

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, 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: C. McDonald, G. Gauthier, T. Batchilder, K. Kozman, N. Mousseau, S. Ackroyd and members of the public

Chair Dewar requested that cell phones be turned off.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 19-R17, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 11, 2018 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 3 iv) *Audit Committee Recommendation* to the agenda. - **Carried**

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

**C. PRESENTATIONS NIL**

**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: 19-R18, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**

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

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

## Audit Committee

- i) Audit Committee Annual Report  
Trustee Morrison, chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2017-2018 Audit Committee Report to the Ministry of Education.
- ii) 2017/18 Financial Statements  
Superintendent Bazinet introduced Derek D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner from KPMG, who presented the consolidated financial statements for the 2017-2018 school year and responded to questions from trustees.  
  
Motion: 19-R19, D.Morrison/M.Stringer  
That the 2017/18 Financial Statements be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee and posted on the board website. - **Carried**
- iii) 2017/18 Year End Report  
  
Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the report that was distributed to trustees. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.
- iv) Audit Committee Recommendation  
  
Motion: 19-R20, D.Morrison/J.Hunda  
That the Audit Committee recommend to the Board that \$3M be transferred from Unappropriated Operating Accumulated Surplus (working reserve) into the Student Focused Initiative reserve. - **Carried**

## F. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Director's Annual Report

Director Blaseg reviewed the 2017-2018 Annual Report. This will be distributed electronically again this year. Once this is AODA compliant it will be posted on the website. Trustees expressed appreciation to Director Blaseg for the content of the report and to Nicole Charette for the presentation of the material. Chair Dewar also thanked all Rainbow Staff who make the "good news stories" in the Annual Report possible.

### 2. Public Education Symposium (PES) 2019

Motion: 19-R21, D.Morrison/A.Gibson

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the Public Education Symposium 2019 in Toronto January 24 – 26, 2019:

Trustee Clement  
Chair Dewar  
Trustee Gibson  
Trustee Hunda  
Trustee Kosmerly

Trustee St. Jean  
Trustee Stringer - **Carried**

3. **OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2019**

Motion: 19-R22, J.Kosmelry/B.Clement

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2019 in Toronto April 4 –5, 2019:

Trustee Gibson  
Trustee Hunda  
Trustee Kosmerly  
Trustee Morrison  
Trustee Stringer - **Carried**

4. **Requests for Leave of Absence** NIL

5. **Director's Remarks**

On Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> I had the opportunity to join Chair Dewar in attending the Canada Wide Science Fair ceremony held by Science North. It was a great opportunity to highlight, as noted in the annual report, students with exceptional talent. Along with the other three boards, we had the honour of celebrating our collection of young scientist. Science North has been and continues to be a great advocate for students in our area. This partnership is truly a great illustration of what we can do when we work together.

On Friday, November 30 Kathy Dokis, System Principal for First Nations, and I attended the Regional Education Committee, Area 2 Meeting. This meeting included members of the First Nations communities that were west of Sudbury (ie: Whitefish First Nations, Sheguindah FN and AOK), the Ministry and four other school boards. Among the many reports, we heard one that had much interest was about First Nation representation on School Boards. We did receive clarification that representation ie: the number of trustees on the board and the process for Trustee selection will remain as is. We have been told this meeting format will continue in February 2019 and the Director and the Indigenous Lead will be invited to the provincial forum. One other note of interest, the Ministry of Education highlighted RDSB's Special Education Plan. It was identified as an exemplary plan and is often cited as a model when the Ministry speaks about what Special Education Plans should look like. Hats off to Superintendent Wachnuk and her staff for their outstanding work.

The Directors continue to dialogue about the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar. We met on November 26<sup>th</sup> to exchange drafts. I will be bringing forward these proposed calendar suggestions to the School Year Calendar committee on January 28, 2019 where we will adopt RDSB's position for the 2019-2020 school year calendar. We will bring the final recommendation to the Board at the February 2019 Board meeting.

We have received a request from the Ministry of Education to submit a response to the *2019-2020 Education Funding Guide*. The response is required by December 14, 2018. This is very concerning as in the letter it indicates the government is looking for efficiencies ie: "four cents on the dollar to be found in the governments expenditures". If we look at our entire budget of 200 million dollars this would represent 8 million dollars. I am very concerned: to find this level of cuts in our budget would require a substantial reduction in programs and services.

