

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, 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: K. Dokis, L. Fisher, H. Gaffney, C. McDonald, S. Ackroyd, T. Hayes, G. Gauthier, N. Mousseau, members of Lasalle Secondary School staff, Fabio Belli Foundation members, athletes, and members of the public

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

Chair Dewar continued, "Before I call the meeting to order, I want to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Chief Linda Debassige who is joining us for her first meeting as a Trustee.

Trustee Debassige is representing the 11 First Nations communities who have educational service agreements with Rainbow District School Board.

Director Blaseg and I were very pleased to be able to join Chief Debassige, last Thursday, April 18 when his Honour, Justice André Guay administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

Trustee Debassige: Rainbow District School Board sincerely values our relationship with First Nations and we look forward to working with you toward student success and well-being.

Welcome."

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 19-R62, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of April 23, 2019 be approved.

- Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION

1. 2019 Science Fair Award Winners
Lesley Fisher, Principal of Program, introduced the six students from Rainbow Schools grades 7 to 11 who were award winners:

Brendon Matusch - Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
"Improving Particle Classification in Dark Matter Experiments"

Adam Selalmatzidis - Northeastern Public School
"It's Hip To Be Square: Shaping A Solution To Waste Reduction"

Trevor Meek - Carl A. Nesbitt Public School
"A Timed On-Demand Wireless Heated Washer Fluid System"

Edward Xiong and Jordan Fergani - Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
"ATLAST"

Kerry Yang - Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
"Weeding out the Secret to Antibiotic Resistance"

Nethra Wickramasinghe - Lockerby Composite School
"Neuropsychiatric Interconnected Wearable System Using CBT"

Trustees congratulated the award winners.

2. 2017-2018 Annual Report
First Nation Education Service Agreement

Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, shared an informative powerpoint presentation with trustees, making reference to the 2017-2018 Annual Report First Nations Education Service Agreement. Data was reviewed.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

3. Student Achievement

Superintendent Noble and Heather Gaffney, Principal of Student Success, provided trustees with an informative presentation regarding graduation rates. Definitions were provided, data was shared, trends were discussed and examples were shown of students who have met success through the OYAP program, coop programs and dual credit program.

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

- a) Motion: 19-R63, J.Kosmerly/K.St.Jean
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**
- b) Motion: 19-R64, J.Hunda/D.Morrison
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Governance By-Law

Motion: 19-R65, D.Morrison/K.St.Jean
That the changes to *Governance By-Law-13 Conflict of Interest* be approved.
- **Carried**

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

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Strategic Planning Committee

- a) Motion: 19-R66, D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That \$2.0M from the Student Focused Initiative Reserve be approved for the Lasalle Secondary School Multi-Use Sports Facility. - **Carried**

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

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

- **Carried**

b) Board of Trustees Procedures

- I. Motion: 19-R67, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly
That revisions made to the *Board of Trustee Procedure: Trustee Attendance*, as attached, be approved. - **Carried**
- II. Motion: 19-R68, J.Kosmerly/K.St.Jean
That revisions made to the *Board of Trustee Procedure: Trustee Honoraria*, as attached, be approved. - **Carried**

- c) Notice of Motion: 19-R69, J.Hunda
That I or someone on my behalf shall move or cause to be moved at the next Board meeting that the changes to *Governance By-Law 4: Regular and Special Meetings of the Board* be approved.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion: 19-R70, J.Hunda/D.Morrison
That the short term borrowing bylaw 2019-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved. - **Carried**

2. **Live Streaming Report**

Motion: 19-R71, D.Morrison/M.Stringer
Effective May 2019, that the Regular Board Meetings of Rainbow District School Board held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom be live streamed and that the recorded meetings be outsourced to a private firm to be made AODA compliant (at an estimated annual cost of \$12,000), and that the AODA compliant recorded meetings be archived for one year and be accessible to the public via a Board provided web link and that this be reviewed in one year. - **Carried**

3. **Ontario Student Trustee Association - Annual General Meeting**

Motion: 19-R72, J.Hunda/L.Debassige
That the Board approve the attendance of the Student Trustee Hannah Golden and incoming Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau at the 2019 OSTA Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 23 to 26, 2019. - **Carried unanimously**

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

5. **Director's Remarks**

On Wednesday April 17 two Rainbow students, Colleen Gauvreau and Pierre Debassige, along with Mary Jago, our Mental Health Lead, sat on the College of Teachers advisory panel and spoke eloquently at the OCT conference, held at the Marriott Town Suites, on the role that teachers, staff and students play when the conversation of student mental health arises. We are very proud of RDSB's participation with the advisory council as it demonstrates our commitment to supporting our students.

On Monday April 15 I had the opportunity to present awards at the Kiwanis Music Festival's *2019 Stars of Excellence*. Many Rainbow students and schools were recognized for their talents. Fourteen Rainbow schools were represented. Please review the awards and pass them around, as there are too many to mention.

On Sunday, April 7 I had the opportunity to participate in the Annual Sudbury Regional Science Fair held at Laurentian University. A prouder day you could not have as Rainbow District School Board students won all major awards. In fact all students representing Sudbury at the Canada Wide Science Fair later this spring are from Rainbow District School Board.

When you hear about the challenges that some parts of the world are having, it is so refreshing to listen to our students, more specifically, our Kindergarten students at Larchwood Public School in Dowling. They have created a Kindness Ninja Movement. They are asking everyone to initiate Random Acts of Kindness (RAK). Included in their package is a pledge, a red bandana and a guide. The world has a lot to learn from the actions of 4 and 5 year olds – and yes the world's future looks a lot better as a result of this initiative – we are in good hands! Thank you!

