

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, October 22, 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
Absent: K. St. Jean, Student Trustee C. Gauvreau
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
J. Battah, H. Thirkill
Others: S. Ackroyd, G. Gauthier, T. Hayes, C. McDonald, N.Mousseau, and member 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-R114, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 22, 2019 be approved.
- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION

Care, Treatment, Custody and Corrections Facilities (CTCC) Programs and Alternative Programs in Rainbow District School Board

Superintendent Noble and Superintendent Wachnuk provided an informative presentation on programs running in Rainbow DSB:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Program (CAMHP)
- Children's Treatment Centre (CTC)
- Simulated Healthy Independent Living Opportunities (SHILO)
- Rural Care and Treatment Programs (Day Treatment)
- Early Intervention Program (Section)
- Social/Emotional Intensive Support Program (Section)
- ALT – Behaviour Program
- Mishk-Odeh Wendam
- Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Program
- Northern Support Initiative (NSI) Program
- Restart Program
- Cecil Facer Secondary School

- Frank Flowers
- Attendance Centre
- O'Connor Park
- Barrydowne College
- N'Swakamok
- Adult Education

Trustees had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD

Motion: 19-R115, M.Stringer/J.Hunda

That Motion #19-W16 RE: M.W. Moore School property matter be approved
- Carried

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 19-R116, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 be approved as amended. The amendment being the correction to Trustee Stringer's remark regarding recent events she took part in. The final event should have read "10th Annual Fall Harvest in M'Chigeeng." – **Carried**

2. Capital and Accommodation Plan - Update

Superintendent Bazinet advised that Rainbow DSB received approval to proceed from the Ministry of Education for the following projects:

- New elementary FI school in New Sudbury
- Chelmsford VDCS retrofit into a JK-12 school
- Levack PS right-sizing.

Superintendent Bazinet provided an update regarding outstanding Childcare projects:

- Algonquin Road PS and Larchwood PS childcare projects are cancelled
- Little Current PS childcare project is under discussion/review.

Motion: 19-R117, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Education expressing appreciation for the Ministry approval to proceed on three capital projects - **Carried**

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Audit Committee (AC)

Motion: 19-R118, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the 2018/2019 External Audit Plan be approved. – **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leave of Absence

*Chair

Motion: 19-R119, J.Hunda/L.Debassige

That Trustee St. Jean and Student Trustee Gauvreau be granted a leave of absence from the October 22, 2019 Board meeting. – **Carried**

2. Director's Remarks

On Thursday and Friday of last week Director Blaseg participated in the Traumatic Events Systems (TES) training at the Caruso Club. Kevin Cameron, a trained therapist with expertise in traumatic event responses, provided step by step process that highlighted the challenges in responding to traumatic events that may occur within a community. He sighted experiences from Taber, Alberta and the Humboldt Broncos as examples. Ten Rainbow DSB staff were trained to recognize and facilitate possible responses to crisis and/or traumatic events from a community perspective. Over 40 community stakeholders participated in the training.

Earlier in the week, the precursor to TES training, the Violent Threat Risk Assessment protocol was signed off. Twenty-three community stakeholders participated in the signing, the most to date.

On Wednesday, October 10 the Director, along with Chair Dewar attended the Joan Mantle Music Trust media event held at Sudbury SS.

Once again it was a thrill to see how impactful this fund has had on music students in Rainbow Schools. Well over a quarter of a million dollars has been raised to date. Two students spoke to the impact of music on their lives. It was not only heartwarming to hear but it illustrates how music can be the catalyst for how a student maintains the drive to continue with their education. Director Blaseg thanked the organizers of the event ie: Mr. Ralph MacIntosh - what a tremendous asset he is for RDSB and the community.

Director Blaseg advised that on the Professional Development Day on Monday, October 21, staff attended a variety of professional development opportunities, ranging from Behavioural Management Systems (BMS) training to school improvement planning. Depending on the role staffs continue to reestablish certifications and revisit and update school plans based on the latest data provided by EQAO. The next Professional Development Day is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2019.

Student Vote Canada results for our area were published. The result for Sudbury was NDP and for Nickel Belt was NDP. Over 5 000 students participated in the vote representing Sudbury and Nickel Belt ridings.

