

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:10 p.m.

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

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: D. D'Angelo, K. Kozman, D. Kitching, S. Ackroyd, C. McDonald, B. Managhan, P. Gorgichuk, A. Kindrat

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 18-R17, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 12, 2017 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 3b. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)

Superintendent Wachnuk introduced Brien Managhan, Paula Gorgichuk and Ashely Kindrat. Their presentation provided trustees with an overview of ABA and what is being done in schools every day to support students.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Trustees were appreciative of the investment by the board to train staff in order to build capacity in schools.

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

Motion: 18-R18, D.Morrison/B.Clement

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 18-R19, J.Hunda/G.Fox

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 21, 2017 be approved. – **Carried**

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

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

a) Audit Committee

i) Audit Committee Annual Report

Trustee Morrison, chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2016-2017 Audit Committee Report to the Ministry of Education.

ii) 2016/17 Financial Statements

Superintendent Bazinet introduced Derek D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner from KPMG, who presented the consolidated financial statements for the 2016-2017 school year and responded to questions from trustees.

Motion: 18-R20, R.Ward/J.Hunda

That the 2016/17 Financial Statements be approved. – **Carried**

b) 2016-2017 Year End Report

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the report that was distributed to trustees. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.

4. **Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #2**

New Sudbury Planning Area

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the report that was distributed to trustees, noting the revised implementation schedule for the New Sudbury Planning area.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Director's Annual Report

Director Blaseg reviewed the 2016-2017 Annual Report. This will be distributed electronically again this year. Once this is AODA compliant it will be posted on the website. Trustees expressed appreciation to Director Blaseg for the content of the report and to Nicole Charette for the presentation of the material.

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

3. **Director's Remarks**

Shki Nesewin Pilot Project – We recently received a proposal from Kenjgewin Teg, authored by Executive Director, Stephanie Roy that identifies opportunities to

expand course offerings. We have initiated a review, with program staff, and will advise next steps.

Staff submitted a plan to introduce a Residential Day and/or Long Term Treatment plan to the Ministry of Education. This application is in response to the Northern Support Initiative (NSI) Funding announcement that was made last spring. The North was provided with 3.1 million dollars that is to be shared amongst the Northeast Boards. Funding is guaranteed for the next 5 years. The focus of which is to serve students that require significant supports that the classroom environment is not able to provide. We are including several boards and local service providers in the submission. We are very much in the developing stages of this project and we hope to convince several ministries that through this effort we will be able to create a service that is readily available for our sister boards in southern Ontario.

Director Blaseg advised that the Greater Sudbury Police Service carried on their 10th annual tradition for providing six of our students an opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones. Through the *Shop with a Cop Event*, police officers take a child for breakfast at Pat and Mario's, and then provide them with \$100 and shop together at Walmart. Volunteers wrap presents and the child then brings the gifts home to put under the tree. This year students from Adamsdale PS, Chelmsford PS, Lansdowne PS, Northeastern Elementary, Queen Elizabeth PS and Princess Anne PS took part. Big thank you to the GSPS.

On Thursday, November 30th, the Director attended and helped to launch the Edgar Burton Kids Helping Kids Food Drive at MacLeod Public School. Joined by several dignitaries, including the Mayor Brian Bigger, Dan Xilon, Melanie Dahl (Chair), Sharon Burton, Rick Bertrand, Owen Marcotte, Lise Oiliver, principals Kerri Monaghan and Danielle Williamson collectively hoped to raise 250,000+ items surpassing last years incredible achievement. Anyone interested in wanting to contribute food items or cash should see Heather Thirkill, Stephanie Crowder or Carol Koziar.

Bill 148, The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act takes effect on January 1, 2018. This will have an impact on a number of employee groups and of course the Board. Wages for tutors in the classroom, lunchroom supervisors along with bus drivers and employees of Chartwells will see their wages go up. Chartwells and the consortium will have to manage their employee groups; however there might be an impact on service as a result of the increase in compensation. As for our employees, we will adjust our envelopes to ensure we are in compliance.

