

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 5:15 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
J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: D. Kitching, S. Ackroyd, C. McDonald, D. Williamson, C. Norrie, L. Bennett, member of public

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 18-R27, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 30, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. LD Empower Pilot Project

Superintendent Wachnuk introduced Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education to provide trustees with information about the LD Empower Pilot Project that is running in several elementary schools. Acting Vice Principal Cathy Norrie showed trustees how the program is working at Cyril Varney Public School. Trustees were very impressed with the success of the program. Students involved in the pilot project showed enthusiasm, confidence and success in closing the gaps in student learning.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Motion: 18-R28, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education thanking for support provided with the LD Pilot Project. - **Carried**

2. Inclusion

Principal Danielle Williamson and teacher Lindsay Bennett spoke about inclusion in Rainbow Schools. This pilot project is in place at Princess Anne Public School,

Churchill Public School and Northeastern Elementary School. These three sites collapsed their ISP classes and students from those self-contained classrooms are now included in regular classrooms.

Trustees were shown what a typical classroom day looks like at Princess Anne Public School, were provided information about what the teachers think of the inclusion pilot and heard feedback from several students and parents about the program. Staff, working closely with parents/guardians and students to provide the best learning environment, has proven successful.

Trustees were extremely appreciative of the informative presentation.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

- a) Motion: 18-R29, B.Clement/G.Santala
That the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held on December 12, 2017 be approved. – **Carried**
- b) Motion: 18-R30, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 12, 2017 be approved. – **Carried**
- c) Motion: 18-R31, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 16, 2018 be approved. – **Carried**

2. Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #3

a) Valley North Planning Area

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the draft drawing that was distributed to trustees.

b) Early Years Capital Program Funding

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the list of Child Care Projects and discussed the renovations and/or additions required at each location.

Superintendent Bazinet advised that Rainbow was not successful with the three submissions to the Ministry regarding the R.L. Beattie PS, Monetville PS or Lansdowne PS/Queen Elizabeth PS requests.

Director Blaseg and Superintendent Bazinet recently discussed the Monetville area with the Ministry and invited representatives to tour the area to determine what is best for educating student living in that area.

Superintendent Bazinet reported that the sale of Webbwood PS has been finalized and that 69 Young Street has been listed for sale with Remax this week.

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

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leave of Absence NIL

2. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Board Council Conference**

Motion: 18-R32, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Leach Jarrett at the OSTA Board Council Conference in Ottawa February 15 to 18, 2018. – **Carried**

3. **Director's Remarks**

We had the pleasure of meeting our new Minister of Education, Indira Naidoo-Harris at CODE, in Toronto last week. Her presentation was extremely well received as she acknowledged all stakeholders and she focused on Equity, Inclusiveness and Well- Being.

Since our return from the Christmas break we have met with the Greater Sudbury Police Service on two occasions. The first meeting included Sergeant Marc Guerin where we reviewed safe schools protocols. The second meeting included Staff Sergeant Marc Brunette where we provided feedback on their (GSPS) strategic plan. Both meetings were very informative and we had senior level staff from principal associations, system principals, communications and executive council.

This Saturday, February 3 we will be attending the 45th N'Swakamok anniversary Gala. If any trustee would like to join us, please advise Heather ASAP.

Reminder that Friday, February 2nd is a professional activity day.

Itinerary

December 13 ETFO meeting
Agenda setting

December 14 Directors Meeting

December 15 School Visit – Little Current Public School
School Visit – Princess Anne Public School

December 18 Meeting with City of Greater Sudbury
School Visit – Redwood Acres Public School

December 19	Awards Ceremony – Espanola High School Exec Council
December 20	Admin staff meeting School Visit – Adamsdale Public School
December 21	School Visit – Sudbury Secondary School Awards Ceremony – Manitoulin Secondary School
January 8	Student Achievement Meeting
January 9	ETFO - Joint Committee meeting Governance Policy, Ad Hoc committee meeting
January 10	First Nation, TRC action plan consultation – Bob Goulais Agenda Setting School Year Calendar Committee 2018-2019
January 11	Mentor – SOQP program Plant – review Chelmsford VDCS Future Leaders program review OPSEU meeting
January 12	Safe Schools meeting
January 15	FNAC meeting
January 16	Exec Council Plant – review New Sudbury Schools Strategic Planning Board Meeting
January 17	First Nation, TRC action plan consultation – Bob Goulais
January 18	Ministry Teleconference Principal Alumni meeting
January 22	FNAC Lead – Meeting Agenda Setting Science North (Coding Announcement)
January 23	Exec Council
January 24	CODE – Toronto
January 25	CODE – Toronto
January 26	CODE/ PES – Toronto

