the Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel Ontario, with a copy to the Minister of Education, that the French Catholic Board vacate the space being leased at A.B. Ellis Public School by the end of the 2017-2018 school year. – **Carried unanimously**

10. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Congratulations to Carrie Wilson, a teacher at Northeastern Elementary School, who received an Outstanding Educator Award from the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury. In presenting the award, LDAS said Carrie Wilson has always gone above and beyond to ensure that students with learning disabilities are successful. The award was presented at the LDAS Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn on November 16th.

Central Manitoulin Public School in Mindemoya received a \$10,000 MusiCounts Band Aid Grant to enhance its music program. With the funds, the school purchased six flutes, five trumpets, two baritones, one clarinet and one alto saxophone. We thank the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for championing music education in schools through the MusiCounts Band Aid program.

A total of 14,438 clothing items were collected from communities across the city for this year's Winter Clothing Drive with Rainbow Schools contributing 5,816 items to this total. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this winter a little warmer.

A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School assisted in collecting over 3,000 food items to fill a bus for the *Stuff the Bus* campaign in Espanola in support of the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank.

Three secondary schools will host Information Nights soon – Lasalle Secondary School on November 23rd, Lockerby Composite School on December 6th and Lively District Secondary School on December 7th. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, visit rainbowschools.ca

Sudbury Secondary School's main stage production "The Theory of Relativity" is a clever mix of "The Big Bang Theory," "Chicago" and "The Book of Mormon." "The Theory of Relativity" opened last weekend and continues on Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th, 2017. Performances will be held in the Sheridan Auditorium at 7:30 pm.

2017-2018 marks the 10th year that the Joan Mantle Music Trust will distribute funding to secondary school music programs in Rainbow District School Board. To celebrate, the Board will host a 10th Anniversary Community Concert. Everyone is invited to join the celebration on Wednesday, November 29, at 7 pm in the McKellar Auditorium at Lockerby Composite School.

Many students in Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will canvass their neighbourhoods for non-perishable food items for their local food banks on Thursday, November 30. This is the fourth annual Rainbow Kids Helping Kids Day, to support the Christmas Food Drive in memory of Edgar Burton.

Lasalle Secondary School will celebrate the arts at their annual Variety MADness (MAD = music, art and drama) Celebration on Monday, December 11th in the school gymnasium. Performances begin at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

The thought for the month comes from Ernie Checkeris who lived and led the following:

"Never lose sight of the fact that the child as the learner is not only the centre of the system, but the only reason for its existence."

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

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

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

Audit Committee Meeting December 11, 2017 4:00 pm Centre for Education Room 216

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

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

Environmental Ed Cmttee Meeting January 10, 2018 3:30 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 17-R151, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we now adjourn at 7:45 p.m. – **Carried.**

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Board Office**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Jason Innis, Parent, Alexander Public School; Karry Strelezki, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Stacey Paajanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Kelly Lemieux, Parent, Valley View Public School; Jamie Roque, Parent, Pinecrest Public School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Heather Downey, Vice-Principal, Sudbury Secondary School; and Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College.

Espanola Site:

Trustee Bob Clement; Dan Koziar, Vice-Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School; Jennifer Tilston, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School

Manitoulin Site:

N/A

1. Call to Order: 7 pm

2. Welcome: Vice-Chair Natasha Delaney

PIC Chair Dahnja Schoengen sent her regrets. Vice-Chair Natasha Delaney welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited PIC members to introduce themselves.

**3. Presentation on 21st Century Learning
by Ron Hodkinson, Principal, Cyril Varney Public School**

Principal Ron Hodkinson indicated that Cyril Varney Public School has been transformed into a 21st century school. Desks have been replaced with sofas, custom-designed tables and cozy seating areas. The entire school is infused with technology, from iPads, to Chromebooks, to Smartboards, to green screens, to Apple TVs.

21st century learning is an innovative approach to education that fosters collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity and co-operation. The space, technology and tools are designed to nurture and support these critical skills. All students have their own website as an online portfolio of their work as they progress from grade to grade.

Cyril Varney Public School runs a YouTube Channel called The Varney View. Students produce, write, host and edit the segments. They plan, organize and contact individuals and organizations to come in to be interviewed. A news set, with proper lighting, boom microphones and a teleprompter, provides a real-life experience.

