

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

to be held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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<b>AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS</b>
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**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

\*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of July 2, 2019 be approved.

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

\*Chair

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

\*Chair

Outgoing Student Trustee Hannah Golden

**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 June 11, 2019 be approved.

**2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

\*SBO

Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Queen Elizabeth Public School, roof replacement and structural repairs - tender #2019-06 to \_\_\_\_\_ for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Churchill Public School, partial roof replacement - tender #2019-07 to \_\_\_\_\_ for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** \*Chair

**2019/2020 Budget**

Motion:

That the Rainbow District School Board 2019/2020 budget be approved.

- F. **NEW BUSINESS** \*Chair

1. **2019-2020 In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan**

Motion:

That the 2019-2020 In-year deficit elimination plan be approved.

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence** \*Chair

Motion:

That \_\_\_\_\_ be granted a leave of absence from the July 2, 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 May 1, 2019 (official)

First Nations Advisory Committee minutes February 21, 2019 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter to Minister of Education Stephen Lecce dated June 25, 2019

- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** \*Chair

Board Meeting August 27, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Sept 10, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

- I. **ADJOURNMENT** \*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, M. Stringer, Student Trustee H. Golden

Absent: K. St. Jean

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: S. Ackroyd, T. Hayes, G. Gauthier, K. Kozman, C. McDonald, M. Bertrand, students from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, member of public

Chair Dewar advised that the meeting was being live-streamed and archived.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 19-R82 J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 11, 2019 be approved.  
- **Carried**

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

**C. PRESENTATION**

1. International Program at Cambrian College

Director Blaseg introduced Bill Best, President of Cambrian College. President Best spoke passionately about students who attend Cambrian College from around the world and how this has “internationalized” the college. He spoke about the process to get these international students to Sudbury and Cambrian College, what the college hopes to accomplish, the investments required for an initiative of this magnitude, commitment required for this long-term venture and the understanding required by the whole organization. Most importantly, he spoke about the opportunities for both international and domestic students to build relationships and enjoy a unique student experience.

Trustees expressed appreciation for President Best’s inspirational message and thanked him for sharing Cambrian College’s experience with international students. Trustees thanked him for the ongoing partnership that Rainbow District School Board has with Cambrian College and for keeping the focus on students.

2. International Education Program

Superintendent Noble provided a Rainbow International Program refresher to trustees. Trustees heard from Melanie Bertrand, the International Program Lead, as well as teacher Kelly Darling and three international students who shared their experience at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and comment. Trustees appreciated the update and thanked staff for their commitment to the program.

3. Summer Programs 2019

Superintendent Noble and Superintendent Wachnuk referred to the Board Report provided and outlined details about the extensive 2019 summer programs for elementary and secondary students.

**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-R83, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 22, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

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

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

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2019/20 Budget Presentation**

Superintendent Bazinet provided line-by-line clarification of the distributed 2019/2020 budget presentation.

Superintendent Bazinet advised that the changes to the dates originally outlined in the Budget Development Process that was presented at the November 20, 2018 Board Meeting are due to the late release of the GSNs and the technical papers by the Ministry of Education.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

Trustees thanked Superintendent Bazinet and the entire central services staff for the comprehensive 2019/2020 budget presentation.

Chair Dewar reminded trustees that there is an opportunity to seek further clarification through personal call or email and/or at the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Trustees were encouraged to submit questions to the Superintendent of Business prior to the June 18 meeting.

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 19-R84, A.Gibson/J.Hunda

That Trustee Kerrie St. Jean be granted a leave of absence from the June 11, 2019 Board meeting. - **Carried**

3. **Director's Remarks**

On June 5<sup>th</sup> we were invited for a celebration at Science North for our Science Fair winners and representatives at The National Science Fair. I am so proud of our students. In addition to winning several awards they have become huge ambassadors for our Board, and more specifically for the schools they represent. In addition to being great scientists, all of them have developed into exceptional public speakers.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> several staff from Rainbow schools attended the 2019 Aboriginal Secondary School Awards Banquet held at the Caruso Club. Our own Kathy Dokis, Ramona Shawana, Hazel Fox Recollet, Nicole Nicolas-Bayer and Dawn London facilitated the event. Over 500 people were in attendance. Special thank you to the United Way and N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre for hosting and sponsoring this wonderful celebration of Indigenous student achievement.

On Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> we held our last FNAC meeting for the 2018-2019 school year. We have finalized the Education Service Agreements and we are currently coordinating a date for formal signing. Special thank you to Kathy Dokis, Nicole Nicolas-Bayer and all the FNAC members for putting in the necessary work to arrive at an agreement. We will provide more details on the signing once it is available.

