

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the conclusion of
the Organizational Board Meeting

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| AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS |
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- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *Chair
- Motion:
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 10, 2019 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** *Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS NIL** *Chair
- 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 Tuesday, November 19, 2019 be approved.
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL *SBO
3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair
- Audit Committee
- i) **Audit Committee Annual Report** *Chair AC
- ii) **2018/19 Financial Statements** *SBO
- Motion:
That the 2018/19 Financial Statements be approved.
- iii) **2018/19 Year End Report** *SBO

- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. **Director's Annual Report** *Director
2. **OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2020** *Chair
- Motion
That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2020 in Toronto April 30 – May 1, 2020.
3. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
- Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the December 10, 2019 Board meeting.
4. **Director's Remarks** *Director
5. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Delegate
Student Trustee
6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
7. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Parent Involvement Committee minutes May 14, 2019 (official)
Parent Involvement Committee minutes October 29, 2019 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
Student Senate Meeting January 6, 2020 5:30 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Parent Involvement Cmttee January 7, 2020 7:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Jan 8, 2020 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Jan 9, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125
School Year Structure Committee Meeting Jan 13, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Rm 125
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Jan 14, 2020 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Board Meeting January 28, 2020 5:00 pm Boardroom
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Feb 14, 2020 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 20, 2020 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at p.m.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, A. Gibson, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer
Absent: J. Hunda, 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
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Others: G. Gauthier, T. Hayes, C. McDonald

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-R121, J.Kosmerly/K.StJean

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of November 19, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION

Director Blaseg provided an enrolment report to trustees.

The Director explained predicted and actual enrolment, the actual count dates, spoke about Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) and spoke specifically about actual 2019 enrolment compared to actual 2018 enrolment for both the elementary and secondary panels.

Trustees were given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

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

- a) Motion: 19-R122, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on October 16, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**
- b) Motion: 19-R123, J.Kosmerly/M.Stringer
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 22, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

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

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

Audit Committee (AC)

Motion: 19-R124, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the 2019/2020 Internal Audit Plan and the Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be approved. – **Carried**

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Finance**

Honorarium for Trustees

Superintendent Bazinet provided details about the Honorarium for Trustees spreadsheet.

2. **Trustee Expenditures 2018/2019**

Superintendent of Business Bazinet explained the details on the Trustee Expenses spreadsheet.

3. **Insurance Renewal**

Superintendent of Business Bazinet provided a report on the cost of insurance. He pointed out the rebate amount that the Board will be receiving.

Motion: 19-R125, A.Gibson/L.Debassige

That the 2020 Renewal of Insurance for liability, property, crime and fleet automobile with the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange for \$235,388.88 be approved. – **Carried**

4. **Budget Development Process**

Motion: 19-R126, M.Stringer/B.Clement

That the 2020-21 Budget Development Process be approved. – **Carried**

5. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw**

Motion: 19-R127, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the Levying Education Taxes for 2020 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. – **Carried**

6. **Public Education Symposium (PES) 2020**

Motion: 19-R128, L.Debassige/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the Public Education Symposium 2020 in Toronto January 23 – 25, 2020.

Trustee Clement

Trustee Gibson

Trustee Kosmerly

Trustee Morrison

Trustee St. Jean – **Carried**

7. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 19-R129, J.Kosmerly/M.Stringer

That Trustee Hunda and Student Trustee Gauvreau be granted a leave of absence from the November 19, 2019 Board meeting. – **Carried**

8. **Director's Remarks**

The Director attended the Remembrance Day at the Sudbury Arena and spoke to community based events, more specifically Chelmsford Valley District Composite School. He also thanked the Trustees for ensuring there were funds to cover the costs of transportation to Remembrance Day events.

Friday November 22, 2019 is a Professional Development Day for employees. The theme is *Truth and Reconciliation - Commitment to Action*; featuring guest speakers Kevin Lameroux and Pam Toulouse for a half day and an in-school review of our *Commitment to Action* plan the other half day.

Director spoke about a recent success story at Cyril Varney Public School:

A defibrillator was installed two weeks ago,

Cyril Varney PS staff were trained, via a video provided by Health & Safety, right after it was installed. On Monday morning of this week, during an assembly, the custodian collapsed. Four staff members leapt into action. Following the process, laid out by the defibrillator instructions, staff applied compression and paddle procedures.

Three times the defibrillator was utilized. During this quick action staff called 911. The ambulance arrived fairly quickly and paramedics took over. After ten minutes of interventions by the ambulatory care unit, the patient was brought to hospital. At this time staff did not know the outcome.

