

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Others: D. Kitching, C. McDonald, J. McKibbon, M. Bertrand, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School International Students Bokai Shang, Tom Zhang, Yixi Ren and Abbas Dendawala, Sandi Ackroyd, Tiffany Batchilder, Peter Duncan, member of public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 18-R43, R.Ward/J.Hunda

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

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

International Education Program

Superintendent Wachnuk introduced Jeff McKibbon, Principal of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, and Melanie Bertrand, International Student Program Lead, to present to trustees about International Students in Rainbow schools.

Topics covered included Global and Internationalized Classrooms, Student Voice, Community Connections, Student Recruitment and Enrolment and next steps. The impact on both domestic and international students was apparent in the many stories shared. Two students Abbas Dendawala and Yixi Ren shared their Sudbury experiences. The importance of building relationships and trust was evident. Trustees were shown the new video produced to publicize the International Education Program.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 18-R44, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 20, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

Motion: 18-R45, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the Board award the contract for Manitoulin Secondary School, HVAC upgrades - tender #2018-01 to Metal-Air Mechanical Systems Ltd. for \$344,761.00.
- **Carried**

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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Municipal Election 2018**

a) Motion: 18-R46, R.Ward/B.Clement

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.
- **Carried**

Amendment: L. Killens/NIL

That First Nations Trustee be added as area #9.
There was no seconder for the amendment.

b) Motion: 18-R47, R.Ward/D.Morrison

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 - **Carried**

c) Motion: 18-R48, J.Kosmerly/R.Ward

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

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

Superintendent Bazinet walked trustees through the Long-Term Capital Data presentation, outlining the process, reviewing the definitions, noting the utilization ratings and enrolment trends. This annual presentation is the launch for the next cycle of student accommodation. Superintendent Bazinet took time to review each planning area in detail.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

3. **Boundaries Report**

Motion: 18-R49, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

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). - **Carried**

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

Motion: 18-R50, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

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:

Trustee Clement, Trustee Fox, Trustee Killens, Trustee Ward - **Carried**

5. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Annual General Meeting**

Motion: 18-R51, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Leach Jarrett and the incoming 2018-2019 Student Trustee at the OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 24 to 27, 2018. - **Carried**

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

7. **Director's Remarks**

Director Blaseg brought trustees up to date on the approval of the 2018-2019 School Year Calendar, advising that one of the four Sudbury school boards has not approved the calendar therefore there has been a delay in the joint news release.

On February 27 and 28 I attended the Anishinabek Education Conference in Toronto. While the focus was on the Anishinabek Education System (AES) other topics included Education Service Agreements (ESA) and the Master Agreement, which takes effect April 1, 2018. As for the latter, our Board will not see any noticeable differences in the way we do business at least for the current school year. I look forward to bringing you more information as it arises.

On Thursday, March 8 I had the opportunity to attend our Boards' Science Fair held at Lockerby Composite School. Wow! The level of work and ingenuity was outstanding. Projects that included Wireless Charging, Autonomous vehicles and Dandelions and their ability to remove heavy metals were just a small sample of the projects that were on display. Our students are brilliant! I look forward to the Regional Science Fair being held on Saturday April 7 and Sunday April 8, 2018 at Laurentian University's Alumni Hall, as I'm sure the result will be quite favourable.

So proud of our Algonquin Road Public School grade 7 students who took top honours at the Ontario Provincial Cardboard Championships in Waterloo. Congratulations to teacher Darren Foy for being the catalyst behind this entry.

This Thursday, March 22 former administrative staff will be given a tour of the new building. From 10:00 AM until noon, we will provide alumna the opportunity to reminisce and tour the building. While we did not have phone numbers for everyone we tried to reach out as much as we possible so that former administrators, principals and vice-principals could come together, share a coffee and get a first hand look at our new office. So if you are available please join us.

Just a reminder that the GSN's will be released on March 26th. As is the case every year the details will be released over the next 6 to 8 weeks.

April 20th and 21st is the Parent Involvement Committee Symposium to be held in Toronto. Details as per the ministry memo:

Two (2) parent members of your Parent Involvement Committee, four (4) parent members of school councils from your school board, and one (1) parent member of your Indigenous Education Advisory Council (IEAC).