In the MakerSpace, students come in and work on various projects. It's a think tank for creating ideas and bringing them to life. Students are woodworking, sewing, crocheting, coding, programming motherboards and working on robotics. The school also acquired a laser cutter, which has proven to be quite popular. Students use AutoCAD to design. Cyril Varney Public School makes use of social media to share its daily activities, including Facebook, Twitter and Storify.

In the future, Cyril Varney Public School plans to purchase more Chromebooks and iPads, expand 21st century professional learning, and make greater use of student technology in the classroom (ie. turn on your devices). Bingo has proven to be a successful way to raise funds to invest in technology.

Parents had an opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentation. They expressed an interest in having more 21st century teaching and learning classrooms throughout the Board. Superintendent Noble indicated that the Board continues to invest in professional learning to support teachers with implementation.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Kelly Lemieux, Valley View Public School

Seconded by: Heather Downey, Sudbury Secondary School

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on February 28, 2017

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2017 be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Seconded by: Jason Innis, Alexander Public School

Carried

6. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning delivered the communications report.

Students from Rainbow Schools will relive an important part of Canada's history when they attend the ceremony commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge on Sunday, April 9, 2017. Students will also visit the new Vimy Visitor Education Centre near the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France. A total of 42 students from Lasalle Secondary School, Lockerby Composite School and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School are participating in the educational excursion. Their visit to Europe began on Monday, April 3, 2017 with a tour of London and will end on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 with a tour of Amsterdam.

Rainbow District School Board's sixth International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Older Adult Centre, 140 Durham Street, in Sudbury. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new musical instruments and equipment in Rainbow Schools. The menu will feature a wide variety of foods that represent Sudbury's multicultural heritage. Musical entertainment will showcase talented students from Rainbow secondary schools, featuring an all-Canadian program in celebration of our nation's 150th anniversary. For tickets, visit rainbowschools.ca

Confederation Secondary School wants the community to be part of a conversation on mental health. The school will host a guest speaker from Jack.org on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7 pm and all parents/guardians and students (ages 14 and up) are welcome to attend. The free presentation will increase knowledge of mental health, including signs of distress and resources for help; equip adult audiences with tools to engage young people in conversations around their mental health; decrease silence and stigma around mental health in communities; and inspire audiences to become leaders for change in their communities. This event is sponsored by a Parents Reaching Out Grant from the Ministry of Education's Parent Engagement Office.

A number of students in Grades 7 to 12 from Rainbow Schools will participate in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair being held in the Alumni Hall at Laurentian University on Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9, 2017. The students won the honour of competing at the regional level following the Rainbow District School Board annual Science Fair held at Lockerby Composite School on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Sudbury Regional Science Fair projects will be selected for the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Regina, Saskatchewan from May 18 to 20, 2017.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 to mark Day of Pink, the International Day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia, transphobia and misogyny in schools and communities. It's part of Rainbow District School Board's ongoing efforts to build community and promote inclusion.

Rainbow Schools will celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2017.
Concours Franco-Rainbow will be Wednesday, April 26, 2017.
Music Monday will take place on Monday, May 1, 2017.
Education Week will take place May 1 to 5, 2017.
Visit rainbowschools.ca for details.

7. School Announcements

Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School – Brightlight tickets are now on sale.

Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Barrydown College – Barrydown College will have its largest group of graduates to date, with more than 100 students on track to earn an Ontario Secondary School diploma.

Heather Downey, St. Mary Secondary School – Students are engaged in collaborative enquiries. Auditions/registrations for incoming Grade 9 students is underway. It's production time, with a number of events in drama, dance and music. It's also a busy time for spring sports.

Kelly Lemieux, Valley View Public School – The school raised \$4,500 from a winter raffle. The fun fair will take place on April 7, 2017. Tulips planted in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday will soon be in full bloom.

Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School – CVDCS will host a craft show on April 15, 2017 to raise funds to revitalize the sports program, particularly the football team. A health wellness fair will take place on April 26, 2017. There will be a plant sale in the school greenhouse in May. An autism event is being planned to bring awareness to the community. The school will host a ride program with Belanger Ford as a fundraiser.

Jamie Roque, Pinecrest Public School – This is the final year for Pinecrest Public School as Grade 7 and 8 students will be in Confederation Secondary School this fall. The fun fair was a fun day for students in the school. A grade 7 and 8 movie, spearheaded by teacher Scott Zoldy, will be showcased at Cineplex. The

school will soon host a book fair and students will participate in the Science Fair and Heritage Fair. Sports and music teams have won a number of top honours.