A volunteer fire person returned to the school to share the outcome. He indicated the patient was in serious condition but it was looking good. Then he said, "if it were not for the quick action of staff she would not have made it." As you can imagine staff were overwhelmed.

In-house heroes include Sarah Flood, Jocelyn Police, Shannon Senior and Principal Kendra Mihell.

Director thanked David Digby, Rainbow's Health & Safety Officer, as well as superintendents Bourget and Bazinet for ensuring all sites within our Board have a defibrillator and most importantly, staff have been trained or are currently being trained.

Director thanked trustees for ensuring we had the dollars to facilitate this purchase through our Health & Safety budget.

Director advised the cost of a Defibrillator is approximately \$1600 per device.

Itinerary:

- Oct 23 N'Swakamok Memorandum of Understanding signing
Agenda Setting
Sudbury Secondary School Awards
- Oct 24 CTCC review at Health Sciences North
School Visit – MacLeod PS
- Oct 25 School Visit - Jean Hanson PS
- Oct 28 PCODE meeting
SATSO meeting (Student Achievement Team and Supervisory Officers)
Safe Schools meeting
- Oct 29 Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Awards
Lively District Secondary School Awards
Executive Council
Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting at Sudbury
Secondary School
- Oct 30 Safe Schools meeting
- Oct 31 NOARC meeting
- Nov 1 City of Greater Sudbury meeting – Steve Jacques & Sherri Moroso
S.O. Meetings
Superintendent of Human Resources
Superintendent of Student Success
- Nov 4 Gsuite training
- Nov 5 Exec Council
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- Nov 6 Agenda Setting
- Nov 7 Lockerby Composite School Awards

- Nov 8 S.O. Meetings
Superintendent of Special Education
Superintendent of Business
- Nov 11 School Visit - Lockerby Composite School
Remembrance Day Ceremony – Sudbury Arena
CAS meeting
- Nov 12 Director's Meeting
Transition Evening – Cambrian College
- Nov 13 Lasalle Secondary School Awards
Agenda Setting
- Nov 14/15 PCODE
- Nov 18 Ontario Autism Advisory panel (Tele-Conference)
OSSTF meeting
- Nov 19 Local Directors School Year Calendar meeting
Exec Council
Board Meeting

3. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he would be attending an OPSBA Directors' meeting this weekend in Toronto. He will spend three days in meetings from Saturday to Monday with OPSBA Directors continuing to emphasize that what is good for Southern Ontario is not necessary good for Northern Ontario. Minister Lecce will again be invited to visit Northern Ontario. Trustee Clement advised that on Monday, November 25 he will be attending a "meet and greet" with MPPs at Queen's Park.

Student Trustee – no report

4. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Debassige was moved by the description that Director Blaseg shared about a life-saving event that happened at Cyril Varney PS earlier this week and suggested that staff involved be considered for further recognition.

Trustee Morrison thanked the Chair for providing trustees with a copy of the letter sent to Minister Lecce expressing appreciation for the Ministry approval to proceed on three capital projects.

5. **Chairperson's Remarks**

This year, two Rainbow District School Board teachers were honoured with a *Top 40 Under 40 Award* presented by Northern Ontario Business. Sincere

congratulations to Katie Schell Arrowsmith of R.H. Murray Public School and Amanda Kingsley Malo of Valley View Public School.

Lockerby Composite School Cancer Drive raised \$42,000 for the Pediatric Oncology Program of the Northeast Cancer Centre at Health Sciences North. Since its inception 24 years ago, the drive has contributed over \$984,000 - just under \$1 million for pediatric cancer care in the north. Congratulations!

Rainbow Schools made this winter a little warmer by participating in the Winter Clothing Drive powered by Cooper Equipment Rentals in support of Our Children, Our Future. A total of 18,487 items were collected, with students, staff and school communities contributing 4,962 items. Thank you for all donations.

The Free to Be Me Conference for Grade 7 and 8 students will take place this Thursday, November 21st from 10 am to 1 pm at Lockerby Composite School. A similar conference will be held for Grade 9 to 12 students this spring.

The talented students from Sudbury Secondary School will present "Alice in Wonderland" in the Sheridan Auditorium. The public is invited to performances on Friday, November 22nd and Saturday, November 23rd at 7 pm. A matinee will take place on Sunday, November 24th at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Everyone is welcome.

