

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
to be held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *Chair
- Motion:
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 23, 2018 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** *Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS** *Chair
- Student Achievement (EQAO)
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD** NIL *Director
- E. OLD BUSINESS** *Director
1. Previous Minutes *Chair
- Motion:
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 be approved.
2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL *SBO
3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees *Chair
- Audit Committee (AC)
- 2017/2018 External Audit Plan *AC Chair
- Motion:
That the 2017/2018 External Audit Plan be approved.
- F. NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. Ontario Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 62nd Annual Special Education Conference 2018 *Chair

Motion:

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the CEC 62nd Annual Special Education Conference in Toronto November 30 – December 1, 2018:

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair

Motion:

That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the October 23, 2018 Board meeting.

3. **Director's Remarks** *Director

4. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Delegate
Student Trustee

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair

- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Audit Committee minutes December 11, 2017 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Letter from Bluewater DSB dated September 27, 2018
Letter from Bluewater DSB dated September 28, 2018

- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
Parent Involvement Cmttee AGM October 30, 2018 7:00 pm Boardroom
Student Senate Meeting November 5, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Nov 6, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Nov 7, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
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
Board Meeting November 20, 2018 5:00 pm Boardroom
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Jan 9, 2019 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125

- I. **ADJOURNMENT** *Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at _____ p.m.

Title:	Student Achievement K-12 2017-2018 Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results
Contact:	Judy Noble
Date Submitted:	October 23, 2018
Mandate:	To increase student achievement
Background:	<p>EQAO administers the Primary (Grade 3) and Junior (Grade 6) Reading, Writing, and Mathematics Assessments; Grade 9 Mathematics Assessments; and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in public schools across Ontario.</p> <p>EQAO assesses the reading, writing and mathematical skills that students are expected to have learned by Grade 3, Grade 6, Grade 9 and Grade 10 as outlined in the Ontario Curriculum.</p> <p>The results form the basis for on-going improvement as reflected in Strategic Directions and the Board Improvement Plan.</p> <p>The provincial results are posted on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com, including longitudinal data for the Province, District School Boards and schools.</p>
Results:	<p>Year over year results for Rainbow Schools showed slight declines. Grade 3 reading showed an increase. Grade 9 academic and applied math experienced significant increases. OSSLT results experienced a decrease.</p> <p>Grade 3 Reading – 70% Grade 3 Writing – 65% Grade 3 Mathematics - 53%</p> <p>Grade 6 Reading – 76% Grade 6 Writing – 71% Grade 6 Mathematics – 41%</p> <p>Grade 9 Academic Mathematics – 81% Grade 9 Applied Mathematics – 39% OSSLT – 70%</p> <p>In Rainbow Schools, Collaborative Inquiries have proven to be the most effective professional learning strategy to improve student achievement. Profiles were created for focus students. Teachers reviewed data to better understand strengths and needs, implemented strategies and interventions to support needs and build on strengths, and examined student work to determine learning gaps and reflect on the effectiveness of instructional and assessment practices. There was a marked increase in EQAO results among self-identified indigenous students, particularly in mathematics.</p>

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.

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 workers, 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 31st 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 28th 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 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.**

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Title:	External Audit Plan Report for the year ending August 31, 2018
Contact:	Dennis Bazinet
Date Submitted:	October 23, 2018
Background	<p>The Audit Committee approved the report from KPMG on September 26, 2018.</p> <p>Ministry of Education memorandum 2015:SB19 requires the Audit Committee to report on the content of the external auditor's audit plan to the Board.</p>
Process	<p>The purpose of the external audit is to enhance the degree of confidence of the users of the financial statements through the expression of an opinion on whether the financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Financial Administration Act, supplemented by Ministry of Education memorandum 2004:B2 and Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act.</p> <p>The external audit is risk focused, taking into account key areas for financial reporting that, by their nature, require specific audit consideration. The risks identified are applicable to all Boards of Education.</p> <p>Key areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraud risk from revenue recognition Fraud risk from management override of controls Government Grants and Deferred Contributions Tangible Capital Assets and Deferred Capital Contributions Employee Future Benefits Salaries and Benefits
Recommendation	That the 2017/2018 External Audit Plan be approved.

Ontario CEC's 62nd Annual Special Education Conference: November 30 – December 1, 2018



Well-being, Equity and Success for All *Enhancing Learning and Life Outcomes for* *Students with Special Education Needs*

On behalf of the Ontario CEC Board of Directors, I am excited to extend an invitation for you to join us at Ontario CEC's 62nd Annual Provincial Special Education Conference, which will be held November 30 – December 1, 2018 at the Marriott Downtown CF Toronto Eaton Centre!