Karry Strelezki and Stacey Paajanen, Lively District Secondary School – Grade 7 and 8 students hosted a movie festival with popcorn. Students earned impressive honours in music and sports. There will be a 60th anniversary reunion for LDSS the July 1st weekend, celebrating Canada's 150th birthday.

Sara Pidgen, Princess Anne Public School – Princess Anne Public School raised the flag for autism awareness on April 3, 2017. The school hosted an early Pink Day on April 5, 2017, welcoming Mayor Brian Bigger as well as a guest speaker.

Jason Innis, Alexander Public School – Alexander Public School surveyed parents last fall and will do so again to obtain feedback on what the School Council should invest in. Coding and technology were highlighted. Alexander Public School will host a yard sale on May 27, 2017. Students are also participating in track and field.

Dan Koziar, A.B. Ellis Public School - A student at A.B. Ellis Public School won the Northeast Division in the Legion Public Speaking Competition. The school hosted a successful Entrepreneurship Fair and day for the community. The school raises close to \$8,000 annually for the Terry Fox Run. A.B. Ellis will host a spring talent show in May.

8. New business

Natasha Delaney provided an update on events for Autism Ontario, including a successful fundraiser at Boston Pizza on April 7, 2017, the raising of the flag at City Hall, and a presentation at Adamsdale Public School. The Annual General Meeting for the local chapter of Autism Ontario will take place on May 17, 2017 at 6 pm at The Workplace, 1191 Lansing Avenue, Unit 1 (behind Food Basics on Lasalle.)

Natasha Delaney indicated that the Our Children Our Future Champions for Children luncheon will be held on April 26, 2017.

PIC members were reminded of the opportunity to attend the PIC Symposium being presented by the Ministry of Education in Sudbury on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9 am to 4 pm.

PIC members discussed possible topics for a Parents Reaching Out Regional Grant for 2017-2018. PIC members suggested a Saturday workshop featuring speakers on mental health (including supports), diversity (to build awareness and foster acceptance among parents) and 21st century learning (including how to track student activity online). The deadline for applications is May 25, 2017.

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Board Office

Topic: Planning meeting for the 2017-2018 school year

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Board Office**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School; Alison Bujold, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Deena Zmijowskyj, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Karla Allen, Parent, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School/Northeastern Elementary School/Lasalle Secondary School; Karry Strelezki, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Stacey Paaanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Kelly Lemieux, Parent, Valley View Public School; Julie Contini, Parent, MacLeod Public School; Luciano Contini, Parent, MacLeod Public School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative; Stacey Gilbeau, Health Promotion Team, Sudbury & District Health Unit; Gord Santala, Trustee; Norm Blaseg, Director of Education; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; and Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydown College.

Espanola Site:

Jennifer Tilston, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Dan Kozior, Vice Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School

Manitoulin Site:

N/A

1. Call to Order: 7 pm

2. Welcome: Vice-Chair Natasha Delaney

PIC Chair Dahnja Schoengen sent her regrets. Vice-Chair Natasha Delaney welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited PIC members to introduce themselves.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Karla Allen, Carl A. Nesbitt / Northeastern Elementary School / Lasalle Secondary

Seconded by: Deena Zmijowskyj, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on April 4, 2017

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2017 be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Kelly Lemieux, Valley View Public School

Seconded by: Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Carried

5. Year in Review and Going Forward – Director of Education Norm Blaseg

School boards are required to produce a multi-year plan. Rainbow District School Board uses a three-year timeframe. The Board's Strategic Directions 2016-2020, which outlines the vision, mission, values and priorities, was created with stakeholder input. The document builds on the Ministry of Education's renewed vision for education - achieving excellence, ensuring equity, promoting well-being and enhancing public confidence – and provides the foundation for the Board Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plans.

School Improvement Plans have been focusing on working memory, which includes spaced practice to develop automaticity to recall information quickly, vocabulary development and comprehension, skills that impact learning in all subject areas.

Strategic Directions outlines five strategies under two priorities – Reaching minds and Touching hearts. Budgets are aligned with strategies to ensure all students realize their full potential within an environment of continuous growth. Rainbow Schools strive to achieve 100 per cent success in all areas and measures success through qualitative and quantitative data.