On Thursday, December 5, 2019 students in Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will canvass their neighbourhoods for non-perishable food items for their local food banks. This is the sixth annual Rainbow Kids Helping Kids Day, and is part of our annual efforts to support the Food Drive in memory of Edgar Burton.

The Board is currently accepting nominations for the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. If you know someone who shared Joan Mantle's passion for music education for all ages, has had a positive impact on music in the community, promotes lifelong music education and serves as an inspiration to others through their musical contributions, please consider nominating them for the Award. The deadline for nominations is January 17, 2020.

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to Secondary School Information Nights at all Rainbow secondary schools. Watch the board website for dates and times.

On August 21, 1942, 77 years ago, the original Walt Disney movie "Bambi" was released and it included many life lessons. One of the lessons came from Bambi's little bunny friend, Thumper who said, *"If you can't say something nice, don't say nothin' at all"*.

Too often in today's world of technology, Thumper's words are forgotten and our young people are suffering.

"If you can't say something nice", then the chances are you will say something NOT NICE. And repeating that, is bullying – especially on social media. So the thought

for the month is a slight revision to Thumper's words of wisdom. It is, "If you can't say or post something nice don't say or post nothin' at all." Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes October 2, 2019 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Nov 20, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125
First Nation Advisory Committee Nov 25, 2019 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Nov 26, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Student Senate Meeting December 2, 2019 5:30 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee Dec 3, 2019 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Dec 4, 2019 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Audit Committee Dec 9, 2019 3:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Board Meeting (organizational) Dec 10, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee January 7, 2020 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Jan 9, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Feb 14, 2020 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 19-R130, K.StJean/L.Debassige
That we now adjourn at 6:17 p.m. – **Carried.**

Labour Relations Symposium

April 30 and May 1, 2020 – **NEW date**

Sheraton Centre Hotel
123 Queen Street West
Toronto M5H 2M9

[Save the Date Flyer](#)

Program, online registration and hotel information to follow.

OPPSBA's annual Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium is held each April and is designed to provide professional development in the areas of labour relations and human resources to trustees, directors of education, senior human resources officials and labour relations staff.

**Parent Involvement Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
with video link to
Little Current Public School**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Judy Kosmerly, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Stacy Paajanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Shelley Depaolis, Parent, Lasalle Secondary School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative and teacher at R.L. Beattie Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Dan Koziar, Principal, Princess Anne Public School; Kim Nadeau, Public Health, Sudbury & District; Melanie Bertrand, Vice-Principal, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Allison Andlar, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Denise Sheppard, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; Steffany Bourque, Parent, Chelmsford Public School; and Angelina Kasunich, Parent, Lockerby Composite School

Espanola site:

N/A

Manitoulin site:

Margaret Stringer, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Christy Case, Principal, Little Current Public School; Shelley Tamura, Vice-Principal, Little Current Public School; Alicia McGraw, Parent, Little Current Public School

Chair Stacy Paajanen called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. Welcome

Stacy Paajanen welcomed everyone to the PIC meeting.

2. Self-Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: "That the agenda be approved, as presented."

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

Seconded by: Shelley Depaolis, Lasalle Secondary School

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the PIC Meeting held on April 2, 2019

Motion: "That the minutes of the meeting held on April 2, 2019 be approved."

Moved by: Denise Sheppard, Manitoulin Secondary School

Seconded by: Allison Andlar, R.L. Beattie Public School

Carried

5. Brainstorming for 2019-2020

Committee members brainstormed topics for presentations for the 2019-2020 school year, including the possibility of presenting the documentary "Screenagers".

The following schedule of presentations was approved.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7 pm

Topic: Social Media

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7 pm

Topic: E-Learning and the Google Classroom

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7 pm

Topic: Autism and Special Needs Supports

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7 pm

Topic: Financial Literacy

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7 pm

Topic: Specialist High Skills Major - Red Seal

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7 pm

Topic: Planning Meeting for the 2020-2021 school year

6. PIC Conference Update

The Rainbow District School Board Parent Involvement Committee will present "Empowering Parents to Raise Resilient Children" with keynote speaker Dr. Adèle Lafrance on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

This free conference by parents for parents will take place from 9 am to 2 pm at Lockerby Composite School, 1391 Ramsey View Court in Sudbury. Everyone is welcome. Child care will be available on site. Lunch will also be provided. Parents/guardians will be invited to register through EventBrite.

