

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward, Student Trustee H. Golden

Absent: G. Fox

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board  
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: L. Killens, C. McDonald, H. Gaffney, L. Fisher, M. Jago, S. Ackroyd, N. Mousseau, K. Kozman, G. Gauthier, D. Kitching, L. Mantle, D. St. Amour, C. Dinnes, D. Koziar, A. Conley-Cayer, Y. Poirier, R. Duffy, C. McInnes, D. Watson, and members of the public

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 18-R133, R.Ward/G.Santala

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 25, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

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

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Summer Programs

Superintendent Noble provided an introduction about the many opportunities that were available during July and August 2018 for Rainbow students, referencing the Board Report that was provided.

Principal of Special Education Programs and Services Colleen McDonald provided a summary of the three Special Education programs that were available to students.

Vice Principal Ashleigh Conley-Cayer reported to trustees about the Kindergarten Camp that was offered at 19 Rainbow schools during the last two weeks of August 2018. The purpose of this program was to make the transition into first year kindergarten classes smooth for our youngest students and feedback has confirmed that it was a success. The program will expand by five schools in 2019 and all schools will be offering the Kindergarten Camp by 2020.

Principal Daniel Koziar spoke about the Summer Learning Program that was held for the eighth summer in a row for three weeks during July. This year there were 10 classes in four sites and bussing was provided. Students made gains in literacy and

numeracy, as well as robotics and coding. Again this year, the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) provided funding.

Richard Duffy spoke about the grade 6 – 8 Summer Learning Program that was held again this year at Princess Anne PS. This year 34 students attended from 11 different elementary schools within the board. Bussing was provided from hubs around the city. This was another successful program showing positive results for students.

Principal Leslie Mantle spoke about a new 5-day Mind Over Metal Summer Camp that was offered at Lively District Secondary School. The camp was funded primarily by the CWB Welding Foundation and was one of only 70 camps offered nationwide. Eighteen students ranging from grade 6 to 9 participated in the camp, which provided instruction and hands on opportunities to build projects using welding tools.

Principal Heather Gaffney provided a report on the Indigenous Summer School that was offered to students at Manitoulin Secondary School and Espanola High School during the last two weeks of August. This was an opportunity for incoming grade 9 students to earn a Careers and Civics credit prior to starting high school, as well as to help students with the transition from elementary to secondary. Trustees viewed a video produced by students in the summer program, highlighting the opportunities the students had to work with Elders and other guest speakers, visit First Nation communities and explore trades programs at Cambrian College.

Dave St. Amour, Principal of Summer School Programs spoke in general terms about secondary summer programs. Vice Principal Yves Poirier shared information about summer school opportunities at Barrydowne College during July and August 2018. Vice Principal Poirier advised that in partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury, students were provided bus tickets and a solution to transportation difficulties. Principal St. Amour reported that because of the summer programs offered to students, an additional 21 students were able to graduate from Rainbow Schools.

Trustees had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions. Trustees were extremely pleased with the results from all summer school programs and encouraged expansion as funding becomes available.

## 2. Mental Health

Mary Jago, Mental Health Lead, provided trustees with valuable information about the Board's new Mental Health Strategic Plan 2018-2021. She spoke about mental health care, how students can seek help and positive trends referencing the *Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS)*, *The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences: The Mental Health of Children and Youth Ontario: A Baseline Scorecard* and the Ontario Child Psychiatrists call for action.

Trustees were reminded that there are nine social works, one assigned to each secondary school and the family of elementary schools in that area. Social workers

work in partnership with Child and Family Services, Child Care Resources, Children's Community Network and Health Sciences North to care for the mental well being of Rainbow students. A new program "Kids Have Stress Too" will be introduced this year as well.

Motion: 18-R134, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Rainbow District School Board approve the Mental Health Strategic Plan 2018-2021. - **Carried unanimously**

Trustees had the opportunity to discuss, ask questions and affirm the commitment to mental well-being of all students in Rainbow schools.

