

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly,
D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward, Student Trustee H. Golden
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, K. Dokis, S.
Ackroyd, G. Gauthier, D. Kitching, H. Downey, C. Jameus, J.
Lankshear, C. Gibbs, and members of the public

Chair Dewar advised that livestream equipment was being tested during the meeting and requested that cell phones be turned off.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 18-R140, J.Hunda/R.Ward

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 23, 2018 be approved.

- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Judy Noble began the Student Achievement presentation, explaining the correlation between the School Improvement Planning and student achievement.

System principals Leslie Fisher, Colleen McDonald, Kathy Dokis and Heather Gaffney, spoke about EQAO results and trends over time for grade 3 reading, writing and math, grade 6 reading, writing and math, and grade 9 math. Results were shared for Indigenous students and students with a learning disability, comparing board results with provincial results.

Trustees were given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

Sudbury Secondary School principal Heather Downey and a team of three math teachers (Clinton Jameus, Crystal Gibbs and Janette Lankshear) discussed the changes made at Sudbury SS that helped realize gains in student achievement in grade 9 numeracy. They spoke about staff commitment, programming changes, interventions, special education supports, spiraling and what they are planning moving forward.

Trustees asked questions, provided comments, were appreciative of the commitment of staff and success of grade 9 math students and were happy to hear that the goal is to reach every student.

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

No meeting held. No report.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 18-R141, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Audit Committee (AC)

2017/2018 External Audit Plan

Audit Committee Chair Morrison provided an update for trustees.

Motion: 18-R142, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the 2017/2018 External Audit Plan be approved. - **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ontario Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 62nd Annual Special Education Conference 2018

Motion: 18-R143, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

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: Trustee Fox, Trustee Kosmerly. - **Carried**

2. Requests for Leave of Absence NIL

3. Director's Remarks

The Ministry of Education has notified Boards of their intention to change three PPM's related to the Legalization of Recreational Cannabis. They include modifications to PPM 128 - Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board of Conduct; PPM 144 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention; and PPM 145 -

Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour. Rainbow will participate in a Ministry Webinar on November 8. Once details of the legislation have been articulated and clarified by the Ministry of Education and once the City of Greater Sudbury has identified their position on the retail side for the sale of Cannabis, Rainbow DSB will revise policies and procedures associated with the new information.

Friday, October 26 is a system wide professional activity day. The theme is Equity. OSSTF and ETFO have been pivotal partners in organizing this day for our staff.

Finally Rainbow DSB has been recognized by the Legion for supporting Veterans in Ontario. Just a reminder that Remembrance day activities in schools will, in most cases, occur on Friday November 9, 2018.

Itinerary:

September 26	Agenda setting Audit Committee meeting
September 27	Orange Day Meeting with Cambrian College President, Mr. Bill Best School Visit – Queen Elizabeth Public School
September 28	P.A. Day School Visit – Espanola High School
October 1	CODE teleconference First Nation Portfolio Meeting Elementary Principals' Meeting
October 2	Directors Meeting
October 3	Lasalle Secondary School, awards celebration School Visit – Barrydowne College Fall Feast – Churchill Public School
October 4	Family of Schools Meeting (Superintendent Bourget) Fall Feast – Redwood Acres
October 5	School Visit, Monetville Public School School Visit, Jean Hanson Public School
October 9	Exec Council ETFO meeting
October 10	Family of Schools Meeting (Superintendent Wachnuk) Agenda setting Safe Schools meeting

- October 11 Family of Schools Meeting (Superintendent Noble)
- October 15 N'Swakamok Alternative Centre (Signing)
- October 16 Exec Council
JMMT announcement– Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
School Visit – Chelmsford VDCS
- October 17 First Nation Portfolio Meeting
Exec Council
School Visits:
 Princess Anne Public School
 Lansdowne Public School
 Cyril Varney Public School
- October 18 School Visit, Adamsdale Public School
HSN, Laurentian University
- October 22 School Visits:
 Manitoulin Secondary School
 Central Manitoulin Secondary School
 Little Current Public School
- October 23 Exec Council
Meeting with Angela Recollet, Executive Director,
Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre
Board Meeting

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported on the OPSBA meeting that he attended in Toronto on Friday, September 28, 2018. He had the opportunity to meet with northern board members on Friday and was happy to share Rainbow's concussion video. OPSBA was very impressed with the video and hoped to link to their website. Trustee Clement reminded everyone that all minutes could be found on the OPSBA website.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Golden reported that student senators held another productive meeting in October and she looks forward to the November 5th meeting where discussions will continue about the mental health conference scheduled for spring 2019. She thanked Mary Jago for presenting and helping the student senators with this initiative.

Student Trustee Golden advised that she is looking forward to the upcoming OSTA meetings in Toronto later this week.

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Ward spoke about the benefit of Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grants to the school communities. In the past, these grants have been a useful tool in engaging parents and there is concern about a possible cut in funding.

Motion: 18-R144, R.Ward/D.Morrison

That Rainbow District School Board write a letter to the ministry, with copies to MPPs, regarding the positive impact of the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants and the negative effects of any decision to discontinue. - **Carried**

6. Chairperson's Remarks

As the Joan Mantle Music Trust celebrates eleven years of excellence, funding is now being distributed to 6 elementary schools offering music programs as well as 3 secondary schools. The Joan Mantle Music Trust has raised just over \$240,000 since it was established in November 2008.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools are invited to wear purple on Wednesday, October 24 in a show of support for the safety and well-being of children and youth. "Dress Purple Day" is spearheaded by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies.

Also on Wednesday, October 24 a long-standing tradition will continue when the students and staff of Lockerby Composite School canvass the city and surrounding communities from 6 pm to 9 pm. Funds raised will support the Pediatric Oncology Program of the Northeast Cancer Centre at Health Sciences North.

As a reminder, this Friday, October 26, there will be a Professional Activity Day. There is no school for students.

Angie DeMarco of the Learning Disabilities Association will be speaking about the connection between emotions and learning on Tuesday, October 30, at 7 pm in the Rainbow District School Board Ernie Checkeris Boardroom.

Members of the community are invited to drop off gently used winter clothing items at any Rainbow School in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island until October 31st.

Rainbow District School Board is inviting students and staff to go paperless in support of World Paper Free Day on Tuesday, November 6. This Go Green initiative is part of the Environmental Committee's ongoing efforts.

Grade 9 students in Rainbow Schools will spend the day at work job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 as part of the national Take Our Kids to Work program. We thank area businesses for opening their doors and welcoming our students into their places of work.

Staff and students are invited to wear their favourite pair of moccasins on Thursday, November 15, in order to share the message about the importance of indigenous identity and the advantage of world-wide unity.

Chair Dewar advised that Trustee Kosmerly has been acclaimed, Trustee Clement has been re-elected and Margaret Stringer (who is in the audience) will be the new trustee representing Manitoulin Island. The results from tonight's election for the Greater City of Sudbury will be out shortly after 8:00 PM this evening. The swearing in ceremony for the new Board is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2018.

The thought for today comes from Winston Churchill who said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

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

Motion: 18-R145, R.Ward/J.Hunda
That we now adjourn at 6:50 p.m. – **Carried.**