

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.**