Dr. Adèle Lafrance is an Associate Professor at Laurentian University, a clinical psychologist, and co-developer of Emotion-Focused Family Therapy. As co-director of Mental Health Foundations, Dr. Lafrance provides consultations and training for clinicians, school boards and mental health agencies worldwide.

A passionate advocate, Dr. Adèle Lafrance supports parents/guardians and caregivers as they take care of their loved ones. Her address will inform, educate, inspire and empower. Parents will learn family-friendly tips and tools that will help with healing and recovery.

In addition to the keynote, participants will take part in two workshops:

FLIP IT! Transforming Challenging Behaviour (Kindergarten)

From LEGOs to iPhones (Grades 2 to 6)

Transitions: From Tween to Teen (Grades 7 and 8)

Whatever! (Grades 9 to 12)

Holistic Arts Based Program: An Introduction (For all ages)

Children and Grief (For all ages)

Agenda for the day:

9 am to 9:30 am – Registration

9:30 am to 11 am – Keynote Address with Dr. Adèle Lafrance

11:15 am to 12 pm – Workshop # 1

12 pm to 1:15 pm – Lunch (provided)

1:15 pm to 2 pm – Workshop # 2

The conference is being funded by the Ministry of Education Parent and Community Engagement Office through a Parents Reaching Out Regional Grant.

7. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, delivered the following communications report:

Sudbury Secondary School has been recognized provincially for student success in mathematics, earning a 2018 Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement from the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). Sudbury Secondary School's Grade 9 applied math scores increased by 25 percentage points while Grade 9 academic math results increased by 20 percentage points in the 2017-2018 school year.

Rainbow District School Board students captured top honours at the Mock Trial Competition on May 10, 2019. The Hennessy Cup was awarded to Lockerby Composite School. Silver medals were presented to students from Sudbury Secondary School.

Students garnered medals in coding, prepared speech, and horticulture and landscape at the Skills Ontario competition held May 6 to 8, 2019 in Mississauga. Skills Ontario is the largest event of its kind in Canada. Congratulations to Confederation Secondary School and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School.

Kindergarten students from Northeastern Elementary School have teamed up with Cambrian College's Design and Visual Arts students to create a collaborative exhibit of visual work with a focus on what they could do to help the environment. The Tandem exhibit will be presented until May 16, 2019 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Open Studio in Room 2119 at Cambrian College.

A symbolic 12-hour walk took place on Manitoulin Island on May 11, 2019. Manitoulin Secondary School students, staff and members of the community walked an epic 60 kilometres to promote respect for water and care for earth.

Six young scientists from Rainbow Schools are representing our community at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, New Brunswick from May 11 to 17, 2019. They are among 500 young scientists showcasing their amazing works of discovery and innovation at the national level.

Brendon Matusch, a Grade 11 student from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, is representing Canada at the 2019 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF). Intel ISEF, the world championship of science fairs, is taking place from May 12 to 18, 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Confederation Secondary School cafeteria is now home to an Indigenous mural inspired by the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Students painted the mural under the direction of local Indigenous artist Michael Cywink. The Ontario Arts Council funded the project, which took approximately two weeks to complete.

The Lasalle Secondary School Black Box Theatre invites the community to "I Never Saw Another Butterfly." This powerful play will be presented at the school from May 29 to June 1, 2019 at 7:30 pm. There will also be a matinée on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 2 pm. Between 1933 and 1945, more than 11 million people were exterminated during the Holocaust, six million of whom were Jewish. Of those six million, 1.5 million were children. More than 15,000 Jewish children under the age of 16 passed through the Terezin Concentration Camp. Fewer than 150 survived.

"I Never Saw Another Butterfly" follows Raja, a child survivor of Terezin, and Raja's teacher, Irena Synkova, who helped prepare Raja for this feat.

For more news, visit rainbowschools.ca

8. School Announcements

Little Current Public School captured top honours at the Math, Science and Technology Olympics at Science North. A Pow Wow will be held at the school on May 31, 2019. The school is focused on EQAO and graduation.

Denise Sheppard reported that Manitoulin Secondary School did well in carpentry and small engine categories at tech skills in Toronto. She provided an update on renovations at Manitoulin Secondary School.

Chelmsford Public School is focusing on reading comprehension and shared reading. A small knitting group at the school visited the Cancer Centre. The school is hosting Entrepreneurship Charity Fair presentations on June 13, 2019. Funds raised will be matched for the charities.

