

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student Trustee C. Gauvreau  
Absent: L. Debassige  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board  
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business  
J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill  
Others: S. Ackroyd, T. Hayes, G. Gauthier, C. McDonald, N.Mousseau and members of the public.

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

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 19-R93 D.Morrison/A.Gibson

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 27, 2019 be approved.  
- **Carried**

**STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Motion: 19-R94, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That Colleen Gauvreau (Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School) be appointed Student Trustee for the school year 2019-2020. - **Carried**

Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

Director Blaseg administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau and welcomed her to the board table.

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

**C. PRESENTATION** NIL

**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-R95, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 be approved. – **Carried**

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

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

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Capital and Accommodation Plan – Initial Staff Report**

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the document with trustees by planning area . He explained that this is an annual report to the board and that there were no recommendations included with this report.

Trustees had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

2. **2019-2020 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians**

Director Blaseg provided details about the publication as well as the School Calendar Card.

Trustees expressed appreciation for a job well done.

Director Blaseg thanked Nicole Charette and executive council for all the work they have done to make these documents so user friendly and so informative, and reminded that these documents are available on the board website.

3. **2019-2020 Executive Council Portfolios and Family of Schools**

Director Blaseg reviewed the 2019-2020 distribution of schools and portfolios.

4. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution**

Motion: 19-R96, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. - **Carried**

5. **OPSBA Fees**

Motion: 19-R97, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the 2019/20 membership fees in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be approved. - **Carried**

6. **Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)  
2019 Northern Region Meeting and Program**

Motion: 19-R98, M.Stringer/B.Clement

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA 2019 Northern Region Meeting and Program in Thunder Bay October 4–5, 2019:

Trustee Clement, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Kosmerly, Trustee St. Jean - **Carried**

7. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 19-R99, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That Trustee Linda Debassige be granted a leave of absence from the August 27, 2019 Board meeting. - **Carried**

8. **Director's Remarks**

Director Blaseg welcomed everyone back to another school year and reported the following:

“Kindergarten camp is in full swing and staff are gearing up for a great 2019-2020 school year. Yesterday the New Staff Orientation session was held at Lockerby Composite School. Approximately 75 staff was provided with a full day of Rainbow District School Board information. As well, the board office was facilitating professional development activities related to mental health training for custodians.

Last week principals took part in two full days of training as it relates to the new cannabis laws/regulations, provided by Keele–Cotrelle as well as professional development related to School Cash Online which will be implemented starting next week. Professional development was also provided relating to equity and bias.

The Ministry unveiled its funding for the renewed math initiative in July. RDSB received just over \$580,000 to implement the revised math focus. This is about \$100,000 less than RDSB received last year. There are a few staffing challenges associated with the Priorities and Partnership Funding (PPF) related to secondary staffing and the new attrition clauses yet to be sorted out.

It is encouraging that the Ministry is maintaining math as a priority.

The new Physical Health and Education Curriculum has just been received and the implementation process will be reviewed. Superintendent Noble will be facilitating this implementation over the next few months.

Friday will be the signing of the Education Service Agreements with our First Nations partners. This will to be held in Whitefish at Atikameksheng Anishnawbek's Community Centre beginning at 11:00 AM. Trustees are welcome and are asked to contact Heather if they plan to attend.

Any calls from parents about transportation challenges should be forwarded to Superintendent Bazinet.

Trustees were reminded that teacher staffing is adjusted to reflect the new realities of enrolment once the numbers are verified. Typically these adjustments to staffing, should they be required at individual schools, occur in the second and third week of September.

Adjustments may be required because September 30 is the deadline for primary class size reporting so staffing and class size must be adjusted to reflect the requirements by the end of the month of September.

Sometimes this will cause a school to adjust their timetables and move students and staff. Administrators try their very best to maintain class lists, however, there are occasions where staff and or class lists will be adjusted to comply with primary class size requirements and collective agreement obligations. Sometimes these adjustments are difficult on staff and students but our experience has shown that students are quite resilient and adapt quickly to their new peers.”

The Director indicated that he is looking forward to visiting schools with Trustees.

