

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

<p>AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS</p>
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- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *Chair
- Motion:
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 11, 2019 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** *Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS** *Chair
1. International Program at Cambrian College - Bill Best, President, Cambrian College
 2. International Education Program – Superintendent Noble
 3. Summer Programs
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD** *Director
- E. OLD BUSINESS** *Director
1. **Previous Minutes** *Chair
- Motion:
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 22, 2019 be approved.
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL *SBO
 3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair
- F. NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. 2019/20 Budget Presentation

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
- Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the June 11, 2019 Board meeting.
3. **Director's Remarks** *Director
4. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Delegate
Student Trustee
5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
6. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Sept. 12, 2018 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes October 3, 2018 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Feb. 6, 2019 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes March 6, 2019 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes April 3, 2019 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
Student Senate Meeting June 17, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting June 18, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Board Meeting July 2, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
- I. **ADJOURNMENT** *Chair
- Motion:
That we do now adjourn at _____ p.m.

Title:	Summer Programs for Rainbow Students, 2019
Contact:	Judy Noble and Kathy Wachnuk
Date Submitted:	Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Mandate	Student Success
Background	Rainbow schools offer programs to support Students during the summer months.
Information	<p>Elementary Special Education: Rainbow Schools will continue to offer the Summer Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder at Princess Anne Public School. The focus is to support students in our intensive support program (ISP) classrooms and expand upon the goals in their individual education plans. The Summer Program for students with social/emotional needs will be held at Jean Hanson Public School. This program will support student social/emotional well-being and self-regulation, while providing opportunities to enhance their social skills in a supportive environment. These programs service students from 5 to 12 years old.</p> <p>Elementary: For the ninth summer, Rainbow schools will offer summer programs to support primary and junior students who are currently achieving below the provincial standard, funded by the Council of Ontario Directors of Education. Six literacy classes will be hosted at Chelmsford Public School, Lansdowne Public School and Little Current Public School. Support for mathematics will form the major component of the afternoon recreation component in addition to Science, Technology and Physical Activity.</p> <p>For the fourth summer, Rainbow schools will be offering Kindergarten Summer Camp for students who are enrolled for Year 1 Kindergarten for September 2019. The program runs from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and has an outdoor learning component. This year, all Rainbow schools will be tentatively hosting the program, subject to sufficient enrolment. Sites will be finalized by June 21st, 2019 in order to inform parents of the feasibility of the program at each school.</p> <p>Elementary Indigenous: The University of Sudbury, in partnership with Rainbow District School Board, is hosting a free 3-day youth cultural summer camp called Bizhaak Anishinaabe-Gkendaaswin Wii-Gkendmek (Come to learn Nishnaabe knowledge): Indigenous Studies Camp. The program is open to 30 grade 7 and 8 Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. Traditional and land-based teachings, team building activities, Nishnaabemwin and more will fill students' days. Lunches and snacks will be provided.</p> <p>Secondary: Grade 6/7/8 remedial literacy and numeracy with an experiential learning component will again be offered at Princess Anne Public School along with grade 9-12 Credit Recovery programs offered at the Sudbury Secondary Adult Ed site, and new credit opportunities available through COOP and eLearning Summer School. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course, Dual Credits, COOP</p>

and Credit Recovery will be offered at the Cambrian College site. Once again volunteer opportunities will continue to be a focus for all secondary students this summer.

Indigenous Education will be offering the Career Studies and Civics and Citizenship courses at Manitoulin Secondary School (July and August), Espanola High School (August) and Lively District Secondary School (August) this summer. Students transitioning from grade 8 to grade 9 will be the focused group for these courses. One of the Manitoulin sections is being funded by Aundeck Omni-Kaning and the Lively section is being funded by Atikameksheng Anishnawbek.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Training Lab (Room 139)
at the Centre for Education
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Wednesday, May 22, 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
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
H. Thirkill
Others: T. Hayes, G. Gauthier, C. McDonald, N. Mousseau

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 19-R74 D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 22, 2019 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 1 b) *Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting* under NEW BUSINESS. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION

Superintendent Bourget provided trustees with an overview of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA).

Superintendent Bourget spoke about Sudbury District Secondary School Athletic Association (SDSSAA), the schools that are part of SDSSAA from all four school boards in the Sudbury area, spring; summer and winter sports that are available to students; how SDSSAA is governed; the goals; Code of Ethics; benefits of athletics; Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations (OFSAA) transfer policy; different categories of transfers; school size classifications and Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics (NOSSA) associations and schools.