Just a reminder about upcoming important events in our Board; the Challenge Meet will be held this Thursday at Laurentian University. Everyone is invited. Secondly please ensure you respond to any invites to school grads ASAP. If you are double booked we will try to assign an exec staff member to represent the board at the school you are not able to attend. Please see Heather about scheduling.

Itinerary:

May 23                      Ontario College of Teachers Meeting – Toronto

May 27                      School visits with Trustee Stringer

Central Manitoulin Public School  
C.C. McLean Public School  
Manitoulin Secondary School  
Assignack Public School  
Little Current Public School

May 28	Kevin Lamoureux – First Nations PD Exec Council
May 29	Agenda Setting
May 30/31	CODE – Toronto
June 3	Lockerby Composite School Graduation – Cambrian College
June 4	Exec Council Board Retirement Dinner
June 5	First Nations Portfolio – meeting Science North – Science Fair Celebration Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Graduation – Cambrian College
June 6	Community Partnership Meeting, Greater City of Sudbury Representatives – Board Office Aboriginal Secondary School Awards Banquet – Caruso Club
June 7	First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) meeting Board Office
June 10	Community Partnership Meeting, Manitoulin Island Representatives – Manitoulin Secondary School Community Partnership Meeting, Espanola Representatives – Espanola High School.
June 11	Exec Council Board Meeting

Finally I have the Principal and Vice Principal placements for 2019-2020:

#### Elementary

Principal Ron Hodkinson transferred to Northeastern Elementary School effective August 19, 2019.

Principal Kim Boulanger transferred to Churchill PS effective August 19, 2019.

Principal Kendra Mihell transferred to Cyril Varney PS effective August 19, 2019.

Principal James Norrie transferred to Copper Cliff PS effective August 19, 2019.

Vice Principal Brenda Carr appointed as acting Principal Alexander PS effective August 19, 2019.

Vice Principal Dave St. Amour appointed as acting Principal of A.B. Ellis PS effective August 19, 2019.

Vice Principal Kristin Pichette transferred to Ernie Checkeris PS effective August 19, 2019.

Emily Caruso-Parnell appointed as acting Vice Principal of R.L. Beattie PS effective September 3, 2019 to June 26, 2020.

Eric Caetano appointed as acting Vice Principal of Algonquin Road PS effective September 3, 2019 to June 26, 2020.

Kate MacKenzie appointed as acting Vice Principal of Adamsdale PS effective September 3, 2019 to June 26, 2020.

#### Secondary

Sean Green appointed as acting Vice Principal of Sudbury SS effective September 3, 2019 to June 26, 2020.

#### 4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that Trustee Kosmerly (OPSBA Alternate) would be attending the AGM scheduled for July 4 – 7, 2019 in Toronto as a voting delegate.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Hannah Golden informed that the 2019-2020 student senators were elected at the Student Senate meeting held on Monday, June 10, 2019.

Student Trustee Golden reported on the success of the Stand Up Speak Out Conference that was held on May 8 and 9 at Cambrian College and thanked student senators for the time and hard work that each person put into this event. She thanked trustees around the table for the fantastic year she has experienced as a Student Trustee.

#### 5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Kosmerly reminded trustees about the upcoming Parent Involvement conference “*Empowering Parents to Raise Resilient Children*” with keynote speaker Dr. Adèle Lafrance taking place on Saturday, June 22 at Lockerby Composite School.

Trustee Hunda thanked staff for the efforts during this busy time of year. Trustee Hunda spoke about the Challenge Meet scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019, the Pow Wow that she recently attended at Princess Anne PS and the “Let’s Dance” performance that was held at Sudbury Secondary School. All excellent events in Rainbow schools.

## 6. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

I want to begin by repeating a comment that I truly believe which is, “*June is the most wonderful time of the year*” in education. June is when we seize the opportunity to recognize student success academically, socially and emotionally – none of which is possible without the dedication of our outstanding RDSB Staff.

On Wednesday, June 12, Chelmsford Public School students and staff will present donations from their Entrepreneur Charity Fair to local groups. Area businesses matched what the students raised, bringing the total to \$2,200.

On Thursday, June 13, from 10 to 2, some 400 students with special needs from over 20 Rainbow Schools will gather at the Laurentian University track to take part in the Challenge Meet. If you want to lift your spirits, be sure to drop in for a generous helping of inspiration from these fine young people.

