

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (chair), B. Clement, D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer (via Google Hangout), 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
Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, D. Kitching, C. McDonald, T. Batchilder, S. Ackroyd

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for February 5, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

What 2019-B:03 means to Rainbow District School Board

Director Blaseg shared information with trustees about the January 23, 2019 memo from the Ministry of Education regarding the Ontario School Board Hiring Practices and Consultation Paper and the Class Size Engagement Guide. He advised that the Ministry is seeking input by February 22, 2019.

Superintendent Bourget provided a PowerPoint presentation to trustees explaining Rainbow's class size and hiring practices.

Trustees appreciated the information and had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes

1. Motion: J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on January 15, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Motion: J.Hunda/D.Dewar

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on January 15, 2019 be approved as amended. The amendment being an additional comment under TRUSTEES' REMARKS by Trustee Gibson. *Trustee Gibson had asked how the public would be advised of the live-streaming. The Director responded there would be notification on the board website.* - **Carried**

3. Revitalization Projects - Superintendent Bazinet

Sandi Ackroyd, Manager of Capital Planning, provided trustees with preliminary drawings of revitalization projects scheduled at Manitoulin Secondary School and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, scheduled to begin in March 2019.

Trustees had an opportunity to ask questions and comment.

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Comprehension

EQAO

Poverty

Policy Review

○ Policy No. GOV-05: Code of Conduct: Board Members

○ Policy No. GOV-15: Student Accommodation

Speech Pathology

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Dewar spoke about possible savings through the reduction in the number of school boards.

Motion: D.Dewar/M.Stringer

That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend to the Board that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education re-iterating and expanding on our previous

requests that the Ministry consider one school board; two languages as the most efficient method for fiscal responsibility while maintaining our primary focus on student success. – **Carried**

Trustee Clement advised of discussion of one board at northern board meeting during the PES conference last week.

Trustee Stringer suggested that trustees read a January 31, 2019 Toronto Star article *There is nothing to gain from increasing class sizes.*

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 5, 2019
April 9, 2019
May 7, 2019
June 11, 2019

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Hunda/D.Dewar

That the meeting be adjourned (7:30 pm). - **Carried**