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-R75, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

2. **Governance By-Law**

Motion: 19-R76, L.Debassige/M.Stringer

That the changes to *Governance By-Law-4 Regular and Special Meeting of the Board* be approved. - **Carried**

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

Motion: 19-R77, D.Morrison J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for supply of Custodial Supplies – RFP 2019-FAC-05, to Reliable Maintenance Products. - **Carried**

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

Special Education Plan 2019-2020

Motion: 19-R78, J.Kosmerly/M.Stringer

That the Special Education Plan 2019-2020 as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) be approved. – **Carried unanimously**

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1a) **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 19-R79, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That Student Trustee Hannah Golden be granted a leave of absence from the May 22, 2019 Board meeting. - **Carried**

b) **Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting**

Motion: 19-R80, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the 2019 OPSBA Annual General Meeting in Toronto July 4 to 7, 2019:

Trustee Kosmerly, Trustee Stringer - **Carried**

2. **Director's Remarks**

On May 10th Chair Dewar and I attended the Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair Awards at Laurentian University. We are extremely proud of our Heritage Fair winners and wish them luck at the Provincial competition on June 8/9 in Toronto.

Canada Wide Science Fair winners were announced and once again we are very fortunate to have gold, silver and bronze medal winners at the national level.

Graduations are fast approaching; please ensure you respond to any request you receive as soon as possible. If you are double booked please let Heather know so that we can ensure someone from staff could attend one of those booking on your behalf.

Staffing process is underway. It is very difficult to be accurate at this time as the yardstick changes based on the interpretation of the proposed staffing allocation of 28:1 and other grant restructuring measures. Final numbers will be available in June.

On May 9 Student Senate held its annual Conference at Cambrian College. The conference was well attended and was a huge success. Thanks to Trustee Hunda and Superintendent Noble for guiding and supporting the conference.

Principal placements will be shared at the June 11 Board meeting. Over the past two days we have interviewed 12 teachers looking to become vice-principals and 7 vice-principals wanting to become principals. We were very pleased with the quality of individuals who put their names forward.

RDSB Summer Learning Program

Dates: July 2-19, 2019

Who is eligible? Students currently in grades 1-5

What is the focus of the program?

Grades 1-3 - Learning to read (decoding)

Grades 4-5 - Reading to learn (comprehension)

A recreational component will include a combination of STEAM, robotics and physical activities.

How will students be selected?

Grades 1-3 - students not decoding at grade level and are less than 2 years behind

Grades 4-5 - students achieving levels 1 & 2 with reading comprehension

*Limited staffing is available and there will be no Educational Assistant supports attached to this program.

Sites offering the program:

Lansdowne PS, Chelmsford PS, Little Current PS

Is there bussing?

Bussing will be provided at various central pickup locations based on the geographical disbursement of the registrants.

Door to door pickup will be an option for various locations for the Little Current PS site.

Registration Requirements & Timelines:

Parents will need to be contacted by school representatives to recommend the program for eligible children as soon as possible.

June 3 -7 Families will be sent directions to complete online registration and program details

June 10 -14 Confirmation of registration will be sent to families and schools

June 17-21 Bussing information will be confirmed with families

*Other summer school programming will be shared at the Board Meeting scheduled for June 11.

Board Meeting date changes

May 28th Board meeting has been cancelled. We have yet to receive the technical paper from the Ministry of Education.

June 11th was scheduled as a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting. It will now be scheduled as a Board Meeting.

June 18th will be scheduled as a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting.

Itinerary:

- April 24 Agenda Setting
 ETFO meeting
- April 25 Meeting with Bill Best, President of Cambrian College
 School Visits:
 Copper Cliff Public School
 Walden Public School
 Levack Public School
 Larchwood Public School
- April 26 System Principal Visit – K-6 programming
 School Visits:
 Monetville Public School
 Markstay Public School
 Confederation Secondary School
- April 29 School Visits:
 S. Geiger Public School
 Espanola High School
 Chelmsford Valley District Composite School
 Alexander Public School
- May 1 School Visits:
 Valley View Public School
 Lasalle Secondary School
 C.R.Judd Public School
 Redwood Acres Public School
- May 2 Director’s meeting
- May 3 School Visits:
 A.B. Ellis Public School
 Churchill Public School (Hospice)
 Barrydowne College
- May 7 Executive Council Meeting
 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

- May 8 School Visit:
Churchill Public School
Agenda Setting
- May 9 School Visit:
Levack Public School (Principal Visit)
Student Senate Conference– Cambrian College
- May 10 Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair – Laurentian University
- May 13 CODE – teleconference
Safe Schools Meeting
- May 14 Executive Council Meeting
- May 15 Safe Schools Meeting
Science North Announcement – Dynamic Earth
- May 16 Superintendent Judy Noble’s Family of Schools meeting
- May 17 School Visit:
Cecil Facer
- May 21 Teacher to Vice Principal interviews
- May 22 Vice Principal to Principal Interviews
Board Meeting
Board Awards

3. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Kosmerly (OPSBA Alternate) spoke about the OPSBA Director’s meeting that she attended on May 3, 2019 in Toronto. Trustee Kosmerly’s notes were shared with trustees via email.

Student Trustee – NIL

4. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Hunda reminded trustees of the *Let’s Dance* production being held at Sudbury Secondary School on May 23, 2019.

