

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

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 5th 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 6th 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 7th 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
Assiginack 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.

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 Cmtee 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.**