Finally I would like to share with you an acknowledgement from the Terry Fox Foundation. Since the inception of the fundraiser RDSB students have raised over \$800,000. What an amazing accomplishment. Thanks to our communities, staff and most importantly to our students, we continue to fight the good fight in defeating cancer. Well done!

Itinerary:

March 20	Strategic Planning Committee Agenda Setting Meeting
March 21	Student Senate Conference Future Leaders
March 22	Budget Meeting
March 25	First Nation Portfolio meeting
March 26	Exec. Council School Visit – Algonquin Road Public School
March 27	School Visits with principals at Little Current Public School (4 principal visits representing C.C. McLean PS, Central Manitoulin PS, Assiginack PS and Little Current PS)
March 28	Population Health and Safety Advisory Panel Water Sports Complex
March 29	Exec. Council
April 1	Strategic Planning Committee Agenda Setting Meeting
April 2	Director's Meeting
April 3	Superintendent Wachnuk, Family of Schools Meeting

April 4 /5	Labour Relations Conference, Toronto
April 7	Regional Science Fair, Laurentian University
April 8	Professional Activity Day
April 9	Exec. Council Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
April 10	Agenda Setting Meeting
April 11 /12	CODE
April 13	Joan Mantle Music Trust Fundraiser
April 15	Budget Meeting Ministry Teleconference Kiwanis Music Awards, St. Andrews Church
April 16	Executive Council School Visits - Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School - MacLeod Public School
April 17	Ontario College of Teachers Mental Health Advisory Panel, Sudbury Student Achievement Meeting School Visit - R.L. Beattie PS
April 18	Trustee Linda Debassige Swearing in – Sudbury Court House, Judge Guay
April 23	Exec Council Labour Relations Committee Meeting Board Meeting

6. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement said that the next OPSBA Director’s meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2019 in Toronto. Alternate Trustee Kosmerly will be attending.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Golden reported that the Stand Up for Positivity Conference held on Thursday, March 21st at the Centre for Education was a huge success.

She reported on the board wide talent show that was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Sudbury Secondary School. Eighteen acts demonstrated the talent of students throughout Rainbow District School Board.

Student Trustee Golden reported that work continues for the upcoming Stand Up Speak Out Conference that is scheduled for May 8 and 9 at Cambrian College.

Student Trustee Golden also reported that incoming Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau would be accompanying her in attending the OSTA AGM in Toronto May 23 to 26 2019.

7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Hunda expressed her pride in the Student Senate for their leadership in the *Stand Up For Positivity* conference that was held in March and the board wide talent show that was held last week. She praised the hard work of these students.

Trustee Morrison commented on last week's provincial budget and questioned the future GSNs (Grants for Student Needs) announcement.

8. **Chairperson's Remarks**

It is encouraging to note that the Greater Essex County DSB recently sent a letter to the Premier, the Minister and all chairs of all Boards indicating support for one Board.

Recent reports suggest that Canada, on average, is experiencing global warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world. Today, in celebration of Earth Day, the Board challenged students and staff to reduce their energy consumption.

Six young scientists from Rainbow Schools who wowed the judges at the Sudbury Regional Science Fair on April 6 and 7 will compete at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick in May. We are very proud of all students for their outstanding achievement. Congratulations and best wishes to these students as they move on to the national level.

Circle your Calendars

Some 400 French Immersion and Core French students in Rainbow Schools will participate in the Franco-Rainbow lip sync competition tomorrow, Wednesday, April 24, at Sudbury Secondary School. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 won the honour of competing in the Board-wide event by capturing first place at in-school competitions in primary, junior and intermediate divisions.

Also on Wednesday, April 24, internationally recognized and award winning choreographer, Allen Kaeja, will be back for a final day of dance tutelage for dance students at Sudbury Secondary School.

On Thursday, April 25, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Manitoulin Secondary School will host its 24th annual PowWow. Everyone is welcome.

To celebrate Music Monday this year, on Monday, May 6, a number of events will take place in Rainbow Schools. Watch rainbowschools.ca for details.

Rainbow Schools will mark Education Week from May 6 to 10. Education week provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate teaching excellence, student achievement, parental involvement and exceptional community support in Rainbow Schools. A listing of events will be posted on rainbowschools.ca.

More than 400 students from Rainbow Schools will gather at Laurentian University on Friday, May 10, to participate in the Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair. The awards ceremony will begin at 12:30 pm in the Fraser Auditorium.

The thought for the month comes from [Nelson Mandela](#) who said, "[Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.](#)"

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Parent Involvement Committee minutes February 26, 2019 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Letter to Minister of Education Lisa Thompson dated April 11, 2019

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Education Advisory Cmttee May 1, 2019 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting May 1, 2019 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Student Senate Meeting May 6, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkers Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting May 7, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkers Boardroom
Stand Up Speak Out Conference May 8 & 9 2019 Cambrian College
Parent Involvement Committee May 14, 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 Checkers Boardroom
Board Meeting May 22, 2019 5:00 pm Training Lab (room 139)
Board Awards May 22, 2019 6:30 pm Ernie Checkers Boardroom
Board Meeting - Budget May 28, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkers Boardroom
Retirement Dinner June 4, 2019 6:00 pm Holiday Inn

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 19-R73, D.Morrison/K.St.Jean
That we now adjourn at 7:25 p.m. – **Carried.**