5. **Chairperson’s Remarks** NIL

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

2. **Non-Staff Communications**
2019 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation dates *FINAL*

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee May 30, 2019 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Retirement Dinner June 4, 2019 6:00 pm Holiday Inn
Special Education Advisory Cmttee June 5, 2019 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Student Senate Meeting June 10, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Board Meeting June 11, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Student Senate Meeting June 17, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting June 18, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Board Meeting July 2, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 19-R81, D.Morrison/B.Clement
That we now adjourn at 6:15 p.m. – **Carried.**

The annual Board Awards Ceremony was held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom at 6:30 PM.

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**Rainbow District School Board
Special Education Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

12:00 PM

Room 125 – Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education

Present:

SEAC Members:

Maureen Beaudry	Canadian Hearing Society
Bob Clement	Trustee
Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disability Association of Sudbury

Staff:

Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
Joanne Taillon	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Wachnuck	Superintendent

Regrets: No regrets were received.

1.0 Welcome / Introductions

Chair Larouche welcomed everybody and all members introduced themselves.
Sp.Ed. Consultant Joanne Taillon is replacing David Squarzolo as the SEAC secretary beginning today.

2.0 Establish Quorum / Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

The mission statement was read aloud.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: M.Beaudry

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of September 12, 2018 be approved. Carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes

Motion 2:

Moved by: M.Beaudry

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of June 6, 2018 be approved. Carried.

7.0 Business Arising

7.1 Ministry Recognition of FASD

Superintendent Wachnuck reported that no further direction from the Ministry has been provided regarding the recognition of FASD as an exceptionality.

Wendy Larouche will share additional FASD information at an upcoming SEAC meeting.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Requests for Leaves of Absence

No requests were received.

9.0 Superintendent's Report

9.1 Superintendent Wachnuck provided feedback from the 2018 Special Education audit that was led by the Ministry of Education. Ministry members met with five focus groups representing various RDSB stakeholders and outside agencies. The Ministry was pleased with the discussions and was able to provide recommendations on inclusion, Math strategy growth, EA qualifications and protecting specialty trained staff.

Superintendent Wachnuck shared that the Board currently employs 183 Educational Assistants to provide additional support to our neediest students.

Superintendent Wachnuck shared information about staff training for the Empower Reading Program.

The Government has recently announced province wide funding cuts that will affect the neediest students. Specifically, the RDSB's SIP allowance was cut by \$1.493 million. Superintendent Wachnuck explained that the Special Education staffing was not based on receiving the extra money. RDSB schools maintained their SERT (Special Education Resource Teacher) allotment or it was increased for the 2018-19 school year. Also, 25 new Educational assistants were hired.

MOTION 3:

Moved by: SEAC members

Seconded by: M. Beaudry

That SEAC members write a letter to the Ministry to protest the cuts. Carried.

9.3 Superintendent Wachnuck shared a new document: Humans Rights Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities. This document is intended to help level the playing field for all students.

9.4 Superintendent Wachnuck shared that many students want to bring their pet dogs to school for various reasons and refer to them as Therapy Dogs or Service Dogs. The differences were explained and the Board is currently investigating each case/request individually.

Trustee Clement explained the 12-step program his own dog passed and expressed a willingness to be part of a committee to investigate the integration of Therapy dogs in a controlled setting.

9.5 Superintendent Wachnuk shared the new Plan Of Care for dealing with anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and seizures that was presented at the Strategic Planning Meeting held on September 11, 2018. Details are provided on the Board website.

9.6 A new Psychologist was hired. Dr. Terri Barriault was the former Clinical Director at CCR and will report to Chief Psychologist Dr. Patricia Ross who reports to Principal McDonald.

9.7 The Head Strong Conference will take place at Lockerby Secondary school. The focus is on Mental Well Being. Select students from RDSB high schools will attend and it is open to all four School Boards.

10.0 Special Education Update

Principal McDonald shared that on-going training for Special Education staff will include IEP workshops for new teachers, Special Education Resource Teachers meetings, ABA Team and school meetings, and BMS training (de-escalating strategies) to support students. Twelve schools will offer Empower (Intensive Reading Program) this school year and training and/or refreshers will be provided.

11.0 Board Report

11.1 July 3, 2018 Board Meeting:

The Board approved The Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan along with the 2018/19 budget.

11.2 July 3, 2018 and July 19, 2018 Meetings: The board approved motions regarding a trustee. These motions were passed unanimously and were unanimously upheld at the July 19, 2018 special meeting.

11.3 August 28, 2018 Regular Board Meeting:

Student Hannah Golden from Sudbury Secondary was welcomed as the student trustee for the current school year.

Director Blaseg confirmed that teachers will follow the Health and Phys.Ed curriculum changes handed down by the Ministry. Teachers will have opportunities to answer student questions regarding areas that are no longer in the curriculum in accordance with those sections of the Education Act on equity, inclusion, and safe schools.

As a result of funding changes made by the new government, special education took a big hit resulting in cuts to funding. Director Blaseg is writing to the Ministry for an explanation. SEAC members may do the same.