21st century competencies are embedded in the curriculum, including collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity, co-operation and citizenship. Parental engagement and support instills in students a belief that they can do well in school. The Homework Program, which was implemented two years ago, provides focused time for families to work together on reading, writing and math, and talk about what's happening in school.

Director Blaseg also talked about the capital planning process, including conversations with partners interested in leasing space in schools. He reviewed school consolidations and program changes approved in the 2016-2017 school year. Parents had an opportunity to ask questions. Director Blaseg thanked parents/guardians for their ongoing contribution to Rainbow Schools.

6. Brainstorming for 2017-2018

PIC members were invited to share their ideas, then vote on topics for meetings during the 2017-2018 school year.

The following schedule was approved:

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Annual General Meeting of School Councils | 5:30 pm
Topic: Well-being | 7 pm

Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Topic: Embracing Equity | 7 pm

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Topic: Resiliency and Growth Mindset | 7 pm

Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Topic: LD Pilot Project | 7 pm

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Topic: Safe Internet Use | 7 pm

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Planning meeting for the 2018-2019 school year | 7 pm

7. PRO Grant Application

PIC members discussed applying for a Parents Reaching Out Regional Grant for 2017-2018 to host a Saturday symposium for parents with a variety of speakers.

Motion: "That Rainbow District School Board apply for a PRO Regional Grant to host a conference of speakers for parents/guardians in 2017-2018."

Moved by: Deena Zmijowskyj, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School

Seconded by: Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Carried

Nicole Charette will submit the grant application on behalf of PIC by the deadline of May 25, 2017.

Suggested speakers included Dr. Jean Clinton, Dr. Gregory Wells, Dr. Sharon Bennett as well as a Student Panel. Bernadette Rémillard, Julie and Luciano Contini, Denis Plouffe, Tara Friesen, Karla Strelezki and Stacey Paajanen expressed an interest in helping to organize the conference.

8. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, delivered the communications report.

Charles C. McLean Public School has won \$25,000 in new technology from Staples Canada as part of an annual contest that recognizes inspiring projects Canadian schools implement in support of the environment. They were one of 15 schools chosen from more than 700 applications submitted in the Staples Superpower your School Contest organized in partnership with Earth Day Canada. Charles C. McLean Public School is raising chinook salmon for release into the North Channel of Lake Huron. A microhatchery was set up in the Grade 4/5 classroom over a year in partnership with the Gore Bay Fish & Game Club.

Lively District Secondary School's robotics team, The RoboHawks, captured top honours in the regional FIRST Robotics Competition held in North York from April 6 to 8, 2017. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology". Students build robots that compete in events.

All Rainbow Schools will offer Kindergarten orientation sessions in May 2017 for children starting school this fall as well as their parents/guardians. Parents who have not registered their children still have time to do so and can reserve their spot for Kindergarten orientation by calling their nearest Rainbow School. Registrations for September 2017 will also be accepted at the Kindergarten sessions. For a list of dates and times, visit rainbowschools.ca

Rainbow Schools will celebrate Education Week from May 1 to 5, 2017. This year's theme is Ontario150. A list of activities will be posted on rainbowschools.ca

The 20th Annual Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair will be held on Thursday, May 4th and Friday, May 5th, 2017 at Laurentian University in Sudbury. The community is invited to view projects in the Alumni Hall from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm on May 5th. Over 500 elementary students from Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island will attend the exhibition and heritage celebration. In addition to student projects, the event will feature displays, workshops and live performances by local singer Andy Lowe.

Grade 12 law students from seven local secondary schools will take part in the Sudbury Regional Mock Trial Competition at the Sudbury Courthouse on Friday, May 12, 2017.

Confederation Secondary School's Evolutionary Band will take to the stage for its 37th Annual Mother's Day Concert on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Rock Your Pretty Mama will begin at 7:30 pm in the gym at Confederation Secondary School, 1918 Main Street West in Val Caron. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Listen to Rewind 103.9 for a chance to win tickets.

Three young scientists from Rainbow Schools will compete at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Regina, Saskatchewan from May 14 to 20, 2017. Their projects impressed the judges at the Sudbury Regional Science Fair, which earned them the honour of showcasing their findings among the best young scientists in the country. Congratulations to Nethra Wickramasinghe of MacLeod Public School; and Brendon Matusch and Megan Gran of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School.

