

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, March 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 20, 2018 be approved.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

*Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS

*Chair

International Education Program – Superintendent Noble

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 February 20, 2018 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

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Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Manitoulin Secondary School, HVAC upgrades - tender #2018-01 to _____.

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Nil *Chair

F. NEW BUSINESS

*Chair

1. Municipal Election 2018

a) Motion:

That in accordance with Section 4 (1) (b) Ontario Regulation 412/00 the Board does not designate any municipality within its jurisdiction as a low population municipality.

b) Motion:

That in accordance with Ontario Regulation 412/00 that Appendix A shall form the report of the Determination and Distribution of trustees as required under Section 9 of the regulation and further, that, the municipality with the largest population in each Area and the school board election clerk as referred to in Section 8 .1 being identified as follows:

Area 1 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 2 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 3 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 4 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 5 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 6 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 7 – Clerk of The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Area 8 – Clerk of The Town of Espanola

c) Motion:

That the vote by mail bylaw 2018-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.

2. **Long-term Capital Data – Superintendent Bazinet**

3. **Boundaries Report**

Motion:

That Rainbow District School Board align the Northeastern Elementary School French Immersion program and English program boundaries in the area of Hwy 17 and the Hwy 17 South East Bypass and

that Rainbow District School Board extend the Westmount Avenue Public School boundary to align with the new Northeastern Elementary School French Immersion boundary and

that Rainbow District School Board extend the Carl A. Nesbitt Public School boundary to align with the new Northeastern Elementary School French Immersion boundary effective March 21, 2018 (refer to map).

4. **Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting**

*Chair

Motion:

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the 2018 OPSBA Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls May 31 to June 3, 2018:

5. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Annual General Meeting** *Chair
 Motion:
 That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Leach Jarrett at the OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 24 to 27, 2018.
6. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
 Motion:
 That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the March 20, 2018 Board meeting.
7. **Director's Remarks** *Director
8. **Other Items** *Chair
 OPSBA Delegate
 Student Trustee
9. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
10. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
 1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
 First Nation Advisory Committee minutes September 28, 2017 (official)
 Parent Involvement Committee minutes January 9, 2018 (official)
 Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Jan 10, 2018 (official)
 First Nation Advisory Committee minutes January 15, 2018 (official)
 Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Feb 7, 2018 (official)
 2. **Non-Staff Communications**
 Letter from Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario dated Jan. 31 2018
 Letter from OPSBA dated February 20, 2018
 Email from OSTA-AECO dated February 26, 2018
 Letter from Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario dated Feb. 28 2018
 Letter from Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario dated Feb. 28 2018
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
 Parent Involvement Committee Apr 3, 2018 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
 Special Education Advisory Cmttee Apr 4, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
 Student Senate Meeting April 4, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
 Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Apr 10, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
 Joan Mantile Music Trust Dinner April 14, 2018 6 pm ParkSide Older Adult Centre
 Board Meeting April 24, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
 Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting May 2, 2018 3:30 pm Centre for Ed Room 125
 Stand Up Speak Out Conference May 9 & 10 2018 Cambrian College

First Nation Advisory Committee May 17, 2018 10:00 am Aundeck Omni Kaning
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee May 24, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Retirement Dinner May 30, 2018 6:00 pm Holiday Inn

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, 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.**

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**Rainbow District School Board
2018 Trustee Distribution
In Accordance with O. Reg 412/00**

Appendix A

Ward	Name of Municipality/ Municipal Ward	Trustee Distribution
Area 1	Greater Sudbury Wards 1 & 2	1
Area 2	Greater Sudbury Wards 3 & 4, and the Unorganized Townships of Cartier, Cascaden, Foy, Hart, Harty, Hess, Moncrieff, Shining Tree and Trill	1
Area 3	Greater Sudbury Wards 5 & 6	1
Area 4	Greater Sudbury Wards 7 & 8, and the Municipalities of French River, Killarney, Markstay-Warren, St. Charles, and the Unorganized Townships of Burwash, Cox, Davis, Eden, Hawley, Hendrie, Henry, Janes, Laura, Loughrin, Secord, Servos, Street and Tilton.	1
Area 5	Greater Sudbury Wards 9 & 10	1
Area 6	Greater Sudbury Wards 11 & 12	1
Area 7	The Towns of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Gore Bay. The Townships of Assiginack, Barrie Island, Billings, Burpee and Mills, Central Manitoulin, Cockburn Island, Gordon, Tehkumah, and Manitoulin Locality Education.	1
Area 8	The Town of Espanola and the Townships of Baldwin, Nairn & Hyman, Sables-Spanish Rivers and Espanola Locality Education.	1
Total		8

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

By-law Number 2018-01

Being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2018 Municipal Election and the entering into of an agreement with Canada Post to provide Vote By Mail services.

WHEREAS Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing an alternative voting method;

AND WHEREAS council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2018 Municipal Election using a vote by mail method and to contract with Canada Post to provide election services;

NOW THEREFORE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The alternative voting method of "Vote by Mail" is hereby authorized for the 2018 Municipal Election for the following unorganized townships: Burwash, Cartier, Cascaden, Cox, Davis, Eden, Espanola Locality, Foy, Hart, Harty, Hendire, Henry Hawley, Hess, Janes, Laura, Loghrin, Manitoulin Locality, Moncrieff, Secord, Servos, Shining Tree, Street, Tilton, and Trill.
2. A Vote by Mail Kit will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector. The Kit will either be mailed or directly provided to each qualified elector.
3. The Vote by Mail Kit shall consist of:
 - A voting instruction sheet
 - A composite ballot
 - An inner ballot envelope coded with the Ward
 - A security slip
 - An outer return envelope
 - Such other necessary material as the Returning Officer may determine
4. A Ballot Return Station shall be established at the Rainbow District School Board Office on the following dates and times:
 - (a) Monday, October 15, 2018 to Friday, October 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - (b) Monday, October 22, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
5. Ballot Return Station means a voting place under the supervision of a Deputy Returning Officer where electors, who prefer to deliver or have delivered for them their completed ballots, may deposit their ballots directly into the care of the Returning Officer rather than forwarding their ballots by mail.

6. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the procedures authorized by this By-law and returning the completed ballots to the Returning Officer by mail or by deposit at a Ballot Return Station on or before 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day.
7. No proxy voting provisions or advance voting provisions other than Ballot Return Stations are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this by-law.
8. The Municipal Clerk shall prepare procedures and rules for the Vote by Mail municipal election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate no later than September 1, 2018.
9. Any person, corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practices or contravening the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or the procedures and rules as established in paragraph 8 of this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
10. The Secretary and Superintendent of Business are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreement with Canada Post to provide Vote By Mail services.
11. This By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

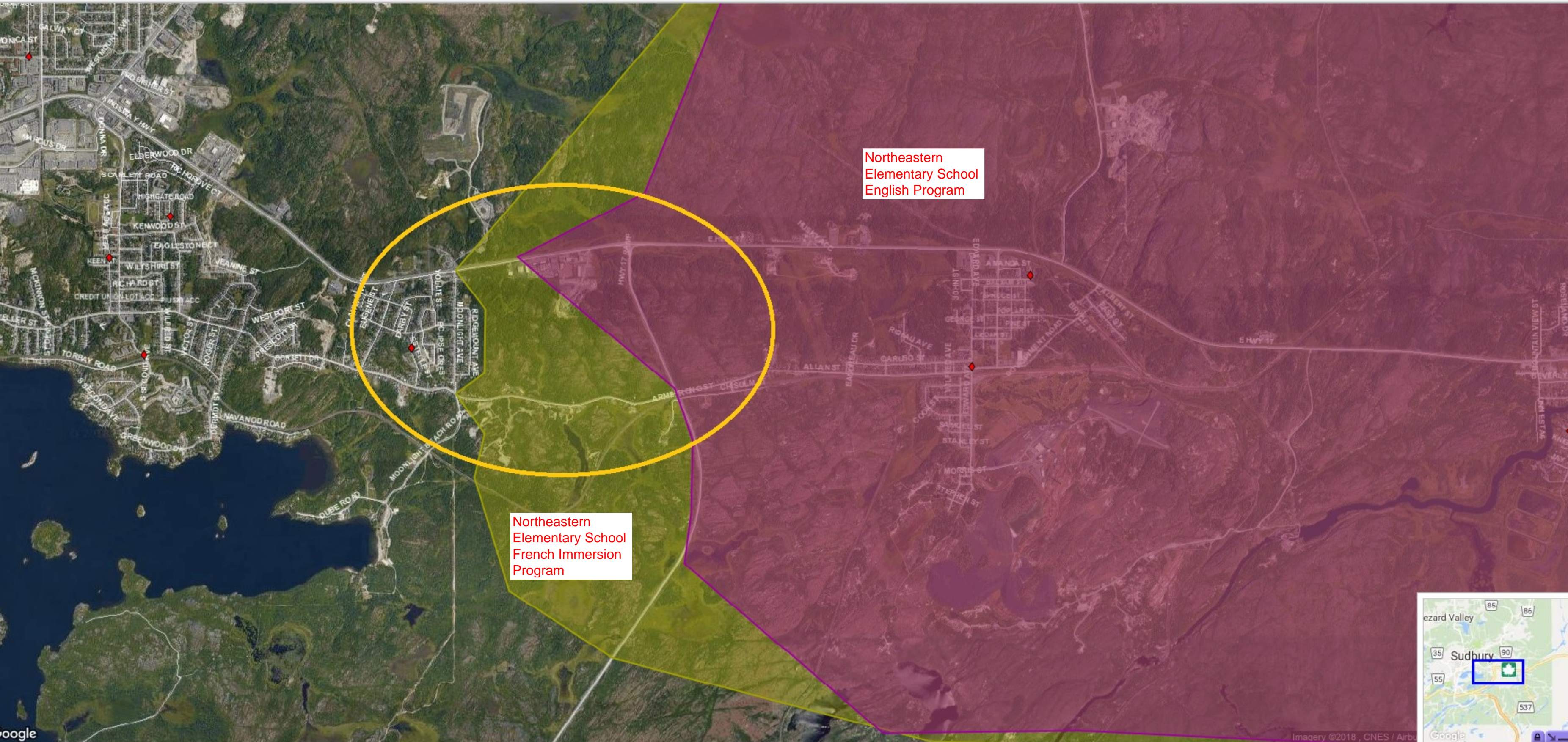
By-law read a first and second time this 20th day of March 2018.

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 20th day of March 2018.