The theme of the 2018 conference is ***Well-being, Equity and Success for All***; presentations will focus on evidence-based practices, instructional strategies, and technology to equitably support the well-being, learning and achievement of all students with special education needs. The conference program features more than 60 lecture and poster presentations in numerous topical areas, including self-regulation, anxiety, well-being for students and educators, at-risk children & youth, autism, hands-on technology training, transitions, managing challenging behaviour, learning disabilities, intellectual disability, instructional strategies and post-secondary initiatives.

Conference highlights include:

- ◆ Poster Presentations/President's Reception
- ◆ Publisher & Exhibitor Display
- ◆ Awards Luncheon
- ◆ Hot Topics & Featured Sessions
- ◆ Ministry Strand (TBD)
- ◆ Well-being Strand
- ◆ Autism Strand
- ◆ Technology Training

Value added alert! Conference registration includes the opening keynote address, breakout sessions, poster presentations/President's reception, silent auction, the Exhibitor/Publisher Display, and breakfast and lunch both days. Special conference rates apply for CEC members and full-time University & College students.

Please mark these dates and join Ontario CEC for this incredible self-directed professional learning opportunity!

For further information, please contact:

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Conference Overview

Thursday, November 29, 2018

- ◆ Ontario CEC Board of Directors' Meeting
- ◆ Ontario CEC Annual General Meeting
- ◆ Conference Registration

Friday, November 30, 2018

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ **Opening Session** & **Keynote Address**
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/ Publisher Display
- ◆ Networking Luncheon
- ◆ Poster Presentations
- ◆ President's Wine & Cheese Reception

Saturday, December 1, 2018

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/Publisher Display
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ **Closing Session** includes the **Awards Luncheon - Adult and Yes I Can! Student Award Recipients**
- ◆ **Closing Motivational Address**

Opening Keynote Address

*"At the Heart of the Matter: Creating Classrooms
and Schools that Support Well-being for All"*

Dr. Sue Ball, ABSNP, C. Psych.

Chief Psychologist, York Region DSB

Imagine classrooms and schools that support positive mental health and well-being for all, where every student and staff feel they belong and they matter. Relationships are built through connection. The schools most effective at promoting resiliency and well-being embed the core principles of well-being, connection, mattering and resilience in everyday practice, through a whole school approach, which extends to parent/guardians and the community. Everybody matters, everybody counts, and every interaction becomes an opportunity to promote well-being.

Hot Topics and Featured Sessions:

Indigenous Students At-risk for Learning Difficulties, Dr. Julia Ferrari and Dr. Todd Cunningham

If Inclusion Means Everyone, Why Not Me? An Overview of Parent Perspectives on the School Experiences of Their Children with Intellectual Disabilities, Dr. Monique Somma, Dr. Jacqui Specht, Dr. Sheila Bennett and Rebecca White

Activated Learning: Easy Whole Class Executive Functioning Support, Laurie Faith

Transforming Struggling Students into Lifelong Learners, NILD Canada

The Beginning of a Journey and Creating Hope: Implementing Mental Health Education Plans in Secondary School, Maya Holson and Heather Theijsmeijer

Storytelling as Part of Your Pedagogy, Rachelle Bergen and Marlene Rogers

Promoting Math Well-Being Strategies & Reducing Anxiety for All, Dr. Steven Reid and Dr. Mary Reid

Finding a Voice: Students Sharing Strategies for Classroom Success, "The Techdudes" and Stacey Falconer

Self-Regulation: A Psychophysiological Approach to Mental Health and Well-being, Casey Burgess

Autism and Developmental Disabilities: Literacy Based Strategies to Help Build Language, Communication and Reading Skills for Early Learners in Elementary and Secondary Education, Pawanit Mahal and Nancy Corbett

Supporting All Students in the FSL Programs, Annette Ackerman

Engineering an Inclusive Kindergarten/Primary Classroom using Graphics for Learning, Staci Whittle and Jennifer Gibbs

The Science of Breath: Elevating Student Self-Regulation, Executive Function, State of Well-being, and Growth Mindset through Meditation, Yoga, & Mindfulness, Claudia Bauman and Karen McCarthy

Supporting Students with High-Incidence Hidden Exceptionalities through Non-Academic Intervention, Ian Matheson and Kyle Robinson

Conference Registration

Please note that online conference registration may be accessed as of September 1, through this link, <http://www.cvent.com/d/qgqb9x/1Q> and through the Ontario CEC website, www.cecontario.ca

Registration Includes	Conference Participant Rate	CEC Member & Presenter Rate	Student & Pioneer Rate
2-day conference includes breakfast, lunch and reception on Friday, breakfast and the awards luncheon on Saturday	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$250.00
Additional awards luncheon tickets	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

Interested in exhibiting at the conference? Contact Cindy Perras at cindy.perras@gmail.com

Conference Hotel/Room Bookings

Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre

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Ideally located in the heart of downtown Toronto's business district, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre provides easy access to the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, shopping, the CN Tower, sporting venues (the Air Canada Centre and Rogers Centre), and the Entertainment District. Getting there is easy – whether travelling by car, subway, streetcar or train, as the hotel is just a few blocks from Union Station. For those travelling by air, the Union Pearson Express connects Toronto Pearson International Airport with Union Station and the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is 10 minutes from the hotel.

