

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, D. Morrison, 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
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: C. McDonald, H. Gaffney, C. Robert, G. Cacciotti, G. Gauthier, and member of the public

Chair Dewar advised that the meeting was being live-streamed and requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 19-R43, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 19, 2019 be approved.
- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION

Personalized and Precise Instruction

Superintendent Noble introduced the presenters who addressed the gaps in student achievement and the ongoing work by special education staff and program staff to close these gaps.

Colleen McDonald (Principal of Special Education) and Chantal Robert (Speech Language Pathologist) provided trustees with information about speech language services provided throughout the board. They spoke about the foci: automaticity, vocabulary development and comprehension. The tiered intervention model was explained and successes were shared.

Heather Gaffney (Principal of Student Success) and Gillian Cacciotti (K-12 Special Education Coordinator) spoke about Lexia as an intervention strategy, explaining how the online reading program works, the assessment, the personalized learning approach, and how Lexia supports the three foci of the Board's Strategic Plan.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

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-R44, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Strategic Planning Committee

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

Motion: 19-R45, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

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.

Bob Clement: In-favour

Doreen Dewar: In-favour

Anita Gibson: Opposed

Judy Hunda: in-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Dena Morrison: In-favour

Kerrie St Jean: In-favour

Margaret Stringer: In-favour

- **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2019 School Year Structure

Motion: 19-R46, A.Gibson/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the 2019-2020 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools. - **Carried**

2. Property

Motion: 19-R47, D.Morrison/K.St.Jean

That the property at Highway 560, Shining Tree, ON P0M 2X0 (M. W. Moore Public School) be declared surplus to the needs of Rainbow District School Board.

- **Carried**

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

4. **Director's Remarks**

I am honoured to report that a former student and Lockerby Composite School graduate, Dr. Chelsey Bertrand, recently received the CFPC Indigenous Medical Student Leadership Award at the Family of Medicine Forum, which was held in Toronto last November. This is a national award that is granted by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Her mother, Sandra Martin, past president of N'Swakamok Friendship Centre, reminded me that her daughter was a 2009 graduate of the STEP/FI program offered at Lockerby Composite School. She graduated from Ottawa University's Faculty of Medicine in June of 2018. Dr. Bertrand is currently completing her residency here in Sudbury. A special thanks to Sandra for sharing this information with us. We are proud of Dr. Bertrand's accomplishments and I hope, in some small way, we may have played a small part in her success. Congratulations Chelsey!

On Saturday of this week I had the pleasure of attending Manitoulin Secondary Schools' 'Mikado'. What a great musical. Despite the weather and transportation cancellations Manitoulin Secondary School students and staff pulled off a great rendition of Gilbert and Sullivans' Mikado. Often injecting Island humour, former alumni, staff and a host of students representing many island schools, brought laughter and pure entertainment to a large audience. Congratulations Manitoulin SS, what a great performance.

Just in case anyone is counting we have had a total of 12 transportation cancellations in our catchment area. The highest number occurring in Sudbury has been 10 days. I am very pleased to see the sunshine today.

Itinerary

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| January 30 | (SATSO) Student Achievement Team and Superintendent meeting
First Nations Curriculum Meeting |
| January 31 | School Year Calendar Meeting (four Directors of Education) |
| February 1 | Professional Activity Day
School Visit:
Adamsdale Public School |
| February 5 | Exec Council
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting |
| February 6 | Agenda Setting
Eligibility Meeting |

February 11	School Visits: R.H. Murray Public School Lively District Secondary School Jean Hanson Public School Student Senate
February 12	First Nations P.D. Kevin Lamoreux Exec Council
February 14	RDPC executive meeting
February 15	School Visits: Queen Elizabeth Public School Lansdowne Public School
February 16	Manitoulin Secondary School (Musical)
February 19	Exec Council Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement advised that he would be attending the OPSBA Director’s meeting in Toronto later this week. He mentioned that many Northern Boards have indicated their support for the one board concept.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Golden reported that student senators held another productive meeting last week and thanked Director Blaseg for stepping in to replace Superintendent Noble in her absence.