Chair

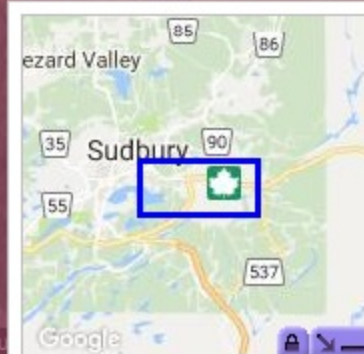
Secretary

Title:	Boundaries Report
Contact:	Dennis Bazinet
Date Submitted:	March 20, 2018
Mandate	Establish school attendance boundaries that are properly aligned and appropriately sized for the capacity of each school. The school boundary determines the designated home school for each student.
Background	<p>School consolidations may create an overlap of attendance boundaries particularly when students are redirected to more than one school. School consolidations may also create situations whereby the boundaries between various schools are no longer aligned in an efficient manner.</p> <p>School boundaries are reviewed on an annual basis. The alignment of attendance boundaries creates clarity in determining the designated home school for each student and provides for efficiencies in transportation routing.</p> <p>Changes for the following schools are recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Northeastern Elementary School - English and French Immersion programs. Alignment of the French Immersion program boundary with the existing English program boundary in the area of Hwy 17 and the Hwy 17 South East Bypass; and 2. Westmount Avenue Public School – Extend the boundary to align with the new Northeastern Elementary School French Immersion boundary; and 3. Carl A. Nesbitt Public School - Extend the boundary to align with the new Northeastern Elementary School French Immersion boundary <p>Currently there are no students affected by this change.</p>
Recommendation	<p><u>Motion:</u> That Rainbow District School Board align the Northeastern Elementary School French Immersion program and English program boundaries in the area of Hwy 17 and the Hwy 17 South East Bypass and</p> <p>that Rainbow District School Board extend the Westmount Avenue Public School boundary to align with the new Northeastern Elementary School French Immersion boundary and</p> <p>that Rainbow District School Board extend the Carl A. Nesbitt Public School boundary to align with the new Northeastern Elementary School French Immersion boundary effective March 21, 2018 (refer to map).</p>



Northeastern
Elementary School
English Program

Northeastern
Elementary School
French Immersion
Program



**MINUTES OF THE
FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Rainbow District School Board – Boardroom

Thursday, September 28, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Sharon Goulais, Dokis First Nation
Anna-Marie Abitong, Sagamok Anishnawbek
Cynthia Trudeau, Sheguindah First Nation
Janice Cada, Sheshegwaning First Nation
Robert Pitfield, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Marilyn Nicholls, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Rosalyn McGregor, Whitefish River First Nation
Kelly Lee Assinewe, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Stephanie Roy, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute
Grace Fox, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Doreen Dewar, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District School Board
Norm Blaseg, Director of Education, Rainbow District School Board

Members Absent with Regret: Carlene Assinewe, Mundeck Omni Kaning
Faylene Gole, Sheshegwaning First Nation
Bob Bennett, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Ken Noodinaitai, Atimameksheng Anishnawbek

Members Absent: Kevin Mossip, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

Guests: Julie Ozawagosh, Elder

Recording Minute: Anna Marshall, Rainbow District School Board

Meeting began at 10:10 am. Quorum has been met.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING BY ELDER, JULIE OZAWAGOSH**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Kelly-Lee Assinewe that the agenda for September 28, 2017 be approved.
Seconded by Anna Marie Abitong.

3. **REVIEW OF INFORMAL MINUTES**

Motion by Sharon Goulais that the informal minutes from the FNAC meeting for May 18, 2017 be acknowledged. Seconded by Janice Cada.

4. **SUCCESS STORIES**

Principal Dokis reviewed the Careers and Civics summer school course that was offered to transition students (Grade 8 to 9) at Manitoulin Secondary School and Espanola High School. The success of the students and low absenteeism was highlighted.

Members discussed the possible expansion of this course to other schools across the board and how to create a comprehensive Indigenous curriculum to all students of the board and not solely students of First Nation, Métis and Inuit.

Director Blaseg spoke on embedding history into the curriculum instead of an add-on to current courses. Members discussed the importance of continuous monitoring of the implementation of curriculum as it rolls out and what that monitoring might look like in the future to ensure success.

Principal Dokis reviewed the Anishinaabemowin and Indigenous Studies programs and staffing for the 2017-2018 school year. Hiring qualified Ojibwe language teachers continues to be a challenge for the board.

Member Stephanie Roy shared a pilot program happening at another board in Thunder Bay. With the support and funding from the Ministry of Education, they have launched a five year training program for students to become language teachers. The pilot program is for high school students to gain language acquisition and then move on to attain teaching certification.

ACTION: Principal Dokis to reach out to Kenora and Rainy River for more information on this program.

5. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Members discussed etiquette with reference to territorial acknowledgements.

6. **TRC WORKPLAN**

Principal Dokis highlighted five commitments and members were given the opportunity to discuss. Any additional input can be forwarded to Principal Dokis.

Members discussed the Anishnaabemowin program. Member Cynthia Trudeau provided much appreciated input on the importance of nurturing the language and that capturing the true nature of the Anishinaawbek language needs to be a team approach. She asked who the committee could approach to make changes. Director

Blaseg explained that the province and the unions, OSSTF and ETFO, would have the most influence on making system changes. He expressed his understanding on the frustration of not having enough fluent language teachers and that it is also a challenge in the Core French program.

7. **INDIGENOUS BOARD ACTION PLAN**

Principal Dokis reviewed the Indigenous Board Action Plan for 2017-2018. Committee members were invited to send their feedback to Principal Dokis.

Members discussed Professional Development (PD) within the board, and the importance of a vetting process for individuals who carry out Indigenous PD sessions. It was decided that an approved list of resources should be put in place for the future.

ACTION: Principal Dokis to send an updated action plan with details of completed PD in the 2016-2017 school year to members.

8. **EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

Director Blaseg discussed the importance of connecting with each First Nation so there is a mutual understanding heading into the future. If possible, it is his preference that the Chief and Council be a part of these discussions.

Principal Dokis and Director Blaseg will meet with each First Nation Community in the near future.

Trustee Fox made reference to the TRC Action Plan and the six commitments being worked into the Education Service Agreement and that there are steps in place to ensure that the agreement is being followed.

9. **FIRST NATION TRUSTEE COUNCIL REPORT**

Trustee Fox reported on the last council meeting with the Minister of Education. She reviewed the strategies and points that were given to the Ministry and their roles within the council.

Trustee Fox also reported on the Provincial Leads Gathering. Concerns were raised at the gathering how many Leads within other boards are working alone and that a team is required if the work implementing the TRC is to move forward. She discussed how the Rainbow District School Board was approached multiple times during the gathering for the exemplary work that is happening within the board.