Also on Thursday, June 13, from 10:00 to 2:30, Lansdowne Public School will host a Traditional Gathering that will bring together students, staff, families and community members to “Honour Our Water” and Mother Earth.

Schools will be closed to students on Friday, June 14, for the final Professional Activity Day of the school year.

Elementary rock bands from Rainbow Schools will be featured at the 11th annual “Schools of Rock” concert on Tuesday, June 18, - a week from today - at 11 am in Sudbury Secondary School’s Sheridan Auditorium.

Also on Tuesday, June 18, R.H. Murray Public School will host a Teaching Pow Wow.

Friday, June 21 is the registration deadline for Kindergarten Summer Camp. Children must be registered to attend school where the program is being offered and sufficient registration is required to ensure the viability of each program.

The 2018-2019 school year will draw to a close with an important conference on mental health. The Rainbow District School Board Parent Involvement Committee received Ministry funding to present “Empowering Parents to Raise Resilient Children” with keynote speaker Dr. Adèle Lafrance on Saturday, June 22. This free conference by parents for parents takes place from 9 am to 2 pm at Lockerby Composite School, Childcare will be available and lunch will be provided. To learn more and to register, visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca).



Secondary School exams will take place from Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28, 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students on another successful school year, commend staff for their wonderful work, and thank parents /guardians for their support. On behalf of the board, I would like to wish everyone a safe summer.

The thought for the month comes from an unknown source – “*A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure*”.

Rainbow District School Board has lots of diamonds!

#### **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

##### **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**

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-R85, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That we now adjourn at 8:30 p.m. – **Carried.**

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

**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

**Time: 12:00 PM**

**Room 125 – Rainbow District School Board**

**Present:**

**SEAC Members:**

Julie Contini  
Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)  
Judy Kosmerly  
Julia Ritchie  
Cereena Rows  
Margaret Stringer  
Mary-Liz Warwick

Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury  
Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter  
Trustee  
CCR Parent Advisory/ Ontario Autism Coalition  
FASD Consultant  
Trustee  
Alternate for W.Larouche

**Staff:**

Karin Kozman  
Colleen McDonald  
Joanne Taillon  
Kathy Wachnuk

Manager of Finance  
Principal of Special Education Programs and Services  
Special Education Consultant  
Superintendent

**Regrets:**

Wendy Larouche (Chair)  
Robert Silvestri

Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury  
Northern Ontario Assessment and Resource Centre

**Absent:**

Daryl Walker

N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

All members introduced themselves.

**2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members**

Quorum was established.

**3.0 SEAC Mission Statement**

J.Contini read the mission statement aloud.

**4.0 Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:**

Moved by: C.Rows

Seconded by: J.Contini

That the amended agenda for the SEAC meeting of May 1, 2019 be approved to include Karin Kozman's presentation.

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: J.Contini

Seconded by: C.Rows

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

Motion carried.

**7.0 Business Arising**

**8.0 New Business**

Requests for Leaves of Absence

**Motion 3:**

Moved by: J.Contini

Seconded by: J.Ritchie

That the SEAC approve the absences of W.Larouche and R.Silvestri from the May 1, 2019 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

Special Education Budget 2019-2020

Karin Kozman, Manager of Finance, shared the proposed special education revenue and expenditures for 2019-2020. A balanced budget was attained.

**Motion 4:**

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: J.Ritchie

That the SEAC recommend to the Board that it approve the proposed 2019-2020 special education budget.

Motion carried.

**9.0 Superintendent's Report**

Special Education Plan 2019-2020

Superintendent Wachnuk shared the proposed special education staffing for 2019-2020 and highlighted changes. SEAC members had the opportunity to share comments and ask questions.

**Motion 5:**

Moved by: Trustee Stringer

Seconded by: C.Rows

That the SEAC recommend to the Board that it approve the proposed 2019-2020 special education staffing.

Motion carried.

**10.0 Special Education Staff Report**

Principal McDonald shared that Elementary Special Education Consultants are preparing for the upcoming school year. They have been meeting with the families of preschool children with special needs and their involved community agencies. The meetings are helpful with transitioning students with special needs into Kindergarten.

Special Education Coordinator, Gillian Cacciotti, is facilitating the grade 8 to grade 9 transitions of students in Intensive Support Placements (ISP). She is supporting the students and elementary/secondary staff to ensure that these students will be appropriately supported in their new high school placements and/or earning credits toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

**11.0 Board Report**

Trustee Kosmerly:

At the April 24, 2019 Rainbow District School Board meeting, First Nations Representative Chief Linda Debassige was appointed as Trustee to Rainbow District.