3. Larry Killens provided a presentation, as attached.

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

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 18-R135, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

**2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL**

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

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting**

Motion: 18-R136, R.Ward/B.Clement

That the board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Golden at the OSTA Fall General Meeting October 25 to 28, 2018 in Toronto. - **Carried**

**2. OSTA-AECO Fees**

Motion: 18-R137, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the 2018/19 membership fees in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association be approved. - **Carried**

**3. Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 18-R138, R.Ward/J.Kosmerly

That Trustee Fox be granted a leave of absence from the September 25, 2018 Board meeting. - **Carried**

#### 4. Director's Remarks

Director Blaseg reported on a meeting held at Manitoulin Secondary School on Monday, September 24, 2018. Trustee Fox, Chair Dewar, Superintendent Wachnuk, Principal Jamie Mohamed and the Director met with members of the M'Chigeeng First Nation which included Sam Manitowabi (M'Chigeeng Band Manager), a Social Worker (Michelle) and Lakeview School Principal, Robert Beaudin to review some of the challenges associated with a recent incident at Manitoulin SS. It was a very productive meeting and we look forward to working with Principal Mohamed and Manitoulin SS partners to move forward and rebuild the positive spirit that we know exists at Manitoulin SS. We know this unfortunate incident continues to be investigated by the police, however we are working closely with both UCCM and OPP services as well as with our First Nation partners to ensure this incident is brought to its natural conclusion.

Rainbow District School Board has received EQAO Literacy and Numeracy results, however we are still waiting to receive Special Education and First Nations student results. We will be bringing a detailed report to either our next Board or Strategic Planning meeting.

Director Blaseg advised that the \$1.3 million SIP reduced funding would have a phased impact. There is an immediate impact on the 2018-2019 budget of approximately \$275,000. Future budgets, ie 2019-2020 budget, will present a million dollar challenge. At this time no Special Education supports have been impacted.

Director Blaseg was pleased to report that we have exceeded our enrolment predictions; this is good news. Of course we will have a detailed report based on October 31<sup>st</sup> data at a later meeting. Schools that are affected by larger enrolment may have their staffing allotment increased; they were informed last week. This is good news. The bad news is that the addition of staff often necessitates school reorganization. Any re-orgs, if applicable will occur tomorrow, September 26 2018.

Director reminded that the upcoming P.A. Day scheduled for Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> will be an in school professional activity day. The focus will be on individual school improvement planning. Just a reminder that our strategic plan aligns with our three-year operational plan that addresses three areas, vocabulary, spaced practice/automaticity and comprehension. These foci, along with EQAO data will form the foundation for most of the conversation held at each school. We look forward to sharing more information as we implement the third year of our plan, more specifically the area of Comprehension.

#### **Itinerary:**

August 29	Community Use of School meeting
August 30	Health & Safety (Exec Council) Agenda Setting ETFO meeting

September 4	P.A. day Exec Council
September 6	Site Visits R.L. Beattie PS Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Alexander PS
September 7	School Visit Lasalle Secondary School
September 11	Executive Council Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
September 12	Agenda Setting
September 13	First Nation Advisory Committee (FNAC) Meeting PCY Meeting
September 14	Student Achievement Meeting Tele conference – Immigration Canada
September 17	H.R. meeting Executive Council Meeting Tele-Conference Ombudsman Office
September 19	CODE
September 24	Manitoulin Secondary School visit M'Chigeeng Band Office meeting
September 25	Exec Council Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he would be attending an OPSBA meeting in Toronto on Friday, September 28, 2018. He advised that newly appointed Minister of Education Lisa Thompson would be invited to attend the northern portion of the meeting. Trustee Clement intends to share Rainbow's concussion video with colleagues.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Golden reported that there was much brainstorming at the first Student Senate meeting of 2018-2019 held on September 10. She is eager to get to work with peers at the upcoming meeting on Monday, October 1. She has been gathering information from Student Trustees throughout the province about their focus for the school year.