10. **INPUT FOR NEW BOARD OFFICE SPACES**

Members were asked for their ideas and input on the meeting room and outdoor space at the new office. The following ideas were discussed:

- Seven Grandfather Teachings
- Medicine Wheel for outdoors
- Engage students
- Anishinawbek Nation flag outside and in the boardroom
- Arbour
- First Nation logos
- Clan teachings

Further input to be forwarded to Principal Dokis.

11. **ANISHINAAABEMOWIN**

Director Blaseg highlighted that the Rainbow District School Board will be looking to enhance the website this year with reference to language. He welcomed feedback from the committee.

ACTION: This will be added to an upcoming FNAC meeting agenda.

Professional Development was discussed with reference to language and how to highlight language at a system wide level.

12. **GOVERNANCE SUPPORTS**

The handout from the Ministry was reviewed and members can provide feedback. All links and contact are provided in the handout.

The word Indigenous was discussed along with the name of the committee. Members decided First Nations Advisory Committee will remain at this time, however, would like this added as a future agenda item.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

Anna-Marie Mitong brought forward concerns with special education and educational assistance assigned within the board.

Trustee Fox asked how the committee ensures the Board Action Plan is being implemented. Director Blaseg offered ideas on developing a quarterly calendar, with targets, goals and actions and reporting back each meeting on the implementation of the plan.

Principal Dokis to contact Bob Goulais to aid in the facilitation of the Action Plan.

Trustee Dewar shared the Parent Guide with the committee and the valuable information contained within for parents across the board.

Trustee Fox commended the board for being leaders in many ways with respect to First Nation education.

Principal Dokis reviewed the draft form for self-identification for staff. The committee would like to change the question from “Are you able to speak an Indigenous language?” to “Are you a fluent speaker of your language?” on page 2.

14. **2017-2018 FNAC MEETING DATES**

Thursday, November 23, 2017	New Board Office, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
Thursday, February 15, 2017	Location to be determined
Thursday, May 17, 2017	Location to be determined

Official

**Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
with video link to
A.B. Ellis Public School**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Ruth Ward, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Kate Barber, parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Richard Eberhardt, parent, Walden Public School; Denis Plouffe, parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Karry Strelezki, parent, Lively District Secondary School; Laurie Brownlee, parent, Lively District Secondary School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative; Kelly Lemieux, parent, Valley View Public School; Karla Allen, parent, Northeastern Elementary School/Lasalle Secondary School; Bernadette Rémière, Parent, Mansdowne Public School; Heather Downey, Vice-Principal, Lockerby Composite School; Cristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Barrydowne College; Shannon Boland, Parent, Lo-Elle Park Secondary School; Cheryl Ewin, parent, Valley View Public School; David Douglas, teacher, Monetville Public School; Sherri Conley, teacher, Princess Anne Public School; Dan Kozicki, Acting Principal, Monetville Public School; Kim Nadeau, Sudbury & District Health Unit; Tracey Oderkirk, Sudbury & District Health Unit

Espanola site:

Jennifer Tilston, parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Edith Presseau, Vice-Principal, A.B. Ellis Public School

Manitoulin site:

N/A

**Richard Eberhardt chaired the meeting.
The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.**

1. Welcome

Richard Eberhardt welcomed everyone to the PIC meeting.

2. Self-Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

**3. Resiliency and Growth Mindset – Presentation by Kim Nadeau and Tracey Oderkirk,
Sudbury & District Health Unit**

Kim Nadeau and Tracey Oderkirk of the Sudbury & District Health Unit engaged PIC members in an exercise to illustrate the following - when you have a challenge, what do you do with that

challenge? They shared Carol Dweck's research on what motivates people and talked about the fixed mindset versus the growth mindset. The fixed mindset presupposes that intelligence, ability and skill are established at birth. The growth mindset, on the other hand, purports that if we work hard and persist, we can learn more all of the time. This has a huge impact on how children learn. If we can create an environment of growth mindset in children, they will lead a full life, cope with challenges and move on.

PIC members watched a video about the relationship between what we believe about how we learn and success. Working hard is an opportunity to learn and grow our intelligence. You can always improve with effort, good strategies and help. Key messages – set goals, push yourself to meet goals, challenge yourself to step outside of your comfort zone, it's OK to make mistakes, embrace change, learn the power of "I can't Yet".

The presenters shared resources for parents, including the following books - *Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream*, *Thanks for the Feedback: The Science and Art of Receiving Feedback Well*, *Mistakes That Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions & How They Came to Be*, *The Grit Guide for Teens: A Workbook to Help You Build Perseverance, Self-Control, and a Growth Mindset*, *Not Yet*, *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do*, and *Your Fantastic Elastic Brain: Stretch It, Shape It*. Remember the Zootopia song: *Try Everything!*

4. Approval of Agenda

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

Moved by: Karla Allen, Northeastern Elementary School/Lasalle Secondary School

Seconded by: Kelly Lemieux, Valley View Public School

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on November 15, 2017

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on November 15, 2017 be approved, as amended."

Moved by: Denis Plouffe, St. James Valley District Composite School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Carried

Corrections to minutes: Karla Allen is a parent at Northeastern Elementary School and Lasalle Secondary School. She is no longer a parent at Carl A. Nesbitt Public School. Also, the School Council at Lasalle is considering the possibility of introducing an award.

6. Discussion based on presentation

Are all schools talking about growth mindset? Superintendent Judy Noble indicated that growth mindset is important for students who are deemed at risk or have low resilience. Teachers look at

what they are praising (ie. the effort and persistence), particularly in math. Many teachers have taken the Dr. Jo Boaler math course. Teachers have also introduced the Minds Up curriculum in Kindergarten. Information about Growth Mindset has been included in the *Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians* thanks to a Parents Reaching Out Regional Grant. Superintendent Noble talked about the importance of self-talk and reframing. She also talked about the “zone of proximal development” or the “just right time” for students to gain new knowledge so they don’t give up. The more you persevere, the more successful you will be. She encouraged parents to praise the effort. “I’m not good at that” versus “I will get better in time.”