The livestreaming of meetings will begin in upcoming Board meetings.

11.4 September 11, 2018: Strategic Planning Meeting:

A video on concussions was viewed at the meeting. This video was filmed and produced at Sudbury Secondary school.

There were presentations on Math Fundamentals along with the new procedures in place for medical conditions.

12.0 Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Larouche will share a copy of the new FASD document with SEAC Members via email. The document was shared by contacts at NEO Kids.

13.0 Association Reports

Julie Contini asked if there would be an update in regards to the ISP students that moved into regular classes.

14.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

No correspondence was received.

15.0 Other Items / Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

Update regarding the ISP students that moved in to regular classes.

16.0 Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 – RDSB Centre for Education

17.0 Adjournment

Chair Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2:03 PM.

**Rainbow District School Board
Special Education Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018
12:00 PM**

Room 125 – Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education

Present:

SEAC Members:

Maureen Beaudry

Bob Clement

Julie Contini

Judy Kosmerly

Wendy Larouche (Chair)

Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)

Canadian Hearing Society

Trustee

Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

Trustee

Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

Autism Ontario -Sudbury

Staff:

Colleen McDonald

Joanne Taillon

Kathy Wachnuck

Principal of Special Education Programs and Services

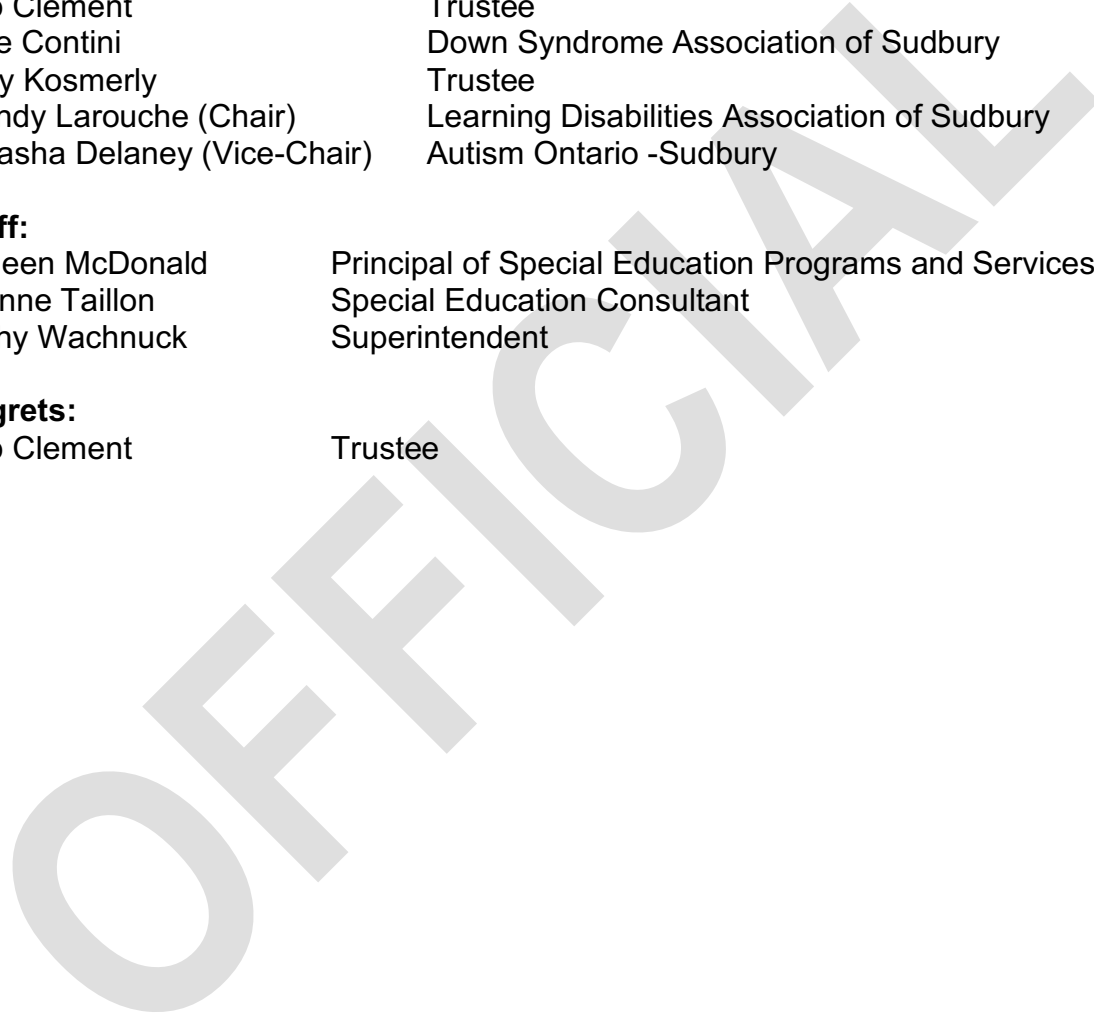
Special Education Consultant

Superintendent

Regrets:

Bob Clement

Trustee



1.0 Welcome / Introductions

W.Larouche welcomed all SEAC members

2.0 Establish Quorum / Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

The mission statement was read aloud by N.Delaney.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: N.Delaney

Seconded by: J.Contini

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of October 3, 2018 be approved.
Motion carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes

Motion 2:

Moved by : Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: M.Beaudry

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of September 12, 2018 be approved.
Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

Trustee Kosmerly shared that the writing of the SEAC letter to the Ministry is currently on hold.