Lasalle Secondary School's music department will host its annual Spring Concert on Monday, May 15, 2017. The concert will take place in the school gymnasium from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

Visit rainbowschools.ca to learn more.

9. School Announcements

Natasha Delaney – The Blacklight Show is now on at Jean Hanson Public School.

Denis Plouffe – Greenhouse sales have begun at Chelmsford Valley District Composite School. Proceeds go towards bursaries for students.

Alison Bujold – Lockerby Composite School and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School are working on a joint venture to support mental health and well-being.

Bernadette Rémillard – Lansdowne Public School hosted a Wellness Day. A presentation by the Health Unit was well received.

10. The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Motion: "That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Alison Bujold, Lockerby Composite School;

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Sudbury Secondary School Library

Topic: Annual General Meeting and Guest Speaker on Well-being

**Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm
Sudbury Secondary School Library
with video link to
A.B. Ellis Public School**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Doreen Dewar, Chair, Rainbow District School Board; Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Gord Santala, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Norm Blaseg, Director of Education; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Cindy Whitson, Executive Assistant; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Bernadette Rémillard, parent, Lansdowne Public School; Jessica Kitlar, parent, Churchill Public School/ Lasalle Secondary School; Kate Barber, parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College; Janelle Bast, Vice-Principal, Valley View Public School; Natasha Delaney, parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Mike Moczek, parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Michelle Violette, parent; Sherri McArthur, parent, Copper Cliff Public School; Richard Eberhardt, parent, Walden Public School; Denis Plouffe, parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Karry Strelezki, parent, Lively District Secondary School; Elizabeth Mack, Principal, Larchwood Public School; James Clyke, OSSTF President; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative; Enza MacEachern, Principal, Chelmsford Public School; Patrick Hopkin, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Stacy Paajanen, parent, Lively District Secondary School; Tyler Campbell, parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Christine Chisholm, Principal, Valley View Public School; Paula Mackey, Principal, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Kelly Lemieux, parent, Valley View Public School; Raye Addison, parent, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services

Espanola site:

Jennifer Tilston, parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Dan Koziar, Vice-Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School.

Call to order 5:40 pm

1. Welcome from Superintendent of Schools Judy Noble

Superintendent Judy Noble welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. Judy Noble reviewed the agenda for the evening and introduced members of the 2016-2017 PIC Executive. Superintendent Noble also introduced administrators, teachers and Trustees who participated in PIC. She also acknowledged all of the parents who attended PIC meetings and thanked them for their interest and support.

The purpose of the Parent Involvement Committee is to give School Councils an opportunity to network, to share ideas, to provide input and to learn from Board and community guest speakers.

2. Greetings from Board Chair Doreen Dewar

Board Chair Doreen Dewar delivered greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Chair Dewar thanked all PIC members for their contribution and commended PIC Chair Dahnja Schoengen and Vice-Chair Natasha Delaney for their leadership.

Through the PIC and School Councils, parents and guardians join with us in meeting our mandate of student achievement and, more importantly, make a difference in the education of our children and young adults.

In education, the home, the school and the community come together to make up a team to support student success. When supportive parents, caring educators and active community members work as a team – Together, Everyone Achieves More.

3. Greetings from Director of Education Norm Blaseg

Director Blaseg welcomed everyone to the first Parent Involvement Committee meeting of the 2017-2018 school year. He thanked the Parent Involvement Committee and School Councils for providing their input in the creation of the Board's vision, mission, values and priorities. Strategic Directions serves as the foundation for the Board improvement plan and school improvement plans, which are updated annually.

Director Blaseg outlined a number of initiatives and accomplishments in the summer of 2017, including the Summer Learning Program, programs for students with autism and behavioural challenges, Kindergarten Summer Camp, a new Indigenous Summer School program, on site and on the Summer School and Summer Co-operative Education.

Director Blaseg thanked members of PIC and all parents who participate in School Councils. He wished everyone a great school year.

4. Engagement – School Board Governance Supports

Judy Noble shared the Discussion Guide on School Board Governance Supports.

According to the Discussion Guide, “The academic success and well-being of students in schools across the province relies on the focused and collaborative efforts of school boards, educators, school and system leaders, parents and guardians, and other education stakeholders. Working in partnership toward the goals of achieving excellence, ensuring equity and promoting well-being, we can continue to foster high levels of public confidence in our education system.”