7. Communications Report

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

The Embrace Diversity Series of Posters is now available online at [rainbowschools.ca](https://www.rainbowschools.ca) at the following link: <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/about-us/our-values/equity-inclusive-education/>

Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host information nights for Kindergarten registrations. All parents/guardians and children are invited to attend. Information Nights will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 for the English Program and Thursday, January 18, 2018 for the French Immersion Program. Schools offering English and French Immersion will host one information night on Thursday, January 18, 2018. Visit [rainbowschools.ca](https://www.rainbowschools.ca) for a list of schools and programs offered or call your area Rainbow School. Kindergarten brochures were distributed.

Information Nights at Rainbow secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island continue for Grade 8 students. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend. Visit [rainbowschools.ca](https://www.rainbowschools.ca) for a list of dates and times.

The Board has received a \$10,000 Regional Parents Reaching Out Grant for the Parent Involvement Committee to host “Parents as Partners: Learning Together.” Parents/guardians will have an opportunity to attend various sessions. They will gain awareness of education initiatives, dig deeper into timely topics, and learn strategies they can use at home to support their child’s progress in school. Parents/guardians were invited to share ideas on topics and speakers.

Motion: “That a sub-committee be formed to plan the 2018 Parents Reaching Out Conference. Volunteers included Karry Streliecki, Stacy Paajanen, Richard Eberhardt, Bernadette Rémillard, Cheryl Ewin, Nicole Charette, Judy Noble and Ruth Ward.”

Moved by: Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Seconded by: Karla Allen, Northeastern Elementary School/Lasalle Secondary School

Carried

Everyone is welcome to help organize the conference.

8. New Business – Proposal presented by Kate Barber of Sudbury Secondary School

Kate Barber introduced the idea of an “Opportunities Fund” where schools with more capacity for fundraising could assist schools with less capacity for fundraising. She asked if School Councils would be interested in being part of a solution to help schools with fewer resources. Parents shared fundraising ideas. Teachers indicated that schools quietly help other schools and provide support. Superintendent Noble indicated that fundraising plans are developed at the beginning of each school year and that philanthropy is alive and well in Rainbow Schools. These plans are school-based. The Board is very aware of demographics and, as a result, some schools do receive additional supports. The Equity Committee is also looking at how we can further support families living in poverty. There was a general consensus that this support not be mandated, but continue to occur “under the radar.”

9. School Announcements

Denis Plouffe of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School thanked the School Council members from Lively District Secondary School who attended a School Council meeting. CVDCS will host its information night on February 15, 2018.

Bernadette Rémillard indicated that the Christmas dinner and concert held at Lansdowne Public School were a success. She shared information about an Elizabeth Fry Peer Mediation course for Grade 7 and 8 students as well as a paint social for girls.

Karla Allen said Northeastern Elementary School hosted its second movie night. The Christmas Concert was a huge success. Grade 8 students are raising funds for a ski trip. The Lasalle Secondary School information night took place on November 23rd but there is still time to register. The Me to We Club hosted a book sale and coffee house to support the food bank. Students are engaging other students to promote involvement. For instance, 12 days of Christmas.

Kelly Lemieux indicated that the Valley View Public School Christmas Feast was a success.

Sara Pidgen said the local consultation session hosted by EQAO was not well attended. Seven input sessions were held across Ontario to share ideas on pitfalls and improvements.

Kate Barber said a number of Rainbow Schools participated in the Bright Bites Healthy Kids Community Challenge to promote healthy eating and nutrition. R.H. Murray Public School won the bike that makes smoothies

Motion: “That we do now adjourn.”

Moved by: Denis Plouffe, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7 pm

Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury

Topic: LD Empower Pilot Project

**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Time: 12:00 PM

Room 125 – Rainbow District School Board

Present:

SEAC Members:

Kerri Chevrier	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre (Alternate)
Maureen Beaudry	Canadian Hearing Society
Luciano Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury (Alternate)
Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)	Autism Ontario – Sudbury
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Darryl Walker	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

Staff:

Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
David Squarzolo	Special Education Consultant

Regrets:

Bob Clement	Trustee
Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent of Schools

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W. Larouche welcomed everyone.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

N. Delaney read aloud the mission statement.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of January 10, 2018 be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of November 1, 2017 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

Deferred to the February 2018 meeting.

8.0 New Business

Vocabulary Development

Principal McDonald shared information about the development and implementation of programming in vocabulary development for students.

Programming has been developed in collaboration with Program Staff as part of a three-year strategy.

Colleen to share the number of students in JK with significant speech-language needs.

Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: M. Beaudry

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the SEAC approve the absences of Kellie-Lee Assinewe and Trustee Clement from the January 10, 2018 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

9.0 Superintendent's Report

Deferred until February 2018 meeting

10.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald shared updates about the February 2 PD Day and the request for input from the Ministry of Education regarding assessment and evaluation practices.

11.0 Board Report

The Board received presentations on vocabulary development, ABA, and collaborative inquiry. School board enrolment figures were received and an organizational meeting confirmed Trustees Clement and Kosmerly as representatives on the SEAC. Trustees Fox and Morrison will sit as alternates.

12.0 Chairperson's Report

Leo Marcoux and Kellie-Lee Assinewe have resigned from the SEAC.

13.0 Association Reports

Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

L. Contini shared updates about local successes. March 21 is the World Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

Wendy Larouche (Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury)

W. Larouche shared updates about local events and activities.

Natasha Delaney (Autism Ontario – Sudbury)

N. Delaney shared local updates and fundraising successes.

14.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

None

15.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- IPRC form placement options
- Chair and Vice-Chair election
- SEAC letter regarding BCBA
- MCYS and Frank Flowers

16.0 Next Meeting Date

February 7, 2018 from 12:00 until 2:00 PM in Room 125 at the RDSB Board Office, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury.