The group continues to work on the upcoming “Stand up for Acceptance” conference that is scheduled for March 21, 2019. Four students will be speaking about mental health and sharing their struggles.

Student Trustee Golden reported that there is already interest in next year’s Student Trustee position and hopes to have potential candidates shadow her to see what her job is all about.

6. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison thanked Student Trustee Golden for her leadership.

Trustee Clement reported that he represented Rainbow District School Board last week at Science North’s celebration of the renovation to the 4th floor, as part of their 35th anniversary. He was impressed with the new exhibits.

Trustee Clement congratulated Grace Selinger, a student at Espanola High School, who was chosen as the recipient of a \$60,000 scholarship from Queen’s University.

Motion: 19-R48, A.Gibson/K.St.Jean

That the Director, or designate, investigates the options and feasibility of recording and archiving live streamed public board meetings and bring a written report to the March 19, 2019 or April 23, 2019 Board Meeting for discussion. - **Carried**

Trustee Stringer voiced her appreciation in the revitalization project at Manitoulin Secondary School.

Trustee Hunda thanked parents for the positive feedback received on recent snow days and thanked staff that has taken students on numerous outdoor field trips (skiing, skating, snowshoeing) during these cold winter conditions.

Trustee Gibson asked if there was an update on the First Nation Trustee position. Director Blaseg advised that in a recent response to his ongoing inquiries, he was told that they were in the process of selecting their First Nation Trustee.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

The last of the secondary school information nights take place this week as Lasalle Secondary School hosts parents/guardians this evening and Espanola High School will open its doors on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

We remind parents/guardians to register their children for Kindergarten if they have not done so already. For children starting school for the very first time, there is an online registration form at rainbowschools.ca.

Chelmsford Public School has received \$2,975 from the Desjardins Foundation to promote reading. Staff and students have been participating in the Great Reading Race since September. It's a school-wide literacy challenge where readers accumulate kilometres per pages read. So far, readers have travelled all around the world. They now have their sights set on the moon! Funds from the Desjardins Foundation will be used to purchase a new book for each student in the school.

Jack Talks will be presented in Rainbow secondary schools from February 25th to 28th, 2019. Guest speakers from Jack.org will use the power of their personal stories to inspire and educate students about mental health, including signs of distress and resources for help.

A reminder that Friday, March 1, 2019 is the deadline for parents/guardians of students with special needs and exceptionalities to provide input into the 2019-2020 Special Education Plan. The Rainbow District School Board survey is available online at rainbowschools.ca.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 will participate in the Rainbow District School Board's Science Fair on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Lockerby Composite School. The public is invited to view the projects in the gymnasium from 12 pm to 1:30 pm. The awards ceremony will take place in the auditorium at 1:30 pm. Judges will select up to 40 projects for the Sudbury Regional Science Fair at Laurentian University's Alumni Hall on April 6 and 7, 2019.

Heather Parker, Co-ordinator of the Kiwanis Music Festival of Sudbury, is the 2019 recipient of the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. The award will be presented at the International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Trust on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Tickets are now on sale.

The thought for the month comes from Edward Everett Hale, American Author and Historian who said: *“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success”*.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

2. Non-Staff Communications

2019 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation dates
Board and Strategic Planning Schedule of Meetings 2019-2020

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Feb 20, 2019 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Parent Involvement Cmttee February 26, 2019 7:00 pm Boardroom
Student Senate Meeting March 4, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting March 5, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee March 6, 2019 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Mar 6, 2019 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Board Meeting March 19, 2019 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Cmttee April 2, 2019 7:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee May 16, 2019 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee May 16, 2019 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 19-R49, D.Morrion/J.Kosmerly
That we now adjourn at 7:07 p.m. – **Carried.**