

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, R. Ward
Absent: J. Hunda, L. Killens, G. Santala, 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. Kitching, C. McDonald, S. Conroy, members of public

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

Chair Dewar began the meeting with a statement:

“We are deeply saddened by the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

In the aftermath of this horrific event, we extend our deepest condolences to the families who lost loved ones and offer our heartfelt support to the students, to the staff and to the entire community as they move forward with the process of healing.

We grieve with them as they attempt to cope with this senseless act of violence and we support their efforts to be a force for change.

Please rise to observe a moment of silence.”

A moment of silence was observed.

Chair Dewar called the meeting to order.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 18-R34, R.Ward/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 20, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

English Language Learners (ELL)

Superintendent Noble introduced Sherry Conroy, Principal of Program, to provide trustees with information about English Language Learners in Rainbow schools. Principal Conroy advised that there are approximately 110 students from 24 different countries in Rainbow schools whose first language is not English (this does not include students in International programs). These students may be newcomers or Canadian born children. Principal Conroy explained what is done at the school when an ELL student arrives, the supports that are available (no matter what the age and grade of the student), the role of the itinerant teacher and accommodations available to the student.

Trustees were very interested in the globalizing of classrooms and the impact on all Rainbow students.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Trustees were extremely appreciative of the informative presentation.

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

Motion: 18-R35, D.Morrison/R.Ward

That Motion #18-W12 RE: 69 Young Street property matter, be approved.

- **Carried unanimously**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

a) Motion: 18-R36, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 28, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 18-R37, B.Clement/R.Ward

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 30, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #4

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the document that was distributed to trustees. Updates were provided on dates for school consolidations as well as the impact on budgets.

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Revised Estimates 2017-18

Superintendent Bazinet distributed the revised budget estimate document and reviewed with trustees.

2. **2018 School Year Structure**

Motion: 18-R38, R.Ward/B.Clement

That the Board approve the 2018-2019 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools. - **Carried**

3. **2018 Summit Children and Youth Mental Health**

Motion: 18-R39, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the 2018 Summit Children and Youth Mental Health confence in Toronto April 12 to 13, 2018:

Trustee Fox

- **Carried**

Attendance of Trustee Clement, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Kosmerly and Trustee Ward was approved at the October 24, 2017 Board Meeting.

4. **OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2018**

Motion: 18-R40, J.Kosmerly/G.Fox

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA – Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium in Toronto April 26 to 27, 2018:

Trustee Hunda

Trustee Killens

Trustee Ward

- **Carried**

5. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 18-R41, J.Kosmerly/R.Ward

That Trustee Fox, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Killens and Student Trustee Leach Jarrett be granted a leave of absence from the February 20, 2018 Board meeting.

- **Carried**

6. **Director's Remarks**

I had the good fortune to participate in the Board's Professional Activity day on Friday, February 2. In one of the sessions I attended there were over 50 educational assistants reviewing strategies to work effectively with students exhibiting signs of stress. Like the March PA day, these professional development opportunities are invaluable as it affirms the commitment of our staff and their desire to serve our students at the highest levels.

A reminder that the Joan Mantle Music Trust Dinner, to be held on Saturday, April 14 at the Parkside Centre in the YMCA building, is fast approaching. For those wanting tickets please contact Heather. This will be the tenth year where students,

community members, and staff have come together to celebrate music in Joan's honour. I hope to see many of you there, as it is a great evening.

The Ministry of Education has notified all Boards that a *Value for Money Audit* for IT systems at school boards will be conducted by the Auditor General in the 2017-2018 school year. We will work with our audit committee as details arise.

I will be attending the Anishinabek Education System (AES) forum on February 27th and 28th in Toronto. As noted in the invitation the forum will focus on:

- Structure and operations of the Anishinabek Education System;
- The implementation of the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement between the Anishinabek First Nations and Canada and the Master Education Agreement between the Anishinabek First Nations and the Province of Ontario;
- Draft Education Services Agreement guidelines; and
- Establishing regional education priorities.
- Moving Toward Reconciliation
- Special Education
- Student Well-Being
- Community Engagement

We have a number of retirements to share with you as they will be well known to you. In addition to Paul Dupont and Dave Farrow, principals Bob Deeth, Cathy Nursall and Sherry Conroy will be retiring this year. As well principal Lisa Piquette will be on leave for the next few years working with the Ministry of Education's Student Achievement Division.