M. Beaudry gave her regrets for the February meeting.

17.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.

**UNOFFICIAL NOTES OF THE
FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Rainbow District School Board – Boardroom

Monday, January 15, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Carlene Assinewai, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Stephanie Roy, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute
Grace Fox, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Claudette Fournier, Sagamok Anishnawbek
Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District School Board
Norm Blaseg, Director of Education, Rainbow District School Board

**Members Absent
with Regret:**

Kim Nootchtai, Atikamekshen Anishnawbek
Fay Zoccole, Wikwemikong First Nation
Sharon Goulais, Doms First Nation
Cynthia Trudeau, Sheguindah First Nation
Lynne Cada, Meshegwaning First Nation
Robert Pittfield, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Marilyn Nicholls, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Roslyn McGregor, Whitefish River First Nation
Kelly Lee Assinewe, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Doreen Dewar, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board

Members Absent: Kevin Mossip, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

Guests Present: Debbie Debassige, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute

Recording Minute: Alicia Marshall, Rainbow District School Board

Meeting began at 10:10am. Quorum has not been met. Members Claudette Fournier, Trustee Grace Fox and Stephanie Roy joined meeting via conference call.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**
Agenda item moved to February 15, 2018 meeting as quorum has not been met.

3. **SUCCESS STORIES**

Principal Dokis presented the letter from Lakeview School and shared the moving opening that took place at the first board meeting held at the new building in November.

She also thanked all communities and members who participated in TRC Consultation days with Bob Goulais. Valuable information was collected and the board looks forward to continuing to work with communities and FNAC to bring forward a draft in the near future.

4. **ANISHINAABEMOWIN**

Discussion occurred on expanding the Anishinaabemowin Toolkit on the board's website. Trustee Fox spoke to the importance and needs of a more concentrated effort in order to sustain the language. The toolkit is only a supplement for students.

It is to be noted that further discussion is required.

5. **INDIGENOUS, NAMES, LOGOS AND/OR MASCOTS**

Principal Dokis reviewed the letter sent out by the Ministry of Education. At present time, FNAC will not be addressing any issues with students wearing Indigenous-themed sports clothing to school. Discussions and information will continue to be sent out regarding costumes.

6. **PRE/POST BOARD ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING TOOL**

The committee decided to postpone this item. Principal Dokis to set up a working group meeting to review.

7. **ANNUAL REPORT**

Principal Dokis reviewed current data available thus far. A full draft report will be reviewed at the February 15, 2018 meeting. Director Blaseg noted that the testing for Special Education is not respectful of the First Nation cultural norms. This could present a bias in numbers.

8. **KENJGEWIN TEG**

Guest Debbie Debassige presented a potential two year partnership program between KTEI and Rainbow District School Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Next Meeting Dates:

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Thursday, May 17, 2018

**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Time: 12:00 PM

Room 125 – Rainbow District School Board

Present:

SEAC Members:

Kerri Chevrier	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre (Alternate)
Bob Clement	Trustee
Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)	Autism Ontario – Sudbury
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

Staff:

Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent of Schools
Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
Peter Gorgichuk	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Norrie	Acting Vice-Principal and Empower Reading Teacher

Regrets:

Maureen Beaudry	Canadian Hearing Society
Darryl Walker	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W. Larouche welcomed everyone.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

N. Delaney read aloud the mission statement.

4.0 Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Wendy Larouche and Natasha Delaney were acclaimed as chair and vice-chair of the SEAC for 2018.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of February 7, 2018 be approved.

Motion carried.

6.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

7.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of January 10, 2018 be approved.

Motion carried.

Action items will be added to the minutes.

8.0 Business Arising

Review of Collective Agreements

Superintendent Wachnuk has approached SEAC who have given endorsement to have discussion with Human Resources around special education staffing.

9.0 New Business

Learning Disabilities – Empower Pilot Project

Principal McDonald shared information about the Empower Pilot Project and the Empower Reading Program. The intervention is to reach students struggling with reading and improve their skills. The program has maintained its integrity by ensuring those who use it have been officially trained. The five schools involved in the expansion of the program this year are Princess Anne, Adamsdale, Queen Elizabeth, Chelmsford, and Churchill.

Superintendent Wachnuk described the current Early Reading Intervention Model provides intervention for students one on one. The Empower Reading Program can reach small groups of students in unison.

Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: J. Kosmerly

That the SEAC approve the absences of Maureen Beaudry and Darryl Walker from the February 7, 2018 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk reported that the Inclusion Schools presented to the Board of Trustees around the successes that have been experienced in the Pilot Schools. There are plans for potential expansion next year. We are hoping to align this initiative with OSSTF in secondary schools. We have seen the success possible when ETFO and the Board work together. There has been natural expansion of the inclusion model as we see students from Inclusion Pilot Schools prepare to move to secondary school.

Superintendent Wachnuk and Principal McDonald will be working on staffing for the 2018-2019 school year to be shared later this spring.

Superintended Wachnuk shared with the Committee that she and Mary Jago, RDSB Mental Health Lead, would like to see the Bell "Let's Talk" day observed when exams are not in progress.

W. Larouche asked if many secondary schools are taking part in the STOMP program through NOARC. Principal McDonald will further investigate what participation has been.

Trustee Kosmerly asked about the MCYS and Frank Flower Centre meeting.

Superintendent Wachnuk reported that the community is motivated to respond with a solution to the mental health concerns in our community. One main area of concern has been the current use of the CAMHP program. The RDSB, CAS, MCYS, and HSN were represented around the table for discussion. Superintendent Wachnuk made it clear that the Board must have a role as gatekeeper into a program.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald reported she will continue to collect data about speech and language services and student needs in the Board.