On December 6<sup>th</sup> I attended the Edgar Burton Kids Helping Kids drive at MacLeod Public School. Along with Mayor Bigger, Q-92's Mel and Principal Kerri Monaghan we initiated the can food drive. Last year the board raised over 280,000 cans for the Sudbury Food Bank. It's a great initiative and one that has really created great community spirit and in doing so supported a campaign to help those who need the most during this time of year. A reminder that for every dollar contributed is equivalent to six cans of food.

In the same spirit of Kids helping Kids, I was able to attend Redwood Acres Public School today for their Christmas dinner. Trustee Kosmerly joined me in a sit down meal that saw the whole community come together and provide a very special moment for the students at Redwood. The spirit of giving was so evident during this event as over 30 parents were involved. I cannot say enough about this wonderful act of giving, kindness and generosity that generates so much good will. Thanks to all the parents, staff and trustees who do so much for our community and more specifically our children.

To this end I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas holiday.  
Thank you Madam Chair.

### Itinerary

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| November 21 | Safe Schools meeting  |
| November 22 | CODE meeting  |
| November 23 | OCT meeting   |
| November 26 | School Year Calendar Meeting<br>(Four area Directors of Education only) |
| November 27 | Executive Council<br>ETFO meeting                                       |
| November 28 | First Nations Portfolio Meeting<br>Agenda Setting                       |
| November 29 | Science North, Science Fair Celebration                                 |
| November 30 | Professional Activity day   |

Regional Education Committee Meeting Area 2

December 3	Inaugural/Organizational Board Meeting
December 4	Executive Council
December 6	Edgar Burton Kids Helping Kids Food Drive, Macleod PS
December 10	Superintendent meetings Audit Committee Meeting
December 11	Redwood Acres PS Christmas Feast Board Meeting

6. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he attended the OPSBA meeting in Toronto on Friday, December 7, 2018. He reminded that all agendas and minutes can be found on the OPSBA website. He suggested that the PES conference scheduled for January 2019 would be informative for new trustees.

Trustee Clement commented that the executive council with OPSBA remains the same.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Golden reported that student senators held another productive meeting last night. She advised that the group has agreed on keynote speakers for the Stand Up Speak Out Conference that will be scheduled in May 2019.

The survey that the group has been working on has gone out to principals and replies are coming in already.

She advised that student senators are continuing their work in organizing the Boardwide Talent Show that is scheduled for March 2019

7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison thanked staff and students for the efforts during this busy time of year. She appreciates trustees being invited to Christmas concerts and Christmas feasts throughout the board.

Trustee Morrison spoke about the Ministry's request for input RE: *2019-20 Education Funding Guide*.

Motion: 19-R23, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

In response to the request for input for the 2019-20 Education Funding Guide, that Rainbow District School Board write a letter to the Minister of Education to consider the consolidation of school boards into one system with education in both official languages in order to achieve significant savings in the education sector.

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Doreen Dewar: In-favour*  
*Anita Gibson: : In-favour*  
*Judy Hunda: in-favour*  
*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*  
*Dena Morrison: In-favour*  
*Kerrie St. Jean: In-favour*  
*Margaret Stringer: In-favour*

**- Carried unanimously**

Trustee Kosmerly advised that she attended the CEC conference in Toronto on November 30 and December 1, 2018. She advised trustees that her notes would be available if requested. She reported that the focus was on “mattering” and that “all students and staff matter”. She attended sessions regarding trauma and inclusion.

## 8. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

The festive season is “one of the most wonderful times of the year” in Rainbow Schools as students and staff spread holiday cheer in many ways....

canned food drives  
acts of kindness  
carols and concerts  
parades and pageants  
hand-made ornaments and baked goods  
turkey and the trimmings  
Santa and spirit days  
hats, scarves and mitts for families in need

For a listing of festive events, visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca)

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all of our students, parents/guardians, staff and community partners, a happy and healthy holiday season.

May 2019 bring you peace and joy.

## G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

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

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

Letter from ETFO dated November 5, 2018

Letter from Bluewater DSB dated November 26, 2018

Letter from Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education dated Nov. 16, 2018

2019-20 Ministry of Education Funding Guide

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Student Senate Meeting January 7, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Parent Involvement Cmttee January 8, 2019 7:00 pm Boardroom

Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Jan 9, 2019 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Jan 15, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Board Meeting January 29, 2019 5:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Cmttee Feb 6, 2019 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125

Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Feb 14, 2019 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 21, 2019 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 19-R24, A.Gibson/B.Clement

That we now adjourn at 7:05 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official