The Board approved that \$2.0M from the Student Focused Initiative Reserve be utilized for the Lasalle Secondary School Multi-Use Sports Facility.

Board meetings continue to be open to the public and live-streamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom. They will now be archived and available on the Board website for public viewing at anytime.

The Ministry of Education periodically requests public input on a variety of topics. Current consultation on service animals and class sizes, can be accessed on the Board website. Trustee Kosmerly encourages SEAC members to make their voices heard.

Trustee Stringer:

The Multi-Use Sports Facility is equivalent in size to three soccer fields and will be available for indoor soccer and many other year-round sports and activities. It is being built with the Fabio Belli Foundation and revenues from rentals will also be generated.

School principals will be informing parents of the archiving of the Board Meetings via school newsletters or electronic correspondence.

Trustee Stringer discussed concerns regarding the province's new education plan that will require high school students to take four e-learning courses to graduate. She remains optimistic that public pressure will perhaps make e-learning courses optional.

## **12.0 Chairperson's Report**

## **13.0 Association Reports**

Cereena Rows (FASD Consultant at CCN)

A new Ontario Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) website has been launched. General information, available services, and various FASD topics, are available on the site. ([fasdontario.ca](http://fasdontario.ca))

The staff at Cecil Facer Youth Centre will receive Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) training on May 23, 2019.

Julia Ritchie (Ontario Autism Coalition)

The Ontario Autism Consultations are now open. Families are encouraged to register and participate in the consultations during the month of May. Telephone Town Hall sessions are scheduled for May 1, May 6, May 16, and May 22, 2019.

Natasha Delaney (Autism Ontario -Sudbury Chapter)

Additional information regarding the Ontario Autism Consultations is available at the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services website.

([www.children.gov.on.ca](http://www.children.gov.on.ca))

After seven years, Natasha Delaney announced that she will step down as the President of the Sudbury and District Chapter Leadership Council.

Mary-Liz Warwick (Alternate for W.Larouche/ Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury)

The Disability Tax Credit Presentation was well attended.

October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month. A “31 days of LD” calendar will be created again for October 2019.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury (LDAS) is a charitable non-profit organization. Thanks in part, to the Sudbury United Way and other supporters, the Learning Disability Association of Sudbury (LDAS) continues to offer programs and services. Other Learning Disability Associations located in North Bay, Timmins, and Sault-St-Marie are not funded in the same manner.

#### **14.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC**

2019-01-28 Bluewater District School Board

2019-02-05 Conseil Scolaire Viamonde

Both letters support Bill 44 to amend the Education Act to bring awareness and understanding of pupils who may have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

#### **15.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests**

- “Marbles and Ropes” presentation by N.Delaney
- Special Education Plan 2019-2020
- Care and/or Treatment, Custody and Correctional Programs

#### **16.0 Next Meeting Date**

June 5, 2019 at noon, room 125 at the RDSB, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury

#### **17.0 Adjournment**

N.Delaney adjourned the meeting at 1:53 PM.

**MINUTES OF THE  
FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education  
Thursday, February 21, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Room 125**

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**Members Present:** Kim Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek  
Carlene Assinewai, Aundeck Omni Kaning  
Lois Lambert, Dokis First Nation  
Michelle Taukei, M'Chigeeng First Nation  
Cynthia Trudeau, Sheguiandah First Nation  
Robert Pitfield, Wahnapiatae First Nation  
Jacinta Shawanda, Whitefish River First Nation  
Kelly-Lee Assinewe, N'Swamok Native Friendship Centre  
Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board  
Margaret Stringer, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board  
Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District  
School Board  
Norm Blais, Director of Education, Rainbow District School  
Board

**Absent:** Anna-Maria Abitong, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation

**With Regrets:** Marilyn Nicholas, Wahnapiatae First Nation  
Fay McCole, Wiikwemkoong First Nation  
Stephan Roy, Kenjgewin Teg First Nation

**Absent:** Justice Cada, Sheshegwaning First Nation  
Kevin Mossip, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

**Guests:** Doreen Dewar, Former Trustee of the Board  
Dennis Bazinet, Superintendent of Business, Rainbow District  
School Board

**Recording Minutes:** Dawn London, Rainbow District School Board

**1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting began at 10:10 a.m. Quorum was met. Hazel Fox-Recollet provided an opening acknowledgement and liquid smudge.