Itinerary:

- Sept 25 Agenda setting
- Sept 26 Ministry of Education – First Nations Division
FNAC meeting
ASD Teleconference
OPSEU meeting
- Sept 27 Professional Development day
S.O. meetings
Exec Council
- Sept 30 Orange Shirt Day
City Health Panel – Fielding Park
Audit Committee Meeting
- Oct 1 Director's meeting
- Oct 8 Exec Council
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- Oct 9 JMMT media event – Sudbury S.S.
- Oct 10 OPSBA tele-conference
- Oct 11 FOI webinar
OPSBA tele-conference
- Oct 15 Exec Council
PSSP meeting
- Oct 16 Kevin Cameron
Trustees and senior staff
VTRA community protocol signing
- Oct 17 Traumatic Events System (TES) training – Day 1
- Oct 18 Traumatic Events System (TES) training – Day 2
- Oct 21 Professional Development day
OSSTF meeting
- Oct 22 Student Achievement Meeting (SATSO)
Exec Council
Board meeting

3. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he attended the first OPSBA Directors’ meeting on September 27, 2019 in Toronto, as well as the 2019 Northern Regional Meeting and Program in Thunder Bay on October 4 & 5, 2019. Minister Lecce spoke at the September 27 OPSBA Directors’ meeting and acknowledged the members from Northern Ontario. There was good discussion regarding grad rates and the use of grad coaches in schools. Minister Lecce was invited to visit schools in Northern Ontario. Trustee Clement advised that he will be attending a “meet and greet” with MPPs at Queen’s Park in November 2019.

Trustee Clement reminded trustees that minutes and summaries can be found on the OPSBA website.

Student Trustee – no report

4. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison spoke about a video that she recently viewed created at Cyril Varney PS concerning a residential school survivor’s story.

Trustee Kosmerly reminded trustees of the upcoming Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting and the Screenagers documentary scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

5. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

Rainbow District School Board’s Parent Involvement Committee will host its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 pm at Sudbury Secondary School’s Sheridan Auditorium. Every trustee is invited to attend and meet the dedicated members of our school councils.

The same night, at 7 pm, a special presentation of the documentary SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age will take place. Would it surprise you to know that we spend on average 6.5 hours per day staring at screens" (not including school work time). Or that "Teenage boys spend on average 11.3 hours per week playing video games." Following the presentation, Markus Schwabe will moderate a panel discussion including the Mental Health Lead for Rainbow Schools, a pediatrician from NEO Kids, a representative from Public Health, and a technology expert from Laurentian University.

From November 4 to 8, Rainbow Schools will celebrate Treaty Recognition Week, as staff and students continue to learn about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people of Canada. Activities and lessons throughout the week will create awareness about treaties and treaty relationships.

On Wednesday, November 6 Grade 9 students in Rainbow Schools will spend the day at work, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host as part of the

national Take Our Kids to Work program. We thank area businesses for opening their doors and welcoming our students into their places of work.

On Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm in the Cambrian College Student Centre, Rainbow District School Board will host an information session for students making the transition from elementary to secondary school.

On Friday, November 15, staff and students are welcomed to wear their favourite pair of moccasins to recognize and highlight the importance of indigenous identity.

Members of the community are invited – reminded – and encouraged to drop off gently used winter clothing items at any Rainbow School in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island any time until November 8.

The thought for the month comes as a result of my looking for a quote for the digital age. Almost everything I found was extremely lengthy or just plain confusing so I don't know who the author is but here's a quote that is short and that I can relate to: *"Texting is a brilliant way to miscommunicate how you feel and misinterpret what other people mean"*.

Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Audit Committee minutes December 10, 2018 (official)
First Nation Advisory Committee minutes June 7, 2019 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Sept 11, 2019 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting November 4, 2019 5:30 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Nov 5, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Nov 6, 2019 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Nov 7, 2019 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Board Meeting November 19, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Nov 20, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125
First Nation Advisory Committee Nov 21, 2019 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125
Parent Involvement Committee December 3, 2019 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Jan 9, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 19-R120, D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That we now adjourn at 6:33 p.m. – **Carried.**