The Head Strong Conference was held at Lockerby School on September 20, 2018. Mary Jago, RDSB Mental Health Lead, and the Social Worker staff coordinated and supported the event. Students from five boards attended and it was very well received. Attendees were given tool kits to bring back and implement in their schools.

8.0 New Business

Special Education Summer Programs 2018

Principal McDonald shared a presentation outlining the three programs that were provided during the summer of 2018. Princess Anne P.S. provided a structured summer program for twenty students with Autism. The Social Emotional Program took place at Jean Hanson and Redwood Acres. New

this summer was ABA (Applied Behaviour Analysis) and it was offered to Kindergarten age students. The focus was on skill building and was delivered through a RDSB Teacher and Board-Certified Behaviour Analyst.

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by : Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: M.Beaudry

That the SEAC approve the absence of Trustee Bob Clement from the October 3, 2018 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk shared and discussed the Rainbow District School Board Special Consultation Audit Report with SEAC Members.

Discussion regarding EQAO results can be shared at November or December SEAC.

Mental Health: All grade 1 students will be receiving Resiliency Programming within their classrooms this school year.

Principal McDonald and Nicole Charette are working on the RDSB website to include procedures regarding peanut substitutes.

11.0 Special Education Update

Principal McDonald shared that the September 2018 PA day included ABA training and school improvement planning. The upcoming October PA day will include various guest speakers and presentations with a focus on equity. RDSB Chief Psychologist, Dr. Patricia Ross will also offer an *Equity Of Learning* presentation.

12.0 Board Report

J. Kosmerly shared the Mental Health Strategic Plan with SEAC members.

13.0 Chairperson's Remarks

Sickkids is looking for families with children who struggle with reading for a research study on the genetics of reading disabilities. The study includes a psycho-educational assessment, parent interviews and questionnaires, along with blood samples from the child and parents.

October is LD Awareness month. W.Larouche shared the various activities that are planned for the month. A “31 Days of LD” calender was forwarded to RDSB schools.

14.0 Association Reports

N.Delaney shared that October is also Autism Awareness Month. A Super Hero event will be held at KUPP. A gift wrap fundraiser will be organized to support a new project focusing on job security and meaningful employment.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

No correspondence.

16.0 Other Items / Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- Update regarding the ISP students that moved into regular classes.
- Overview of optional board placements.
- Consider inviting Mary Jago to a SEAC meeting to discuss the 2018-2021 Mental Health Strategic Plan.

17.0 Next SEAC Meeting Date:

November 7, 2018 from 12:00 until 2:00 PM in Room 125 at the RDSB Board Office, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2:10 PM.

**Rainbow District School Board
Special Education Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

12:00 PM

Room 125 – Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education

Present:

SEAC Members:

Bob Clement

Julie Contini

Natasha Delaney (Vice Chair)

Wendy Larouche (Chair)

Julia Ritchie

Cereena Rows

Robert Silvestri

Kerrie St Jean

Margaret Stringer

Alternate Trustee

Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

Autism Ontario Sudbury Chapter

Learning Disability Association of Sudbury

Ontario Autism Coalition

FASD Consultant

Northern Ontario Assessment Resource Centre

Alternate Trustee

Trustee (via teleconference)

Staff:

Colleen McDonald

David Squarzolo

Joanne Taillon

Kathy Wachnuck

Principal of Special Education Programs and Services

Election Facilitator /Vice Principal

Special Education Consultant

Superintendent

Regrets:

Kelly Lee Assinewe

Judy Kosmerly

Darryl Walker

N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre Alternate

Trustee

N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

1.0 Welcome / Introductions

W. Larouche welcomed everyone and SEAC members introduced themselves.

2.0 Establish Quorum / Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

N. Delaney read aloud the mission statement.

4.0 Elections

D. Squarzolo explained the election process and opened the nominations for Chair.
N. Delaney nominated W.Larouche for the position of Chair.
W. Larouche allowed her name to stand and was acclaimed Chair.

D. Squarzolo opened the nomination for Vice Chair.
W. Larouche nominated N. Delaney for the position of Vice Chair.
N. Delaney allowed her name to stand and was acclaimed Vice Chair.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of February 6, 2019 be approved.

Moved by: N.Dalaney

Seconded by: J.Contini

Motion carried.

6.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

7.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of October 3, 2018 be approved.

Moved by : N.Delaney

Seconded by: W.Larouche

Motion carried.