## 6. Trustees' Remarks/Questions

Trustee Kosmerly spoke to the successful Headstrong conference that was held at Lockerby Composite School last week. More than 100 students attending from five school boards heard several excellent speakers and had the opportunity to take part in breakout groups. She appreciated the displays from our community partners.

Trustee Clement also spoke of the excellent Headstrong conference. He was interested to hear from the students what they planned to take back to their school to share with peers.

Trustee Hunda thanked all staff for their collective work in getting the school year off to an excellent start. She commented on the excitement of both staff and students at the school activities that she has attended in the last few weeks. She also commented on the impact that the "stand up to bullying" day on September 13 had on staff and students.

## 7. Chairperson's Remarks

Brendon Matusch, a Grade 11 student from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, captured a Gold medal at the international science fair for his self-driving go-kart. You may remember Brandon from when he visited us in the spring. He not only earned international acclaim, but also garnered a cash award of 7,000 Euros, approximately 10,500 Canadian. Congratulations, Brendon.

Rainbow District School Board proudly hosted some 120 secondary students from Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island across five school boards for HEADSTRONG, an evidence-based anti-stigma initiative aimed at inspiring students to Be Brave, Reach Out and Speak Up about mental health.

Rainbow students and staff were challenged to ban plastics and go litterless for Pollution Prevention Week from Monday, September 17 to Friday, September 21. The goal for the week was to avoid the use of all plastic and single-use materials in lunches, classroom activities and lesson plans.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools wore pink on Thursday, September 13 to mark Rainbow District School Board's eleventh "Stand Up Against Bullying Day". This gesture goes a long way toward demonstrating our commitment to safe schools.

On Wednesday, September 26th, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School will host Terry Fox Day in partnership with Chelmsford Public School, Larchwood Public School and Levack Public School. Students will walk or run a five-kilometre route in the Chelmsford area. The event will also include a variety of outdoor fundraising activities. Visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) for a list of events.

Rainbow students and staff are invited to wear orange on Thursday, September 27 to show support for residential school survivors. Orange Shirt Day recognizes the effects and intergenerational impacts of the residential school system on First

Nations, Métis, and Inuit children in Canada. September 30, Orange Shirt Day, was the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to attend residential schools. In light of the Professional Activity Day on September 28, students and staff in Rainbow Schools will wear orange on Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Also on Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 3 pm to 9 pm, students from Lasalle Secondary School will canvass the community to talk about their upcoming Family Walk fundraising event and invite them to make a donation. The 3rd annual Lasalle Secondary School SISU Family Walk in partnership with Sling-Choker will take place on Saturday, September 29, at 11:15 AM. Leading the walk will be Lasalle alumni and Olympic gold medalists Robert Esmie and Tessa Bonhomme.

Reminder: there will be a Professional Activity Day this Friday, September 28, 2018. There is no school for students.

And one more reminder: all schools will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 8, 2018.

The author of this month's thought for the month is unknown but worthy of repetition. "A person is not given integrity. It results from the relentless pursuit of honesty at all times".

## **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

### **1. Reports from Officials and Staff**

Frist Nation Advisory Committee minutes May 17, 2018 (official)

### **2. Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Minister of Education Lisa Thompson dated August 8, 2018

Letter to Minister of Education Lisa Thompson dated September 11, 2018

Letter #1 from Rainy River District School Board dated September 12, 2018

Letter #2 from Rainy River District School Board dated September 12, 2018

Letter from District School Board Ontario North East dated September 12, 2018

Letter from Halton District School Board dated September 14, 2018

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Audit Committee Meeting September 26, 2018 3:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125

Student Senate Meeting October 1, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Cmttee Oct 3, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Oct 9, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Oct 10, 2018 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125

Board Meeting October 23, 2018 5:00 pm Boardroom

Parent Involvement Cmttee AGM October 30, 2018 7:00 pm Boardroom

Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Nov 8, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

First Nation Advisory Committee Nov 15, 2018 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 18-R139, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That we now adjourn at 6:50 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official