January 27	Public Education Symposium (PES) – Toronto
January 29	Safe School Meeting First Nation, TRC action plan consultation OSSTF meeting
January 30	Exec Council Information Systems meeting Labour Relations Committee Meeting Board Meeting

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he attended Public Education Symposium (PES) in Toronto on last week. Newly appointed Minister of Education Indira Naidoo-Harris addressed the crowd and mentioned northern boards. Trustee Clement encouraged trustees to read the six priorities on the OPSBA website and provide feedback regarding any changes to these priorities. Trustee Clement spoke about a video clip that was shown at PES and trustees watched *A Journey Towards Truth and Reconciliation*.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett reported another busy month. She advised that student senators are working on the upcoming Stand Up for Youth Mental Health conference that they are hosting in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Work continues in organizing the Boardwide Talent Show.

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Kosmerly reported that she attended the Public Education Symposium in Toronto last week and was impressed that Minister of Education Indira Naidoo-Harris mentioned struggles that school boards encounter in rural areas of the province.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Lasalle Secondary School Grade 12 students presented memoir scrapbooks to senior residents at Finlandia Village on January 11th. The students began working on the Intergenerational Memoir Project in October as a means to document the lives of residents with stories and photos. The memoirs are a lasting tribute and will be treasured for generations.

Rainbow elementary schools hosted Kindergarten Information Nights on January 16 and 18 for parents/guardians with children starting school this fall. For those who missed the information nights, registrations are still being accepted and for the very first time, they are now able to register online at rainbowschools.ca.

Congratulations to R.H. Murray Public School for winning the grand prize of the BrightBites Elementary School Contest. BrightBites is meant to guide and inspire

school leaders to help them create a healthier nutrition environment within their school.

Throughout January, staff and students in Rainbow Schools were challenged by our Environmental Committee to conduct an EcoReview of energy conservation and waste minimization. School green clubs visited classrooms, offices, lunchrooms and gyms to document lighting, electricity, heating, cooling and recycling. This Go Green challenge is part of the Environmental Committee's ongoing efforts to encourage sustainable practices and increase awareness about waste and conservation in schools. What will next month's challenge be?

Schools will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 for Family Day.

Secondary School Information Nights continue at Espanola High School on Thursday, February 1 and at Chelmsford Valley District Composite School and Confederation Secondary School on Thursday, February 15.

Rainbow District School Board is turning down the heat and inviting all students and staff to wear a sweater on Monday, February 5. Students will learn about the connection between their thermostat, greenhouse gas emissions, climate change, melting sea ice and Arctic wildlife. Students will also learn that fashion has an environmental footprint that recycling clothes helps to reduce.

The Parent Involvement Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 27th at 7 pm here at the Centre for Education. The topic of the meeting will be the learning disabilities pilot project.

Lively District Secondary School will host the 25th annual S-Days on Thursday, February 22 and Friday, February 23. S stands for students, snowmobiles, safety, security and survival. The event will include a comprehensive snowmobile safety overview of safe riding, first aid, emergency mechanics and survival skills, as well as a staff and student snowmobile ride to Nairn Centre.

This year, the Bell Let's Talk campaign is on January 31 and is focusing on five simple ways to end the stigma around mental illness.

- Language matters
- Be kind
- Educate yourself
- Listen and ask
- Talk about it

Employees in the Centre for Education have been invited to join the conversation by writing down what mental health means to them on the huge Bell Let's Talk banner. This evening, we are inviting trustees to join the conversation by taking a few moments to share your thoughts on the banner on the table in the boardroom.

The thought for the month comes from an unknown source: "If you can find a path in life with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere".

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

2. Non-Staff Communications

Letter to Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel Ontario dated Dec 20, 2017
Letter to Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Education dated Jan 22, 2018

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting February 5, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Feb 6, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Feb 7, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
First Nation Advisory Committee February 15, 2018 10:00 am TBA
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee February 15, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Board Meeting February 20, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee Feb. 27, 2018 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting March 7, 2018 3:30 pm Centre for Ed Room 125

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 18-R33, D.Morrison/B.Clement
That we now adjourn at 8:00 p.m. – **Carried.**