8.0 Business Arising

W.Larouche asked for clarification regarding 16.0.

J.Contini continues to be interested in attending SEAC and requested consideration or discussion for alternate SEAC times and/or meeting days. SEAC members discussed various options and are encouraged to contact W.Larouche with their thoughts and preferences before the next meeting.

9.0 New Business

RDSB Mental Health Lead, Mary Jago, explained the Board's Mental Health Strategy and shared a related Power Point presentation.

M. Jago and Superintendent Wachnuck answered questions and elaborated on the importance of early intervention, the Kids Have Stress Too programs that are currently in place in Rainbow Schools, and other available supports for educators (ex: Go Noodle aps). The BRISK pilot program and training for Tier 2 (Prevention and promotion in primary classes) and the move toward Tier 3 and specialized services were also discussed. Community agencies such as CFC struggle to meet the needs of the growing number of young people in need of services. The Ministry is looking for other ways to service those in need (ex: School Boards). RDSB currently has nine social workers.

10.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

That the SEAC approve the absences of Trustee Kosmerly, Darryl Walker, and Kelly Lee Assinewe from the February 6th, 2019 SEAC meeting.

Moved by: J.Contini

Seconded by: B.Clement

Motion carried.

11.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuck explained that each year, an Invitation For Parental Input is sent out to parents of students that are deemed exceptional learners in our board. Parental feedback is encouraged and reviewed. A sample of the invitation was shared and is also available on-line. Superintendent Wachnuck will provide more details about the feedback received and the number of completed invitations at a future SEAC meeting.

Superintendent Wachnuck shared that the Ministry of Education is hosting a Mental Health Assist meeting in Toronto next week. She will attend with Mental Health Lead M.Jago and our Chief Psychologist P.Ross. Items of interest include direction for schools regarding the recent legalization of cannabis along with the role of Social Workers in schools. Superintendent Wachnuck explained the current role of the Social Worker in Rainbow schools and the differences between Tier 1 and Tier 2 support.

On-going Mental Health First Aid training for staff has been useful and well received.

Through the Northern Initiative funding (NSI), our Board is interested in partnerships with community agencies to assist the hardest to serve students with Mental Health needs. To date, a site (previously closed school) and a partnership with CCR (Child Care Resources) have been secured. This Northern Day Program will provide care/treatment and education for a number of high-needs students with Mental Health challenges that might otherwise only be available down south. These students need not be deemed exceptional learners or have a diagnosis. Time limits in the program would be flexible. Staff will include a RDSB teacher, a Child and Youth Worker, Dr. Terri Barriault (Psychologist with the RDSB), CCR and CFC staff. CAS is also interested in the partnership. Community agencies and other school boards are encouraged and welcome to join the partnership.

SIP applications are submitted yearly to the Ministry for review and consideration. These applications are made to assist and support our neediest and hardest to serve students. Last school year, the application was made for 4.2 million dollars. This year, an application for five million dollars was submitted. This money is used for human resources (EA support) for students.

12.0 Special Education Update

Principal McDonald distributed SEAC binders to new members. Returning members received up-dated inserts.

Professional Development for Educational Assistants was offered this month. This included full certification and/or refreshers on best practices and behaviour management systems to assist in the prevention and de-escalating of student behaviours.

Other Special Education Staff (Sp.Ed. teachers, Speech/Language staff, Psych staff, and Consultants) held In-take meetings this week. At these meetings, schools SERTS present students for appropriate assessments and/or inquire about specific next steps to assist struggling learners.

13.0 Board Report

B.Clement welcomed all new SEAC members and shared that he is pleased with the much needed focus on Mental Health.

14.0 Chairperson's Remarks

W.Larouche shared that nominations are now being accepted for the CTC Sally Spence award.

15.0 Association Reports

J.Contini shared that the Go 21 Walk is in its 31st year.
March 31 is Down Syndrome Day and educator packages are available.

N.Delaney shared that the Christmas Fundraiser did not occur and that they have a new office in Lockerby. New funding has been announced, a Valentine dance will take place, and a February 8 webinar is planned regarding Girls on the Spectrum.

R.Silvestri shared highlights of two published articles related to:

- 1) Extra Time For Students With Learning Disabilities
- 2) Text to Speech Assistive Technology: Who It Helps and Who It Doesn't

R.Silverstri and W.Larouche will also offer 10 weeks of support for parents with children with ADHD/LD.

16.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

17.0 Other Items / Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

Orientation/training based on information in SEAC binder.

18.0 Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at noon in Room 125 at the RDSB Board office located at 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury.

19.0 Adjournment

W.Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2PM.