## 2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Director Blaseg called for nominations for the position of Chair of the First Nations Advisory Committee.

Carlene Assinewai nominated Kelly-Lee Assinewe.

- a) Motion: That nominations be closed – **Carried**

Kelly-Lee confirmed her willingness to stand for this position and there were no further nominations.

- b) Motion: Kelly-Lee Assinewe be declared acclaimed Chair of the First Nations Advisory Committee. – **Carried**

## 3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Assinewe called for nominations for position of Vice Chair of the First Nations Advisory Committee.

Bob Clement nominated Carlene Assinewai

- a) Motion: That nominations be closed – **Carried**

Carlene confirmed her willingness to stand for this position and there were no further nominations.

- b) Motion: Carlene Assinewai be declared Vice Chair of the First Nations Advisory Committee. – **Carried**

## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: L.Lambert/C.Assinewai

That the agenda for the regular First Nations Advisory Committee meeting of February 21, 2019 be approved. – **Carried**



## 5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: B.Clement/K.Nootchtai

That the minutes of the regular First Nations Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 be approved. – **Carried**

Discussion on notes from November 15, 2018 meeting.

- Principal Dokis shared corrections to the draft Annual Report and emailed to everyone.
- Principal Dokis consulted other boards about the wearing of indigenous logos.
- Principal Dokis shared feedback regarding hanging logos on the wall. It is up to each individual community.

## 6. FIRST NATION TRUSTEE

Director Blaseg suggested the appointment of the First Nation Trustee happen soon so he/she is not missing out on important meetings.

## 7. EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

- There have been two working group meetings to review the ESA.
- Various amendments to the ESA were discussed.
- Principal Dokis received an email indicating FNAC members would be meeting collectively in the future.
- The suggested term for Education Service Agreements is 5 years.
- A member would like to look at the 15 recommendations that were made in 2004.
- Use the term profiles of the board to differentiate.
- A member inquired about numbers in the Annual Report regarding personnel equities.

Action Item: Principal Dokis will provide an updated draft Education Service Agreement before March Break.

## 8. SUMMER SCHOOL

AOK received funding through AES to offer a July Summer School.

Principal Dokis will fund the August Summer Schools. Atikameksheng received funding through AES for Summer School in Sudbury.

There will be a charge to communities for Summer School credits this year.

Action Item: Principal Dokis will find out what the cost is per credit.

## **9. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

We need to continue conversations with Student Success to ensure success in math.

Director Blaseg was optimistic to see a decline in behavior identifications. He would like to explore ways to reduce the total number of identifications by exploring supports and early diagnosis and treatment.

With regards to Grad Rates, the Ministry calculation is complex and Rainbow is not able to replicate the formula making comparison inaccurate.

Action Item: Rolling averages will be included into the annual report.

Action Item: Principal Dokis will add data related to Personal Equity.

Action Item: Principal Dokis will work with information services to determine course percentages.

## **10. COMMUNITY UPDATES**

None

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Cynthia Trudeau asked Superintendent Bazinet about the possibility of quarterly billing.

Superintendent Bazinet reminded us that we are tied to our fiscal year just as INAC is. He will review it with our finance department.

Cynthia Trudeau would like a program to be established that teaches students "Life Skills". Director Blaseg mentioned the need for numbers to secure funding.

Michelle Taukei suggested an evening where grade 8 students and parents/guardians attend a meeting regarding grade 9 course selections for students entering Manitoulin Secondary School from Lakeview.

Director Blaseg spoke with the Principal of Little Current regarding Parking. Students cannot be seen due to the angled parking. Director Blaseg will look into it from the zoning side.

**NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, May 16, 2019

Meeting Adjourned 2:05pm

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June 25, 2019

Stephen Lecce  
Minister of Education  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Minister Lecce:

On behalf of the Trustees of Rainbow District School Board, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Education.

I would also like to extend to you an invitation to visit our schools at any time. We would welcome the opportunity to introduce you to our students and staff.

As the largest school board in Northern Ontario, we are proud of the quality programs that we offer in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

In Rainbow Schools, we inspire success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. To learn more about our strategic directions, including our vision, mission, values and priorities, please visit our website at <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/about-us/>

To learn more about how we are achieving our priorities, you may wish to review our 2017-2018 Annual Report which is available online at the following link: <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/about-us/broader-public-sector/>

In closing, please know that we are here to support you in your role as Minister of Education as we meet our shared priority of providing the best education possible to the students in our care.

A strong public education system is the very foundation of a prosperous future.

Sincerely,

Doreen Dewar  
Chair