Director Blaseg thanked trustees for their commitment to education and to the community we all serve.

Itinerary:

- July 3/4 Leadership Conference
- July 8 Executive Council  
School Visit, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
- July 9 School Visits, Summer programs;  
Princess Anne Public School  
Lansdowne Public School  
Sudbury Secondary School
- July 22/23 CFB – Borden, Barrie ON - Executrek Program
- July 26 School Visits  
Little Current Public School  
Manitoulin Secondary School
- August 13/14/15 CODE, Toronto
- August 19 Agenda Setting  
Exec Council
- August 20 Director’s Meeting, Board office, Day 1  
Equity/Bias Free schools training  
Conservation Authority Meeting, Laurentian site

August 21 Director's Meeting, Board office, Day 2  
Safe Schools Presentation – Keele Cotrelle

August 26 Staff orientation – Lockerby Composite School

August 27 Exec Council  
Board Meeting

9. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate –Trustee Clement reported that his first Director's meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2019 in Toronto.

Trustee Kosmerly spoke about the OPSBA AGM that she attended July 4 to 6, 2019. She provided a report that was shared online with trustees and she encouraged trustees to read the 2018/19 Annual Report available on the OPSBA website.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau expressed her excitement to be part of Rainbow District School Board for the 2019-2020 school year. She advised that she has taken on the role as Co-Chair of the Student Achievement Working Group at OSTA-AECO.

Motion: 19-R100, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Gauvreau at the Student Achievement Working Group meeting in Toronto on September 22, 2019.

**– Carried**

10. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustees expressed their appreciation of Student Trustee Gauvreau and welcomed her to the board.

Trustee Gibson asked about an email from the Ministry regarding Audit and Accountability Fund.

11. **Chairperson's Remarks**

School is off to an early start for the Rainbow District School Board's youngest students as children beginning school this fall are currently participating in the Kindergarten Camp. The nine-day program, which continues until Thursday, is offered three hours a day at a number of Rainbow Schools. Under the guidance of qualified teachers and designated early childhood educators, Kindergarten students are engaging in inquiry based learning and play, including co-operative games and outdoor activities.

There is still time to register for the 2019-2020 school year in elementary and secondary schools offering English and French Immersion. Parents/guardians and

students are encouraged to contact the Rainbow School in their area. Please note that the day after Labour Day – Tuesday, September 3 – is a Professional Activity Day. Therefore, the first day of school is Wednesday, September 4. There will be no early dismissal.

The Adult Day School, located at Sudbury Secondary School, offers a variety of free high school credit courses for adult learners, 21 years of age or older, who want to complete their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and prepare for apprenticeships, college, university or the workplace.

Rainbow District School Board will sign the Education Service Agreement with First Nations communities at a special ceremony at Atikameksheng Anishnawbek on Friday, August 30 at 11 am. The Board's Truth and Reconciliation: Commitment to Action plan will be launched.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Thursday, September 12, 2019, as Rainbow District School Board marks its 12<sup>th</sup> annual "Stand Up Against Bullying Day". We invite everyone in the community to join with us and wear pink.

On behalf of Trustees, I would like to welcome all students and parents/guardians to Rainbow Schools and the start of another exciting school year. The mission of Rainbow Schools and its staff is to bring learning to life in English and French Immersion from Kindergarten to secondary school. We also strive to instill in students the values that build responsible and respectful citizens who care about each other and the world in which they live.

As always, parents/guardians are encouraged to take an active interest in their child's education. Parental involvement improves student achievement. We also welcome community partners to help us mentor and nurture their future workforce. When the home, the school and the community work together, we maximize learning opportunities for students and help them achieve their full potential.

The thought for the month comes from an American journalist and politician, Hodding Carter, Jr. who said, "There are two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots. The other is wings."

## **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Student Senate Meeting September 9, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Sept 10, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Sept 11, 2019 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125  
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Sept 11, 2019 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125  
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Sept 19, 2019 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Board Meeting September 24, 2019 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 19-R101, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That we now adjourn at 6:30 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official