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**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Time: 12:00 PM

Room 125 – Rainbow District School Board

Present:

SEAC Members:

Bob Clement

Julie Contini

Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)

Wendy Larouche (Chair)

Julia Ritchie

Cereena Rows

Robert Silvestri

Margaret Stringer

Daryl Walker

Trustee (Alternate)

Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter

Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

CCR Parent Advisory/ Ontario Autism Coalition

FASD Consultant - CCN

NOARC

Trustee

N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

Staff:

Colleen McDonald

Joanne Taillon

Kathy Wachnuk

Principal of Special Education Programs and Services

Special Education Consultant

Superintendent

Regrets:

Judy Kosmerly

Trustee

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

All members introduced themselves.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

N. Delaney read aloud the mission statement.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: R. Silvestri

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of March 6, 2019 be approved.

Motion carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: R. Silvestri

That the amended minutes of the SEAC meeting of February 6, 2019 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

Following the February SEAC meeting, members sent email messages to W.Larouche regarding their preferences and feedback regarding possible changes to times, frequency, and/or duration of SEAC meetings.

Based on the comments received, no changes to the SEAC meetings will be made at this time.

8.0 New Business

W.Larouche provided a section by section overview of the SEAC binder. She encouraged members to contact her with any questions.

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: J. Contini

That the SEAC approve the absence of Trustee Kosmerly from the March 6, 2019 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Wachnuk reported that 4.9% of parents submitted the Special Education Survey. This is a slight increase over last year. Of the 118 responses, 37 respondents completed the electronic version of the survey. No significant comments or surprises were reported by parents.

Staffing and Finance approval information will be brought forward at a future SEAC meeting.

Superintendent Wachnuk provided an overview of the April 1, 2019 Government changes to the funding for children with Autism. She shared the number of students at Rainbow District School Board that have an exceptionality of Autism, those that currently receive direct services from CCR, and others that are on wait lists for services that will no longer exist. Superintendent Wachnuk explained the amounts of money available to children based on household income and the ways the money could be spent.

SEAC Members discussed and elaborated on the current practice, the changes, and the anticipated challenges.

Superintendent Wachnuk shared that the Rainbow District School Board has specialized staff that service students with Autism. She explained the role of our Certified Behaviour Analysts and their team of teachers.

Superintendent Wachnuk explained the various special education placements that our Board offers. They include regular class with monitoring and/or support, the Intensive Support Placements, Jean Hanson PS, the ABA program, home instruction, and the new Gill street location for treatment and education.

In response to the government's recently announced hiring freeze, Superintendent Wachnuk explained that professional development that focusses on in-servicing will continue. If warranted, contract work is also a possibility.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald reported that our ABA (Applied Behaviour Analyst) team is offering 5-part training for interested staff. These workshops are being offered after-school hours and will assist in building capacity.

The next Professional Activity Day is April 8, 2019. ABA training will be provided along with re-certification in First Aid and BMS/Behaviour Management Systems for Educational Assistants.

Special Education consultants, parents, principals, community agencies, and resource teachers are currently attending Pre-School Transition meetings for children with high needs that are entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2019. These information-sharing meetings assist in ensuring a smooth transition to school.

12.0 Board Report

Trustee Clement expressed the challenges some students are faced with when identified with a Learning Disability at an older age. Some of these older children view their learning challenges as a disability instead of a learning difference.

Trustee Stringer recognizes and appreciates all educators, advocates, and the board's on-going and pro-active efforts.

13.0 Chairperson's Report

W. Larouche requested clarification or an up-date regarding the FASD exceptionality. To date, no news has been shared with the Board. W.Larouche will look into this further.

14.0 Association Reports

N.Delaney shared a copy of a petition to support Ontario Families with Autism and explained that the new funding caps are based on the age of children and family income instead of the clinical needs of individual children with Autism.

N. Delaney also read the most recent statement from Autism Ontario and shared that it is available on-line for review. She explained that parents are concerned, confused, and frustrated with the funding changes. In response, parents have started a Facebook page and various activities are planned.

March 7, 2019: A rally is being held at noon at 555 Barrydowne road in Sudbury. It will include a live skype. A march is also scheduled in Toronto, in solidarity with the provincial rally, from 11AM-2PM. A bus leaves the Walmart parking lot at 4AM.

March 10, 2019: An Open House is being held.

March 14, 2019: A Town Hall will be held at Countryside Arena from 6PM-8PM.

March 22, 2019: A free one-hour webinar is scheduled from 12PM-1PM.

Motion 4:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Stringer

That the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) recommend to the board that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Education regarding changes to the Ontario Autism Program and the significant adverse impact these changes will have on student programs and services in Rainbow District School Board.

Motion carried.

If needed, SEAC members also approve changes in the wording of the motion.

J. Contini shared that March 21, 2019 is World Down Syndrome Day and that this year's annual conference will be held in British Columbia.

C. Rows shared that CCN (Children's Community Network) is not closing and that she could provide the SEAC with more details regarding services and their delivery model at a future meeting.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

No correspondence was received.

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

CCN presentation

Autism Ontario presentation

17.0 Next Meeting Date

April 3, 2019 at noon in room 125 at the Rainbow District School Board Office located at 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2:08 PM.