The Discussion Guide further states, “Recognizing how important strong and healthy governance is to the achievement of our shared goals articulated in *Achieving Excellence: Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario*, it is essential to provide supports to school board trustees and to promote effective governance practices. Ongoing dialogue with our education partners continues to inform the focus and format of those supports, and to help identify those practices that foster accountable and transparent governance.”

The Discussion Guide provided background information and questions on the following topics:

1. Integrity commissioner and trustee code of conduct
2. Trustee honoraria
3. Electronic participation in board and committee meetings
4. Student trustee term of office and election process
5. Broadening the director of education qualifications

Five round tables were created. Each table had an opportunity to provide their written input on each topic on a rotating basis. The input gathered will be summarized and shared with the Ministry of Education. Superintendent Noble thanked all participants for sharing their feedback.

5. 2017-2018 Election of PIC Membership

Superintendent Judy Noble explained that at the AGM, a slate of up to 10 candidates is approved for the PIC Executive.

According to the Terms of Reference, the composition of membership would include one representative from each of the Espanola and Manitoulin Island areas, and eight representatives from the Sudbury area.

This year, there were a total of nine nominees from Sudbury as well as one nominee from Espanola, and one nominee from Manitoulin.

Judy Noble presented the slate of candidates for the PIC Executive and invited those present to say a few words about their interest in being part of PIC.

The following candidates for the PIC Executive were acclaimed:

Tyler Campbell - R.L. Beattie Public School
Richard Eberhardt - Walden Public School
Bernadette Rémillard - Lansdowne Public School
Denis Plouffe - Chelmsford Valley District Composite School
Kate Barber - Lansdowne Public School/Sudbury Secondary School
Raye Addison - Queen Elizabeth Public School
Jennifer Tilston - A.B. Ellis Public School (acclaimed for Espanola)
Alicia McGraw – Little Current Public School (acclaimed for Manitoulin)

The following candidates were removed from the ballot as they were not present for the election at the AGM in Sudbury:

Adam Pitre - Larchwood Public School
Natasha Delaney - Jean Hanson Public School
Karla Allen - Lasalle Secondary School

These candidates will have an opportunity to be considered for election to the PIC Executive at the next meeting on November 15, 2017.

No names were added to the ballot.

Superintendent Noble introduced this year's non-parent PIC members:

Gord Santala, Bob Clement and Ruth Ward (Trustees)
Judy Noble (Superintendent of Schools)
Nicole Charette (Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications)
Kristina Rivard Gobbo (Principal)
Heather Downey (Vice-Principal)
Sara Pidgen (Elementary Teacher)
TBD (Secondary Teacher)

6. Meeting dates for 2017-2018

Superintendent Judy Noble reviewed the schedule of PIC meetings for the remainder of the school year, as follows:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Topic: Embracing Equity | 7 pm

Board Office, 69 Young Street in Sudbury

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Topic: Resiliency and Growth Mindset | 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Topic: LD Pilot Project | 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Topic: Safe Internet Use | 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Planning meeting for the 2018-2019 school year | 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive in Sudbury

Judy Noble thanked everyone for attending. Participants were invited to stay for the presentation on well-being with Debbie Digby and Kim Gadeau of the Sudbury & District Health Unit.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - 7 pm

Board Office, 69 Young Street, Sudbury

Topic: Embracing Equity

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November 2, 2017

The Honourable Mitzi Hunter, Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
14th Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Hunter,

I am writing to you, as directed by the Grand Erie District School Board, to express our growing concern with regard to the process used to date to address the important issue of fairness in compensation for our senior executives. The following motion was carried at a recent meeting of the Board:

"That the Grand Erie District School Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education, Treasury Board and MPP's to inform them of the increased pressure that this process has put upon our Director of Education, which has taken away from the Multi-Year Plan"

The Grand Erie District School Board was ready in May 2017 to begin the consultation process in June. This required a great deal of work on the part of our executives and trustees. Since that time we have seen a number of delays and changes in approach that have required much time and effort from our Director as well as The Board. It is time to act and resolve the problems that persist. Our Board wants to retain and strengthen our focus on the Multi-Year Plan.

