

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer
Absent: 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, L. Fisher, H. Gaffney, C. McDonald
Others: T. Dewit, D. Boullion, E. Caetano, C. Guillet and member of the public

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for May 7, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Superintendent Noble introduced the third component in Rainbow District School Board's Strategic Directions, Literacy Comprehension. This component followed previous presentations on Automaticity/Spaced Practice in year 1 and Vocabulary in year 2.

Principals Lesley Fisher, Heather Gaffney and Colleen McDonald spoke about literacy comprehension, a balanced literacy program, shared reading, summary of EQAO results and a shared reading model using GRASS (Given, Required, Application, Solution, Summary).

Teachers Dan Boullion, Eric Caetano and Crystal Guillet from Algonquin Road PS explained their experiences with shared reading with buddies as well as shared reading in mathematics. Videos were shown to exhibit what shared reading looks like in a grade 7 mathematics classroom.

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

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion: D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on April 9, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Update

Superintendent Bazinet referenced Ministry Memos 2019:B14 and 2019:B15 that were distributed to trustees to provide high-level details concerning the Ministry's recent funding announcements for 2019-2020.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

2. Long-Term Capital Data

Superintendent Bazinet walked trustees through the Long-Term Capital Data presentation, outlining the process, reviewing the definitions, noting the utilization ratings and enrolment trends. This annual presentation is the launch for the next cycle of student accommodation. Superintendent Bazinet took time to review each planning area in detail.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

EQAO

Poverty

Policy Review

- Policy No. GOV-05: Code of Conduct: Board Members
- Policy No. GOV-15: Student Accommodation

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Kosmerly spoke about Confederation Secondary School's cafeteria, which is now home to an Indigenous mural inspired by the Seven Grandfather

Teachings. Students painted the mural under the direction of local Indigenous artist Michael Cywink. The Ontario Arts Council funded the project, which took approximately two weeks to complete.

Trustee Hunda reminded trustees of the *Stand Up Speak Out Conference* that will be taking place on May 8 and 9, 2019 at Cambrian College. She also advised of a *Let's Dance* production at Sudbury Secondary School on May 23, 2019.

Trustee Dewar reminded that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 5:00 PM will be an abbreviated meeting followed by the Annual Board Awards at 6:30 PM.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 11, 2019

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Kosmerly/K.St.Jean

That the meeting be adjourned (6:55 pm). - **Carried**