Sara Pidgen of R.L. Beattie Public School said parents will be invited to the school to read with their children during Education Week. There will also be math games. The school is participating in Music Monday as well as Coding Arcade for Grade 6.

Melanie Bertrand reported that Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School welcomed guest speakers on wellness with a focus on stress, self-care and modeling for great relationships.

Dan Koziar of Princess Anne Public School highlighted Education Week activities, Music Monday Idol Competition, Chess Tournament, and Dodge Ball Tournament.

Stacy Paajanen of Lively District Secondary School said the school enjoyed hosting “Diamonds in the Rough”, an all women mine rescue team that spoke to Grade 7 and 8 students. A Headstrong spring tea was held at Meadowbrook. She also focused on the Grade 7 and 8 Math Challenge, Coding unit, Ontario Skills Competition, a rummage sale to raise funds for athletics, and a community clean up with Walden Public School.

Bernadette Rémillard highlighted a number of activities at Lansdowne Public School, including track and field, Education Week, Music Monday, book swap, teacher appreciation, Math Games Family Night, annual clean up, Wellness Day that featured many workshops, traditional gathering to honour water and the Grade 8 graduation.

She also highlighted activities at Sudbury Secondary School, including a new weight room, Pink Day, school play, singers at the Joan Mantle Music Trust International Dinner, Bands, Exposed art showcase, renowned choreographer in the dance class, new computers for media arts, climate change project, flag for Alex Trebek, EQAO, Mock Trial Competition, Special Olympics and John Street community garden clean up.

Shelley Depaolis of Lasalle Secondary School talked about the construction projects at the school, including the new multi-use sports complex and new French Immersion JK to Grade 6 school and the renovations to welcome area Grade 7 and 8 students. The school is offering students Advanced Placement Program options in specific subjects.

Kim Nadeau of Public Health shared information about a pilot program at Lockerby Composite School and focused on harm reduction messages, including make it the right kind of memorable and plan ahead to reduce risk.

Angelina Kasunich of Lockerby Composite School shared information about financial literacy programs that may be of interest to schools, including budget boot camp, value for money, growing up in a cashless world, saving for the future, funding post-secondary education, credit, and the digital world and fraud. Financial literacy is part of Civics and Careers in Grade 10.

Motion: “That we do now adjourn.”

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Lansdowne Public School

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 – 6 pm - AGM

Sudbury Secondary School, Sheridan Auditorium

Topic: Social Media

OFFICIAL

**Parent Involvement Committee Annual General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6 pm
Sudbury Secondary School – Sheridan Auditorium
with video link to
Manitoulin Secondary School**

Attendance

Sudbury site:

Doreen Dewar, Chair, Rainbow District School Board; Judy Hunda, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Kerrie St. Jean, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Norm Blaseg, Director of Education; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Michèle Smethurst, Executive Assistant; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning; Dave Kitching, Assistant Manager of Information Services; Michael McKelvey, Information Services; Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services; Lesley Fisher, Principal of Program; Kim Boulanger, Principal, Churchill Public School; Jennifer Harvey, Principal, Lansdowne Public School; Coleen Eberlein, Vice-Principal, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Melanie Bertrand, Vice-Principal, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Tricia Hatfield, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Allison Andler, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Denise Sheppard, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Angie Vachon, Parent, Valley View Public School; Bridget Erwin, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Tara Labranche-Brosseau, Parent, Queen Elizabeth and Lansdowne Public Schools; Nav Mehta, parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Greg Mumford, Parent, Walden Public School; Stacy Paajanen, Parent, Lively District Secondary School; Kara Farrell-Menard and Laura Young, Queen Elizabeth Public School; Cherie Daniels, Parent, Markstay Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; and Kim Nadeau, Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

Manitoulin Secondary School site:

Margaret Stringer, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Jamie Mohamed, Principal, Manitoulin Secondary School; Christy Case, Principal, Little Current Public School; Shelley Tamura, Vice-Principal, Little Current Public School; Dawn Dawson, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; Dawn Noble McCann, Teacher, Manitoulin Secondary School; Suzanne White, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; Carrie Spry, Parent, Manitoulin Secondary School; and Karen McGraw, Educational Assistant, Manitoulin Secondary School

Call to order 6 pm

1. Welcome from Superintendent of Schools Judy Noble

Superintendent Judy Noble welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. She reviewed the agenda for the evening and introduced members of the 2018-2019 PIC Executive. Superintendent Noble also introduced administrators, teachers and Trustees who participated in PIC. She acknowledged all of the parents who attended PIC meetings and thanked them for their interest and support.