Itinerary

January 30	School Visit: Assiginack Public School Manitoulin Secondary School Safe School meeting
February 1	Directors Meeting – 4 Boards Code teleconference IT meeting
February 2	Professional Activity Day, Lockerby Composite School
February 6	Truth and Reconciliation Meeting – Development of Action Plan Exec Council Meeting Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
February 7	Agenda Setting – Board
February 8	Espanola High School – Principal visit (SABE) meeting <i>Stand Up for Youth Mental Health</i> conference

- February 12 Ministry Consultation on Transportation regarding Children in Care
- February 13 Principals and Trustees – Safe School conference
Lead by Keel Cotrelle staff, Nicola Simmons and Bob Keel.
- February 15 FNAC meeting
ETFO conference call
Future Leaders
- February 16 Children’s Aid Society meeting
- February 20 Exec Council meeting

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he would be attending an OPSBA meeting in Toronto this Friday. He advised that newly appointed Minister of Education Indira Naidoo-Harris has been invited to attend the northern portion of the meeting. Trustee Clement asked for information about the board’s TRC plan as he plans to share it with colleagues. He also requested information about the Anishinabek Education System (AES) as this may be a topic of discussion.

Student Trustee – NIL

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

9. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

Secondary students in Rainbow Schools joined together on Thursday, February 8, to *Stand Up for Youth Mental Health* when they participated in a one-day conference here at the Centre for Education. I would like to congratulate Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett and the Student Senate on their leadership. The goal of the conference is to end the stigma around mental health and continue to nurture safe and welcoming environments for all students.

Grade 7 students from Little Current Public School handcrafted 21 pairs of tiny moccasins for babies in local First Nations communities. The project was part of the Have a Heart Day campaign spearheaded by the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada.

Lively District Secondary School will host its 25th annual S-Days this coming Thursday, February 22nd and Friday, February 23rd. A comprehensive snowmobile safety program, S-Days focuses on students, snowmobiles, safety, security and survival. Participants will engage in a series of in-school training sessions, and will also take part in a group trail ride to Nairn Centre.

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

The deadline is Friday, March 2nd for parents/guardians of students with special needs/exceptionalities in Rainbow District School Board to provide input into the Special Education Plan for 2018-2019. There is a link to the survey at rainbowschools.ca.

Friday, March 2nd is the next Professional Activity Day for Rainbow District School Board staff.

On Thursday, March 8, students in Grades 7 to 12 will participate in Rainbow District School Board's annual Science Fair. Students will vie for an opportunity to compete in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair at Laurentian University in April.

This year's mid-winter break will be held from Monday, March 12th to Friday, March 16th. Students are back to school on Monday, March 19th.

A reminder that registrations for the upcoming school year are ongoing in both Rainbow elementary and secondary schools. Parents/guardians who have a child starting school for the very first time can register online at rainbowschools.ca.

Our thought for the month comes from Warren Buffett, American business magnate, investor, and philanthropist who said: "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Parent Involvement Committee minutes November 15, 2017 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
2018 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation dates
Board and Strategic Planning Schedule of Meetings 2018-2019
Letter from ETFO dated January 24, 2018
Letter from Minister of Education dated January 30, 2018

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Ad Hoc Sub Committee Meeting #5 Feb 26, 2018 @ 2:00 PM Centre for Ed Room 125
Parent Involvement Committee Feb. 27, 2018 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Student Senate Meeting March 5, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Mar 6, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Mar 7, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting March 7, 2018 3:30 pm Centre for Ed Room 125
Board Meeting March 20, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee May 17, 2018 10:00 am TBA
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee May 24, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 18-R42 D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That we now adjourn at 7:35 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official