The Rural and Northern Education Fund will be distributed in the new year. The ministry has identified sixteen schools; they include A.B. Ellis PS, Assiginack PS, C.C. McLean PS, C.R. Judd PS, Central Manitoulin PS, Larchwood PS, Levack PS, Little Current PS, Markstay PS, Monetville PS, R.H. Murray PS, S, Geiger PS, Walden PS, Espanola High School, Lively Secondary School and Manitoulin SS. Each will receive a minimum of \$10,000 a piece plus a per pupil allocation. For the initial allocation of \$10,000 per school, the purchase of technology is the priority. The schools will have the benefit of purchasing IPADS for primary students and

Chrome books for grades 4-12. The per pupil allocation purchases must align with improvement of programming for students/staff and/or training and technical support for the use of hardware/programming. The former will commence on December 20th while latter proposal must be submitted to the schools superintendents for approval by January 16, 2018.

Fraser institute released its rankings this week. While the Director does not place a lot of stalk in these rankings, he was very impressed with the continued efforts of Rainbow staff and students to continually move forward. R.L. Beattie PS, Algonquin PS, Queen Elizabeth PS, Churchill PS, Central Manitoulin PS and many others demonstrated strong growth. For parents and the community looking to make comparisons, there is nothing like talking to our principals, staff, parents and our students to see how wonderful our schools are.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff, trustees, parents and our students for a wonderful 2017. For those who are travelling be safe. I wish everyone the very best of holidays and look forward to seeing all of you in 2018.

Itinerary

November 22	ETFO Meeting
November 23/24	CODE, Toronto
November 27	Student Achievement Meeting Agenda Setting
November 29	Safe Schools Meeting
November 30	Kids Helping Kids Kick Off – MacLeod Public School School Visits: S. Geiger PS A.B. Ellis PS Espanola High School
December 1	Safe Schools Meeting
December 4	ETFO Meeting ETFO Joint Liaison Meeting Eligibility (Admin) Process Meeting
December 5	Exec Council
December 6	Student Achievement Meeting – First Nations
December 8	Safe Schools Meeting Student Services Consortium AGM

- December 11 Teleconference – Ministry of Education (First Nations)
Audit Committee Meeting
- December 12 Executive Council
Board Meeting (Organizational Meeting)
Board Meeting

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he attended the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting in Toronto on December 1, 2017. He encouraged trustees to check the OPSBA website for an overview of what was discussed. Topics included Indigenous Trustee Council, Minister’s Advisory Group and Bill 174 (Cannabis Act).

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett reported another busy month. She advised that student senators continue their work in organizing the Boardwide Talent Show that is scheduled for March 8, 2018 at Sudbury Secondary School and the Stand Up Speak Out Conference that is scheduled for May 2018. She advised that the Student Senate has applied for a grant and she encouraged trustees to check out the OSTA website and read the *Ontario Student, Parent, and Educator Survey*.

5. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions** NIL

6. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

The festive season is one of the most wonderful times of the year in Rainbow Schools as students and staff spread holiday cheer and the true meaning of Christmas in many ways....

- carols and concerts
- parades and pageants
- hand-made ornaments and baked goods
- turkey and the trimmings
- Santa and spirit days
- hats, scarves and mitts for families in need
- treat boxes for Canadian forces overseas
- canned food drives
- countless acts of unlimited kindness

For a lengthy list of festive events, please visit rainbowschools.ca

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all of our students, parents/guardians, staff and community partners, a happy, safe holiday season.

May 2018 bring you peace and joy.

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

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

Student Senate Meeting January 8, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkers Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee January 9, 2018 7:00 pm Ernie Checkers 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
First Nation Advisory Committee January 15, 2018 10:00 am Centre for Education
Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Jan 16, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkers Boardroom
Board Meeting January 30, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkers Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee February 15, 2018 10:00 am TBA
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee February 15, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkers Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 18-R21, B.Clement/ D.Morrison
That we now adjourn at 8:08 p.m. – **Carried.**