Educational Assistants will receive Part 2 of ABA training on the February 2 PD Day. The response to afterschool training sessions being held by the ABA team for any staff has been outstanding.

12.0 Board Report

The Board has been refused again for the accommodation reviews that were up for debate. Declining enrollment continues to affect maintenance of buildings. The Ministry of education is starting to listen to the challenges specific to Northern Ontario.

The Board received presentations on the LD Pilot Project and Empower Reading Program.

13.0 Chairperson's Report

W. Larouche asked all members to review the current Special Education Plan to offer feedback next meeting.

W. Larouche asked what the feedback has been on the Invitation for Input. Superintendent Wachnuk reported that the feedback is varied. Many parents are reluctant to respond to surveys unless there is an issue. Superintendent Wachnuk will bring more comprehensive data as it is tabulated. W. Larouche and N. Delaney brought attention to the need for common language when asking for feedback from parents. Superintendent Wachnuk will investigate this further.

14.0 Association Reports

Julie Contini (Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury)

World Down Syndrome Day is March 21, 2018.

Wendy Larouche (Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury)

The LDAS will host a Resume Writing & Interview Skills workshop on February 15, 2018.

Natasha Delaney (Autism Ontario – Sudbury)

Autism Awareness Day is February 3, 2018. The local chapter is raising awareness around ASD with the “Raise the Flag” campaign and the “Vulnerable Persons Registry”. The chapter is looking for a new space for their office, ideally in the school setting.

Superintendent Wachnuk is investigating if there is any space available in the Board.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

None

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- Superintendent Wachnuk has her list of action items and information requests
- Special Education Plan Input – all SEAC members – March 2018
- Invitation for Input feedback – Superintendent Wachnuk – April 2018
- STOMP program school participation – Principal McDonald – April 2018
- Proposed Special Education Staffing – Superintendent Wachnuk – May 2018

17.0 Next Meeting Date

March 7, 2018 from 12:00 until 2:00 PM in Room 125 at the RDSB Board Office, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

January 31, 2018

Mrs. Doreen Dewar
Chair
Rainbow District School Board
408 Wembley Drive
Sudbury ON P3E 1P2

RE: Rainbow's motion 17-R150 requesting that the CSCNO vacate space being leased in the Espanola High School by the end of the school year 2017-2018

Dear Mrs. Dewar:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 20, 2017 which was received on January 4, 2018.

We acknowledge that the Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (CSCNO), like the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB), has a responsibility to ensure that our high school students receive the best education possible in adequate facilities for students at the high school level.

We wish to reiterate the Education Improvement Commission's decision in 1998 that a perpetual lease would be offered by the RDSB to the CSCNO in the Espanola High School building for the spaces required to offer a French catholic program. We trust that you will respect the fact that we have a signed perpetual lease agreement and that we will be remaining in the existing spaces until our new school is opened.

We understand that you have a slight increase in enrolment which is putting pressure on your existing space. We would like to reiterate that despite a small number of students in our secondary program, a certain amount of space is needed to offer an adequate program to our students.

At the current time, we do not have the funds or manpower to consider a relocation of our high school students for September 2018.

During the past year, the RDSB removed our students' access to the gymnasium and also reduced the space that we were granted under the addendum to our lease without consideration of our schools needs.

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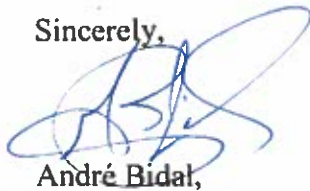


Mrs. Doreen Dewar
Chair, RDSB
January 31, 2018
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As you are aware, our Board has been working diligently since 2007 to build educational spaces for our secondary students in Espanola. The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (HSCDS) and the CSCNO have recently opened tenders for a joint project. Unfortunately, the tenders exceeded the allocated funds and both boards are awaiting ministry approval in order to proceed with construction.

We are as frustrated as you in the countless delays in our respective projects. We remain hopeful that you will continue to voice your concerns to the Ministry of Education.

Sincerely,



André Bidal,
Chair

C. C. Hon. Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Education
Norm Blaseg, Director of Education, RDSB
Jean Lemay, President, AFOCSC
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Executive Director

February 20, 2018

Dear Education Today Subscriber,

You may recall our recent communication last December informing subscribers that the Fall 2017 edition of our Education Today magazine would be our final print issue due to increasing financial pressures facing the print medium.

I am writing to you today to announce that Education Today's Spring 2018 Vol 30 No. 1 issue is now available online for free at www.opsba.org/Education%20Today.

The online version of the magazine will continue to offer many of the same high-quality features that you have come to appreciate over the publication's 25 years.

Please visit the OPSBA website and read our Education Today Spring 2018 issue. Also, be sure to sign up to receive email notifications when new issues are posted. You will find information on how to sign up for email notifications on the Education Today webpage.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support.

Best Regards,

W.R. (Rusty) Hick

Executive Director

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From: amal.qayum@osta-aeco.org
February 26, 2018 7:30:43 AM
Subject: Post BCC Conference: The Echo
Attachments: The Echo_PBC.pdf

Good morning Directors of Educations, Chairpersons, Trustees, and Student Trustees,

On behalf of the Executive Council of OSTA-AECO, I would like to thank all of our attendees for an enlightening Board Council Conference (BCC) which took place February 15-18, 2018 in downtown Ottawa. Attached to this email, you will find *The ECHO*, a memo, which showcases the depth of professional development and collaboration experienced by our delegates at BCC.

We look forward to seeing all Student Trustees - incoming, outgoing and transitional - at our Annual General Meeting, which takes place in May 2018. Registration information will be sent out in mid-April. Should you have any questions regarding conferences, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As always, we thank our member boards for supporting OSTA-AECO's efforts of amplifying student voice throughout Ontario.