Finally, just a reminder that Saturday, April 14 is the Joan Mantle Music Trust Dinner. Please ensure you contact Heather if you wish to participate.

Itinerary

February 21 Budget Deliberations
Agenda Setting

February 26 CODE teleconference
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School (Admin Visit)
Ad Hoc Committee meeting (Re: Governance Policy Review)

February 27 Anishinabek Education Conference - Toronto

- February 28 Anishinabek Education Conference – Toronto
- March 1 Budget Deliberations
- March 2 Professional Activity Day
Lockerby Composite School – Educational Assistant session
- March 5 Budget Deliberations
- March 6 Safe Schools meeting
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- March 7 Agenda Setting
- March 8 Elementary Science Fair –Lockerby Composite School
Espanola HS meeting with parents regarding A.B. Ellis PS
- March 12-16 March Break
- March 19 Human Resources meeting
- March 20 Executive Council
Board meeting

8. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he has been approached to fill OPSBA's recently vacated position of vice president representative for the Northern Ontario Region.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Leach Jarrett reported on another successful student talent show that was held at Sudbury Secondary School on March 5, 2018.

Student Trustee Leach Jarrett advised that she and three other student senators will be travelling to Toronto with Superintendent Noble to present on April 17, 2018 as part of Students as Researchers Stand Up Speak Grant.

Trustees were reminded of the upcoming Stand Up Speak Out Conference scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2018 at Cambrian College.

9. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison and Trustee Hunda both thanked Student Trustee Leach Jarrett for the work done for students at Rainbow District School Board.

Chair Dewar shared a photo of Trustee Clement with an award winner at the 15th Annual Community Builders Awards event held on March 1, 2018.

10. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Levack Public School is purchasing new library books thanks to a generous \$1,000 donation from Walmart Canada. The books will be added to the school library this spring.

William McCormick, a Grade 11 student in the International Baccalaureate Program at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, has been recognized provincially. He received the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Ontario Junior Citizen Award for his contributions to the community. Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, presented the award to William in Toronto on March 5th.

Rainbow District School Board hosted its 13th annual Technological Skills Competition on March 7th. Some 100 secondary school students tested their skills in carpentry, welding, photography, cabinet making and coding. As part of the competition, over 160 Grade 8 students visited Cambrian College to explore skilled trades and experiential learning opportunities.

Rainbow District School Board invites staff and students to Go Blue for International World Water Day on March 22nd. The challenge involves three components: to only drink water for the day, to research the importance of protecting our water supply, and to find ways to conserve water at home. This initiative is part of the Environmental Committee's ongoing efforts to encourage sustainable practices and increase awareness about water usage. Environmental awareness will continue in April with the celebration of Earth Day.

On Tuesday, April 10, Grade 10 students will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSL). This test is a graduation requirement administered by EQAO.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Wednesday, April 11, to mark Day of Pink, the International Day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia, transphobia and transmisogyny in schools and communities. It's part of Rainbow District School Board's ongoing efforts to build community and promote inclusion.

On Thursday, April 12, Grade 7 and 8 students in Rainbow Schools will participate in the Math, Science and Technology Olympics, at Science North in Sudbury.

Brenda and Jamie Arrowsmith, a mother/son duo who are well known musicians and music educators, have been selected as the 2018 recipients of the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. The awards will be presented at the International dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Trust on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Older Adult Centre in Sudbury. The evening will mark the 10th anniversary of the Joan Mantle Music Trust, which has raised more than \$220,000 since its inception.

I would like to take this opportunity to salute the many staff members who worked diligently, in partnership with the community, to organize the many events and activities that allow our students to shine. Behind every award winner and every

achievement, whether it be an individual, a team or an entire school, it is attributable to the efforts of our staff. And to them I say "thank you".

The thought for this month is from Zig Ziglar, American author, salesman, and motivational speaker who said, *"Don't be distracted by criticism. Remember--the only taste of success some people get is to take a bite out of you."*

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

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 Mantle 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

Motion: 18-R52 D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we now adjourn at 8:00 p.m. – **Carried.**