

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

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

Absent: G. Fox

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
J. Noble, K Wachnuk – Superintendents

Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, D. Kitching, members of public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for April 10, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

Moment of Silence

Before the meeting began, trustees observed a moment of silence for the victims of the tragic bus accident in Saskatchewan.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION

Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Draft Action Plan

Director Blaseg introduced Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, to present the *draft* Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Draft Action Plan to trustees.

Reference was made to the motion that was passed on April 25, 2017

Motion: 17-R77, G.Fox/J.Hunda

The Rainbow District School Board respectfully acknowledges the work of the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) regarding residential schools in Canada and the resulting 94 Calls to Action, including the Calls to Action specifically related to education.

Be it resolved that the Rainbow District School Board:

- i) Commit to the development of a Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan in consultation with the First Nation Advisory Committee and the Urban Indigenous Advisory Committee;*
- ii) Commit that all students graduate with knowledge of residential schools and their devastating impacts on Indigenous communities in Canada and recognize the importance of their contributions to the reconciliation process;*
- iii) Commit that all students graduate with an understanding of the significance of the treaties and the shared history of First Nations and non-Indigenous Ontarians;*
- iv) Commit to the continued implementation and development of Anishinaabemowin programs;*
- v) Commit to provide opportunities to all staff and students to learn more about the richness of Indigenous worldview and cultures, working hand-in-hand with Indigenous peoples;*
- vi) Commit to implement, promote and enforce anti-racism strategies as it relates to Indigenous students, families and communities. - Carried*

Principal Dokis informed trustees of the lengthy consultation process that has taken place prior to the presentation of this draft document. She spoke about the action plan priorities and gave several examples from each area.

Gordon (Chop) Waindubence, Aboriginal Support Worker, spoke to trustees about the importance of the contents of this document.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. While pleased that Rainbow District School Board is ahead of many school boards with work done on the Truth & Reconciliation Action Plan, trustees recognize and accept that there is still much work to be done. This document is the beginning.

Trustees expressed appreciation to Principal Dokis.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: D.Dewar/R.Ward

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

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

Report from Ad Hoc Committee: Governance Policy Reviews/Updates

1. Motion: J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly
That *Policy No. GOV-01: ~~Board~~ Vision, Mission, and Values* as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. - **Carried**
2. Motion: B.Clement/R.Ward
That *Policy No. GOV-03: Role of the ~~Corporate~~ Board of Trustees* as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. - **Carried**
3. Motion: R.Ward/D.Dewar
That *Policy No. GOV-06: Role of the Director of Education* as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. - **Carried**
4. Motion: J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly
That *Policy No. GOV-09: Delegation of Authority* as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. - **Carried**
5. Motion: D.Dewar/B.Clement
That *Policy No. GOV-10: ~~Board~~ Policy Development and Review* as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. - **Carried**
6. Motion: J.Kosmerly/B.Clement
That *Policy No. GOV-11: Learning and Working Environment: Equity and ~~Inclusion~~ Inclusive Education* as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. - **Carried**
7. Motion: J,Hunda/R.Ward
That *Policy No. GOV-12: Learning and Working Environment: Safe Schools* as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. - **Carried**
8. Motion: D.Dewar/J.Hunda
That *Policy No. GOV-14: Parent/Guardian and Community Relations* as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. - **Carried**

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Comprehension

EQAO

Policy Review

- Policy No. GOV-05: Code of Conduct: Board Members

- Policy No. GOV-15: Student Accommodation

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Kosmerly recently attended the “Raise the Flag for Autism” ceremony at MacLeod Pubic School and commented on the grade 8 student who addressed the audience.

Trustee Clement advised of a new math app called “Edwin” and another called “Dreambox”.

Trustee Dewar advised that the Board Budget meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 22 has been moved to Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Chair Morrison advised that staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 to mark Day of Pink, the International Day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia and transphobia in schools and communities. It's part of Rainbow District School Board's ongoing efforts to build community and promote inclusion.

Chair Morrison reminded that on Thursday, April 12, 2018, all schools have been asked to show their support by wearing a hockey or sports jersey or the Humboldt Bronco's colours - green and gold. We will also fly our flags at half-mast.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

May 8, 2018
June 5, 2018

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the meeting be adjourned (6:30 pm). - **Carried**