

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, A. Gibson, J. Hunda
J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer
Absent: 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, S. Ackroyd, K. Kozman, C. McDonald, N. Mousseau

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: 20-R18, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 10, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

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: 20-R19, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 19, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Audit Committee (AC)

- i) Audit Committee Annual Report
Trustee Morrison, chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2018-2019 Audit Committee Report to the Ministry of Education.
- ii) 2018/19 Financial Statements
Superintendent Bazinet introduced Derek D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner from KPMG, who presented the consolidated financial statements for the 2018-2019 school year and responded to questions from trustees.

Motion: 20-R20, D.Morrison/M.Stringer
That the 2018/19 Financial Statements be approved. - **Carried**

- iii) 2018/19 Year End Report
Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the report that was distributed to trustees. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Director's Annual Report

Director Blaseg reviewed the 2018-2019 Annual Report. This will be distributed electronically again this year. Once this is AODA compliant it will be posted on the website. Trustees expressed appreciation to Director Blaseg for the content of the report and to Nicole Charette for the presentation of the material. Chair Dewar also thanked all Rainbow Staff who make the "good news stories" in the Annual Report possible.

2. OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2020

Motion: 20-R21, L.Debassige/K.St.Jean
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:

Trustee Clement
Trustee Gibson
Trustee Hunda
Trustee Kosmerly
Trustee Morrison
Trustee Stringer - **Carried**

3. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 20-R22, J/Hunda/J.Kosmerly
That Student Trustee Gauvreau be granted a leave of absence from the December 10, 2019 Board meeting. – **Carried**

4. **Director's Remarks**

Administrative Transfers are necessary starting January 6, 2020. Sudbury SS and Levack PS have vacancies as a result of a leave and a retirement.

Elementary

Vice Principal Darren Wilson appointed as acting Principal Levack PS effective January 6, 2020 to July 10, 2020.

Acting Vice Principal Jamie Bouchard transferred as acting Vice Principal of Lasalle SS effective January 6, 2020 to June 26, 2020.

Lisa Puddester appointed as acting Vice Principal of Northeastern Elementary School effective January 6, 2020 to June 26, 2020

Secondary

Vice Principal David Bertrim appointed as acting Principal of Sudbury Secondary School effective January 31, 2020 to July 10, 2020

Kyle Gutscher appointed as acting Vice Principal of Lively DSS effective January 31, 2020 to June 26, 2020.

The Director advised that work continues with employee groups, more specifically OSSTF and ETFO. Communication with both groups has been very helpful during provincial negotiations. Information letters are shared on the Rainbow DSB website in order to keep stakeholders in the know.

The Director advised that on Thursday, December 5, RDSB launched its version of Edgar Burtons Kids Helping Kids Campaign. Principal Kerri Monaghan held a news conference at MacLeod PS which featured Q-92 radio morning host Mellaney Dahl. Mel interviewed students and dignitaries on live radio, creating a really festive atmosphere, one filled with hope and a genuine desire to help families in need. Vale, Dan Xilon (Executive Director with The Sudbury Food Bank), Mayor Brian Bigger and Director Blaseg were on hand to watch students from MacLeod PS kick-start the campaign. The goal to surpass over 280,000 cans of food and \$43,000 had a wonderful start as two huge bake tables were selling donated food items at a ferocious pace.

Trustees were reminded to visit schools and attend Christmas luncheons. Many schools have a traditional Christmas meal and provide all students with an opportunity to eat with their friends and enjoy the festivities of the year together.

Director Blaseg wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and looks forward to 2020.

Itinerary:

Nov 21 Free to be Me Student Conference, Lockerby Composite School

Nov 22 PA Day

- Nov 25 First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC)
Exec Council (Principal teleconference)
- Nov 26 Executive Council
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- Nov 29 Confederation SS awards ceremony
Sudbury SS – Alice in Wonderland performance
- Dec 2 Safe Schools meeting
Agenda Setting
- Dec 3 Exec Council (Principal teleconference)
Labour Relations Committee meeting
Executive Council
- Dec 4 OSSTF Labour Action
Safe Schools meeting
Edgar Burton “Kids Helping Kids Launch” at MacLeod PS
- Dec 6 First Nations portfolio meeting
- Dec 9 Audit Committee meeting
- Dec 10 Sudbury Student Services Consortium AGM
Exec Council
Board Meeting

3. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement reported that he attended an OPSBA Directors’ meeting November 23, 24, and 25 in Toronto. He spent three days in meetings from Saturday to Monday with OPSBA Directors, including an advocacy day on Monday, November 25, continuing to promote Northern Ontario and the unique needs. Trustee Clement advised that he mostly spoke to NDP MPPs at the “meet and greet” at Queen’s Park.

Trustee Clement also spoke about a Nanos poll and encouraged trustee to check the OPSBA website for details.

Student Trustee – no report

4. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Kosmerly spoke about the CEC conference that she recently attended, along with Trustee Stringer and Trustee St. Jean. She commented on the excellent presentations and advised trustees that she would have notes available if anyone was interested.

Trustee Stringer also commented on the excellent CEC conference. She also has notes that are available to fellow trustees.

Trustee Gibson asked about Parent Reaching Out Grants. Superintendent Noble explained that the Ministry has provided \$9,000 for all of Rainbow DSB. An application process (reviewed by the Parent Involvement Committee) has resulted in 13 schools receiving a maximum of \$1000 for their school initiative. Additional funds will be required from the Board.

Trustee Morrison voiced her appreciation in the feedback about the CEC conference from fellow trustees. She also spoke about the Christmas Feast scheduled at Churchill PS later this week.

Trustee Morrison spoke about the recent Citizenship Ceremony that she took part in where over 100 people took the oath, including many children.

Trustee Hunda commented on the many events going on in Rainbow Schools from sporting events, Christmas concerts, the Christmas telethon, musical productions and Christmas feasts. She thanks dedication staff for their endless commitment to students.

Trustee St. Jean also commented on the CEC conference. She advised that she is now a member of The Minister's Advisory Council On Special Education. Trustee St. Jean is interested in the mental health initiatives throughout the province as well as blind and partially sighted students in Ontario.

5. **Chairperson's Remarks**

The festive season is one of the most wonderful times of the year in Rainbow Schools as students and staff spread holiday cheer in many ways....

canned food drives
acts of kindness
carols and concerts
turkey and the trimmings
Santa and spirit days
hats, scarves and mitts for families in need

For a listing of the plethora of festive events at 27 different schools in the Rainbow family, visit rainbowschools.ca

The thought for this month is a repeat from the well-known and dearly loved story, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss. Quote: "It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!... *Then* the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "*doesn't* come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all of our students, parents/guardians, staff and community partners, a happy and healthy holiday season.

Stay safe.

May 2020 bring you peace and joy.

Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

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

Motion: 20-R23, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we now adjourn at 7:15 p.m. – **Carried.**