A block of guest rooms is available at our conference hotel, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre, for November 28 – December 2, 2018. Guest room rates, which include complimentary WiFi, are \$189.00 (single/double occupancy), \$209.00 (triple occupancy) and \$229.00 (quadruple occupancy) per night. Amenities include a roof top pool and hot tub, fitness centre, lobby bar and restaurant serving contemporary Canadian cuisine. **Reservations must be booked by November 7, 2018**, either by calling 416.597.9200, and referencing the booking code, “**Ontario CEC**”, or through this hyperlink (also located on the conference website):

[Marriott Hotel Reservations.](#)

**Audit Committee
Official Minutes
Monday, December 11, 2017
4:00 PM
Room 125, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury**

Present:

Trustees: D. Morrison, J. Hunda, R. Ward

External Audit Committee Members: F. Cinotti, A. Lukezic

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
K. Kozman – Manager of Finance

Others: D. D'Angelo – Lead Audit Engagement Partner (KPMG)
Y. de la Morandiere - Financial Analyst
H. Thirkill – recording secretary

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: R.Ward/F.Cinotti

That the agenda for the Audit Committee meeting of December 11, 2017 be approved. - **carried**

2. **Preliminary Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** - NIL

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: J.Hunda/F.Cinotti

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of September 25, 2017 be approved. – **carried**

4. **2016/2017 Financial Statements**

Motion: A.Lukezic/J.Hunda

That the 2016/2017 Financial Statements be recommended to the Board for approval. – **carried**

5. **2016/2017 Audit Committee Reports**

Motion: F.Cinotti/A.Lukezic

That the 2016/2017 Audit Committee Reports be approved. – **carried**

6. **Future Meetings**
March/April 2018

7. **Adjournment**

Motion: J.Hunda/A.Lukezic

That we now adjourn 5:00 p.m. - **carried**

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September 27, 2018

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Bluewater District School Board, I would like to bring to your attention the following motion that was passed at our Regular Meeting of the Board on September 18, 2018:

That Bluewater District School Board advocate for the inclusion of the student voice in any, and all consultation processes by the Government of Ontario, related to educational issues and curriculum changes; and

That Bluewater District School Board recommend to OPSBA to advocate for the inclusion of the student voice on any education changes; and

That Bluewater District School Board send a letter to Premier Ford, copied to local MPPs, the Minister of Education, chairs of boards, OSTA-AECO, and opposition education critics.

Our trustees firmly believe in and wholeheartedly support including the student voice in any education related consultations that are planned at the provincial level. Although we recognize the importance of ensuring that parents and other stakeholder groups are consulted on these matters, it is students who will be directly impacted above all others by any changes pertaining to curriculum, new policies, and other areas. We look forward to learning more about the processes to be utilized in the provincial government's upcoming education consultations, and ways in which the student voice will be reflected.

As always, our commitment remains focused on providing quality education for every student in a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Motz'.

Ron Motz
Chair

cc: Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education
Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Ontario school board chairs
Ontario Student Trustees' Association
Marit Stiles, NDP Education Critic

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September 28, 2018

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Bluewater District School Board, I would like to bring to your attention the following motion that was passed at our Regular Meeting of the Board on September 18, 2018:

That Bluewater District School Board support the teaching of all concepts included in the Elementary Health and Physical Education (2015 edition), through the delivery of the approved Ontario elementary curricula (e.g., Health and Physical Education, Interim Edition (re-issued 2018), Science and Technology, Language, Social Studies/History and Geography, and the Arts); and

That Bluewater District School Board write a letter to Premier Ford requesting that the Ontario government withdraw the parent reporting portal (i.e., www.fortheparents.ca).

We fully support and have confidence in the professionalism of our teachers in delivering the requirements of the Health and Physical Education curriculum as directed by your government, to meet the needs of all our students. We strongly feel that an anonymous so-called 'snitch line' for parents to report teachers would not only erode confidence and trust among our staff, but would also undermine our board's existing communication process for handling parent concerns. Our staff work diligently to cultivate safe and caring school cultures where parents feel comfortable and supported in maintaining open dialogues with teachers and administrators. This includes directly addressing any concerns that arise at the source, and ensuring a consistent process based on accountability for parents to follow if a prompt solution is not achieved.

As always, our commitment remains focused on providing quality education for every student in a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Motz'.

Ron Motz
Chair

cc: Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education
Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Ontario school board chairs
Marit Stiles, NDP Education Critic

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