The purpose of the Parent Involvement Committee is to give School Councils an opportunity to network, to share ideas, to provide input and to learn from Board and community guest speakers.

2. Greetings from Board Chair Doreen Dewar

Board Chair Doreen Dewar delivered greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees. She introduced fellow Trustees of the Board. Chair Dewar welcomed parents, staff and the trustee who joined the AGM via video conference from Manitoulin Secondary School. Chair Dewar thanked all PIC members for their contribution and commended Stacy Paajanen, Chair, and Natasha Delaney, Vice-Chair, for their leadership. Chair Dewar extended a sincere thank you to parents/guardians involved in School Councils as well as the Parent Involvement Committee. She also acknowledged parents/guardians who have expressed an interest in PIC going forward and thanked them for answering the call to serve.

Chair Dewar told a story of a boy, the wind and a kite. Each thought they were responsible for flying the kite. The boy said it was he, as he built the kite, the wind said without it blowing, the kite would never fly and the kite's tail said it offered stability without which the kite would come crashing to the ground. The moral of the story is that each member of the team plays a role in moving projects forward and meeting goals.

She concluded by saying when supportive parents, caring educators and active community members work together – everyone benefits. She commended all members of PIC for working with us in our shared goal of inspiring success for all students so they, like the kite, will soar to new heights.

3. Greetings from Director of Education Norm Blaseg

Director Blaseg welcomed everyone to the first Parent Involvement Committee meeting of the 2019-2020 school year. He stated that we are proud of our successes and continue to set high expectations that will challenge students to dig deeper, expand their knowledge and make connections to the world around them.

Director Blaseg highlighted some key initiatives that have taken place in Rainbow Schools, including summer learning programs, summer school, Indigenous summer school and Kindergarten Camp. Mental health and overall student wellness continue to be a priority. The Mental Health Strategic Plan, which was adopted by the Board last year, guides our work in this area. He also talked about the *Parents as Partners: Learning at Home* series. This monthly newsletter for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 offers tips and activities for families to engage in learning together.

In closing, Director Blaseg stated that he is extremely proud of the accomplishments and successes inside and outside of our classrooms. What also makes Rainbow Schools great places to be are the wonderful parents and guardians who support what we do in school, at home and in the community.

He thanked all parents/guardians who participate in School Councils calling them VIPs, very important partners in education. He wished School Councils a great school year.

4. 2019-2020 Election of PIC Membership

Superintendent Judy Noble explained that at the AGM, a slate of up to 10 candidates is approved for the PIC Executive. According to the Terms of Reference for PIC, the membership includes one representative from each of the Espanola and Manitoulin Island areas, and eight representatives from the Sudbury area. This year, there were no nominations from Espanola. A slate of seven candidates was presented for PIC, one of which was not in attendance. All nominees in attendance were acclaimed and will take part in the PIC Executive for the 2019-2020 school year.

Superintendent Noble presented the members of the PIC Executive as follows:

Tricia Hatfield, Cyril Varney Public School
Denise Sheppard, Manitoulin Secondary School
Angelina Kasunich, Lockerby Composite School
Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School
Allison Andler, R.L. Beattie Public School
Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School

Superintendent Noble introduced this year's non-parent PIC members:

Judy Kosmerly and Kerrie St. Jean (Trustees)
Judy Noble (Superintendent of Schools)
Nicole Charette (Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications)
Kristina Rivard Gobbo (Principal)
Dan Koziar (Principal)
Melanie Bertrand (Vice-Principal)
Sara Pidgen (Elementary Teacher)

5. Meeting dates for 2019-2020

Superintendent Judy Noble reviewed the schedule of PIC meetings for the remainder of the school year:

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7 pm
Topic: E-Learning and the Google Classroom

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7 pm
Topic: Autism and Special Needs Supports

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7 pm
Topic: Financial Literacy

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7 pm
Topic: Specialist High Skills Major - Red Seal

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7 pm
Topic: Planning Meeting for the 2020-2021 school year

Judy Noble thanked everyone for attending. Participants were invited to stay for a screening of the award-winning documentary "*Screenagers – Growing up in the Digital Age*". The screening was followed by a discussion with Moderator Markus Schwabe, Host of CBC Sudbury's Morning North. The panel included the Mental Health Lead for Rainbow Schools, a representative from Public Health, and a technology expert from Laurentian University.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - 7 pm
Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education
Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Topic: E-Learning and the Google Classroom