**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Time: 12:00 PM

Room 125 – Rainbow District School Board

Present:

SEAC Members:

Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)	Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Julia Ritchie	CCR Parent Advisory/ Ontario Autism Coalition
Cereena Rows	FASD Consultant
Robert Silvestri	NOARC
Margaret Stringer	Trustee (via teleconference)

Staff:

Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
Joanne Taillon	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent

Regrets:

Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
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Absent:

Daryl Walker	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
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1.0 Welcome and Introductions

All members introduced themselves.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

N.Delaney read aloud the mission statement.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: N.Delaney

Seconded by: J.Ritchie

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of April 3, 2019 be approved.

Motion carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: N.Delaney

Seconded by: R.Silvestri

That the amended minutes of the SEAC meeting of March 6, 2019 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

W.Larouche shared that the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) wording of Bill 44 remains the same. Nothing was added or deleted.

8.0 New Business

C.Rows shared a power point presentation explaining recent changes at the Children's Community Network (CCN). The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Program and services was lunched earlier this year and services are now available in the Sudbury area and on Manitoulin Island. C.Rows presented Fetal Alcohol Disorder as a brain-based disability and explained her role as a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Consultant. An information pamphlet was also provided to SEAC members.

Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: N.Delaney

Seconded by: J.Ritchie

That the SEAC approve the absence of J.Contini from the April 3, 2019 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

9.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk reported on the student exceptionality count in our Board and provided the breakdown by schools and specific exceptionalities. The Care and Treatment locations along with the services provided at each site were explained.

Tentative Special Education staffing for next school year was shared. An additional Intensive Support classroom will be added at Churchill Public School.

An update of the government's most recent changes to Autism funding was provided. Starting in May 2019, the government will engage in public consultations through an online survey and telephone town halls. Autism Ontario has been asked to assist the ministry with the online survey. The following SEAC members are interested in taking part in consultations (Superintendent Wachnuk, Trustee Kosmerly, Trustee Stringer, N.Delaney, C.Rows). The government expects to announce updates in the fall that will build on previously announced reform for autism services, including those in the classroom.

The Children's Community Resources (CCR) provides children with Autism treatment to develop communication skills. These skills are extremely valuable in school. The number of preschool and school-aged children currently receiving services and those on wait lists were also discussed.

All of our currently employed Educational Assistants and all Early Intervention Special Education Teachers have received Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) training.

10.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald reported that the next professional development day is April 8, 2019. Educational Assistants will receive First Aid re-certification or Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) training. Also, ten schools will receive a half day of Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) training.

11.0 Board Report

Trustee Stringer shared that the SEAC motion regarding Autism funding concerns was passed at the March 19, 2019 Board Meeting. A Student Trustee also spoke about concerns regarding the expected increased class sizes. Trustee Stringer will be attending a mass Rally for Education on Saturday April 6, 2019 at Queen's Park to show support for a properly funded education system in Ontario.

Trustee Kosmerly shared that at the March 19, 2019 Board meeting, Chair Dewar addressed concerns regarding the Autism funding changes and increased class sizes. E-learning was also discussed. Board Meetings are live-streamed on the board website and the next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2019.

The International Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Joan Mantle Music Trust is scheduled for Saturday April 13, 2019. This fundraiser helps to refresh, modernize and revitalize music programs in Rainbow Schools.

On June 22, 2019, the Parent Involvement Committee will host a free conference at Lockerby Composite School. The theme is "Empowering Parents to Empower Their Children". The keynote speaker will be Dr. Adele Lafrance; in addition to the keynote address, parents will have the opportunity to attend various workshops.

12.0 Chairperson's Report

W. Larouche asked if our Board participated in the After School Development Program as some students attending Lasalle Secondary School expressed interest. The Rainbow Board was not part of this pilot and no dollars were announced.

13.0 Association Reports

Cereena Rows (FASD Consultant at CCN)

Families are concerned about funding impacts or respite services. The agency continues to help families connect to services and other community supports and resources.

Robert Silvestri (NOARC)

May 2, 2019 is a celebration day for the Churchill and MacLeod students who have participated in the CEL program. These students and their parents will be invited to tour Cambrian College and parents will also have an opportunity to use the technology that their children have been trained on.

Natasha Delaney (Autism Ontario -Sudbury Chapter)

Autism Ontario is assisting families to help manage budgets.

On April 5, 2019, Mayor Bigger is scheduled to attend the Raise The Flag event. The event was created to increase awareness and understanding for students on the Autism spectrum.

On April 11, 2019, a gala/fundraiser is planned.

April 24, 2019 is World Autism Awareness Day. Churchill Public School has planned a week of activities that promote the awareness and acceptance of Autism.

On April 29, 2019, an Autism Program March is scheduled at Queen's Park.

14.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

The SEAC acknowledged receiving correspondence from the Peel District School Board.

15.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- "Marbles and Ropes" presentation by N.Delaney
- Special Education Budget 2019-2020
- Special Education Plan 2019-2020

16.0 Next Meeting Date

May 1, 2019 at noon, room 125 at the RDSB, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury

17.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.