Our senior executives work hard in leading the Board toward our vision of "Success for Every Student." For many of them it has been several years since their compensation package was reviewed. During that time we have seen other workers in the education sector treated fairly. It is time to move forward and resolve this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

David Dean
Chair, Grand Erie District School Board

cc: Chairs of School Boards
MPPs

SUCCESS for Every Student



Canadian Cancer Society
Société canadienne du cancer

November 18, 2017

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education
Rainbow District School Board
69 Young Street
Sudbury ON
P3E 3G5

Dear Norm Blaseg,

Every dollar raised, every kilometre clocked, every baton exchanged by students at the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay For Life makes an impact.

Thanks to the Rainbow District School Board, students at Manitoulin Secondary School organized a Relay For Life event in 2017, raising \$41,638 in support of the fight against cancer. We thank you for bringing students and teachers in your school board together to Relay For Life!

Relay For Life provides students with **valuable leadership skills** and **builds school spirit** by uniting them with a common goal – **to fight cancer and save lives**. Since 2002, more than 600 schools across Ontario have organized over 1,500 Relay For Life events, raising more than \$35 million. Together, we fund Canada's most promising cancer research and vital support services for cancer patients and their families.

Let's bring more students and teachers together at Relay For Life this year!
To learn more, please visit www.relayforlife.ca/youth or contact Laurie McKnight at relayyouth@cancer.ca.

Thanks to caring school boards like yours, each dollar raised brings us one step closer to a world where no one fears cancer. Cancer changes everything, so can you.

Sincerely,

Laurie McKnight
Senior Manager, Relay For Life Youth



2016 – 2017
Year End Report

December 12, 2017
Regular Board Meeting

Details of Accumulated Surplus: Year ended August 31 , 2017

2016-2017 Financial Statements - note #13

	Opening Balance		Closing Balance
	Sept 1,2016	Change	Aug 31,2017
Available for compliance			
(A) Internally Appropriated			
Committed Capital	5,166,961	3,422,053	8,589,014
Efficiency and Modernization	4,200,000	-3,957,046	242,954
Student Success/FNMI/Capital planning	679,924	-158,964	520,960
Student Focused Initiative	2,737,567	-292,436	2,445,131
Employee Future Benefits	1,551,358	0	1,551,358
Retirement Gratuities	3,540,242	0	3,540,242
(B) Unappropriated			
Operating Accumulated Surplus (Working Reserve)	6,301,178	752,575	7,053,753
Total - Available for compliance	24,177,230	-233,818	23,943,412
Unavailable for compliance			
Employee Future Benefits Liabilities	-15,068,504	2,316,466	-12,752,038
School Generated Funds/Other	5,876,775	161,739	6,038,514
Total - Unavailable for compliance	-9,191,729	2,478,205	-6,713,524
Total Accumulated Surplus	14,985,501	2,244,387	17,229,888

Enrolment (EFIS - Schedule 13: Average Daily Enrolment)

	2014-2015	2015-16	2016-2017	Change
	Financials	Financials	Financials	Yr over Yr
(Pupils of the Board)				
Elementary Day School	8,395.00	8,291.50	8,411.69	120.19
Secondary Day School	4,601.15	4,432.24	4,295.13	-137.11
Total	12,996.15	12,723.74	12,706.82	-16.92
(Other Pupils)(Fee paying)				
Elementary Day School	121.50	127.00	117.50	-9.50
Secondary Day School	237.12	239.87	220.76	-19.11
Total	358.62	366.87	338.26	-28.61
Grand Total	13,354.77	13,090.61	13,045.08	-45.53

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Change
	Financials	Financials	Financials	Yr over Yr
Enrolment				
Elementary Day School	8,516.50	8,418.50	8,529.19	110.69
Secondary Day School	4,838.27	4,672.11	4,515.89	-156.22
Total Enrolment	13,354.77	13,090.61	13,045.08	-45.53

Impact of the Ministry of Education School Board Efficiency and Modernization Strategy (SBEM Year 1&2)

		Year 1	Year 2
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
General Operating Allocation (Grants)	Financials	Financials	Financials
Remote and Rural Allocation	4,908,923	4,209,461	3,562,810
School Operations Allocation	17,080,553	16,252,773	15,361,549
Total	21,989,476	20,462,234	18,924,359
Change: Year over Year		-1,527,242	-1,537,875
Change: 2014-15 to 2016-17			-3,065,117

Source: EFIS Section 1A