Yours in Education,

Amal Qayum | Professional Development Officer | Executive Council | [OSTA-AECO](#)

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Introduction

The Ontario Student Trustees' Association (l'Association des élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario) hosted its annual Board Council Conference at the Delta Hotels Ottawa City Centre from February 15th to the 18th. Delegates were joined by members of the *Regroupement des élèves conseiller.ère.s francophones de l'Ontario (RECFO)* for a selection of joint-sessions.

The conference was comprised of presentations and workshops designed to support Student Trustees in the optimal representation of student needs. There was also heightened focus on Board Council Breakout sessions, which allowed opportunities to work on system-specific projects within the Public Board Council and the Catholic Board council of OSTA-AECO.



Workshops

Public Affairs Training

Student Trustees attended three sessions entitled **Advocacy in Action:** Effectively and Persuasively Conveying Ideas, **Media Training:** Your Message, Where Your Audience Is, and **Our Voice:** Successfully Communicating as Student Trustees. Delegates set their learning into action through a simulation activity involving a board of trustees responding to the media about controversial school consolidation decision.

Did you know?

83 Student Trustees representing a total of 47 Ontario school boards attended the OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference 2018

Our Voice, Our Vision, Our Message

Student Trustees engaged in a joint-discussion between OSTA-AECO and RECFO surrounding hot topics in education including de-streaming and standardized testing.



Committees

Each member of OSTA-AECO's General Assembly has the opportunity to customize their OSTA-AECO experience by joining one of the organization's seven committees. These committees offer a vast array of opportunities for Student Trustees to undertake projects in an area of their interest. Our committees met to work on projects including the development of an OSTA-AECO blog for student voice and the launch of the Ontario Student Voice Scholarship.



Committees of OSTA-AECO:

- Communication Committee
- Data and Research Committee
- Indigenous Relations Committee
- Ontario Student Voice Awards Committee
- Policy Committee
- Progress Committee
- Wellbeing Committee

Public Board Council

PBC members expanded their knowledge and understanding of current issues in education through a panel featuring Laurie French (President, OPSBA), Alex Johnstone (Hamilton-Wentworth DSB, Vice Chair) and Shirley Seward (Ottawa-Carleton DSB, Chair). Student Trustees had an opportunity to engage in dialogue exploring the future of OSTA-AECO's relationship with OPSBA.

Student Trustees collaborated to pursue two student-lead social justice activities in partnership with WE Charity. Delegates kicked off the afternoon by brainstorming initiatives to support fundraising for the WE Walk for Water project. Secondly, members prepared for the launch of Public Student Empowerment Day - a three-city-wide event hosted at the WE Global Learning Centre in Toronto and broadcasted to remote locations in Ottawa and Sudbury. Public Student Empowerment Day intends to connect students from both rural and urban school boards to promote student voice and engagement in education.

Moving Forward

OSTA-AECO looks forward to hosting incoming and outgoing Student Trustees at our Annual General Meeting from May 24th to the 27th. Registration packages and information about the annual OSTA-AECO Alumni Gala will be sent out in April 2018. We look forward to seeing you there!

A special thank you to our valued member boards for supporting OSTA-AECO's efforts to amplify student voice throughout Ontario.

Keynotes:



Jody Alexander
Vice Principal of
Indigenous Education
at the Ottawa Carleton
District School Board.



Maxime Lê
B.Sc. Health, 4th year,
uOttawa and Assistant
Researcher, Institute
for Population Health.

February 28, 2018

Mrs. Doreen Dewar
Board Chair
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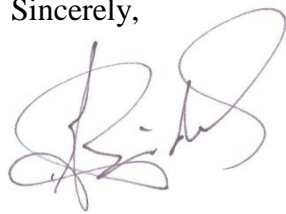
Dear Mrs. Dewar,

Le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario passed the following resolution at its regular meeting held on February 27th, 2018 regarding a joint feasibility study for the education of students in the Monetville and Noëlville areas:

« QUE le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario soumette une demande de financement conjointe avec le Rainbow District School Board pour mener une étude des besoins capitaux dans la région est, faite par une firme d'architecture, et ce, dans le cadre du Programme de financement d'amorçage de projet d'utilisation commune d'école du ministère de l'Éducation de l'Ontario. »

We look forward to hearing back from your Board in the near future regarding the feasibility study.

Sincerely,



André Bidal,
Board Chair

C.C. Mrs. Lyse-Anne Papineau, Director of Education, CSCNO
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February 28, 2018

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RE: 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

Dear Mrs. Dewar and Mr. Bellmore,

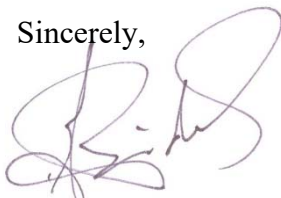
I wish to inform you that the 2018-2019 School Year Calendar was unfortunately not approved by the Board at our meeting last night.

Mrs. Papineau made us aware of emails she had received that afternoon from her colleagues in the Algoma region, specifically that the City of Sault Ste. Marie had requested to change the PD day from October 26 to the 22 because the latter was the Municipal Election voting day in 2018.

Our trustees felt that it would be in the best interest of students, for their safety and well-being, to agree to the proposed change of date for that particular PD day and suggested the same for the Sudbury area. Given that the 2018-2019 School Year Calendar is a normal calendar and does not have to be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Education until May 1st, would the Sudbury Catholic District School Board and the Rainbow District School Board be open to reconsider their decision to changing the above-noted PD day. This would also lessen the burden on staff who have the responsibility to supervise students and ensure that things run smoothly in our schools and on their properties.

I wish to thank you for the attention you will give to our Board's request.

Sincerely,



André Bidal,
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