

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (chair), B. Clement, D. Dewar, L. Killens (via phone), R. Ward, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett
Absent: G. Fox, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, G. Santala
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble – Superintendents
Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, G. Gauthier, C. McDonald, H. Gaffney, S. Conroy, K. Burgess and member of public

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: R.Ward/D.Dewar

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for March 6, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

B. **PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** NIL

C. **PRESENTATION**

1. Learning How to Read

Superintendent Noble introduced Sherry Conroy, Principal of Program, to present to trustees about *Learning How to Read*.

Sherry Conroy informed trustees of the three components of learning to read (decoding, fluency and comprehension) and explained strategies used in instruction.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and were extremely appreciative of the informative presentation. Trustees commented on the flow of recent presentations, bringing the facets of reading together.

2. MyBlueprint

Superintendent Noble introduced Heather Gaffney, Principal of Student Success, to present to trustees about *MyBlueprint*. Principal Gaffney spoke

about this educational career/life planning program that students in Rainbow Schools use to help make decisions about their future.

Karen Burgess, Coordinator, Computers in Education, walked trustees through the on-line program and explained how information is gathered from students in grades 7 to 12. Students can complete surveys, plan course selection, explore post-secondary schools and programs, explore career opportunities, build a resume and create budgets. Students can add and change information throughout their high school career. Karen was able to demonstrate the benefits of this excellent tool for students.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and were extremely appreciative of the presentation.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion: R.Ward/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on February 6, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

EQAO
Policy Review
Reading Comprehension

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Dewar advised trustees of maps that are available that clearly show the location of all school boards throughout the province. An electronic copy and hard-copy will be made available to trustees.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

April 10, 2018
May 8, 2018
June 5, 2018

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: D.Dewar/R.Ward

That the meeting be adjourned (6:45 pm). - **Carried**

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