

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:55 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (chair), B. Clement, D. Dewar, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, G. Santala, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett
Absent: R. Ward
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K Wachnuk – Superintendents
Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, S. Conroy, C. McDonald, D. Kitching, three student senators, members of public

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Hunda/D.Dewar

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for May 8, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATION**

1. Students as Researchers (StAR)

Superintendent Noble introduced Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett and Student Senators Shanelle Tremblay, Michaela Bouffard and Josh Tilston. The students shared a presentation with trustees that they presented on April 17, 2018 at a Ministry event in Toronto.

The presentation, *Stand Up on Youth Mental Health*, was created by student senators who surveyed their peers about well-being. The students explored sleep, nutrition, exercise, time spent outdoors, academic related stress and post-secondary transition stress. The group looked at ways to support students. Survey results were shared and discussed and future steps were provided, for new student senates to work toward in the future.

Trustees shared their appreciation of the commitment to student well-being.

2. Instructional Strategies to Support Vocabulary Development

Superintendent Noble introduced Sherry Conroy, Principal of Program, to present to trustees about *Instructional Strategies to Support Vocabulary Development*.

Sherry Conroy explained what is required from teachers in order to see growth in vocabulary. She informed trustees about wide reading, dictionary use and direct instruction and explained concept mapping, semantic mapping, teaching word parts, prefixes, suffices, roots words, word parts, comparing and contrasting and dialog reading.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

D. OLD BUSINESS

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Motion: J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on April 10, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

E. NEW BUSINESS

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 Clement advised that at a recent OPSBA meeting, members discussed questions on EQAO tests and there was discussion of an effort to make the wording of questions more suited for Northern Ontario.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

June 5, 2018

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: G.Santala/D.Dewar

That the meeting be adjourned (6:50 pm). - **Carried**

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