

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, A. Gibson, J. Hunda
J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student
Trustee C. Gauvreau
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Others: G. Gauthier, T. Hayes, K. Kozman, C. McDonald, N. Mousseau,
H. Downey, C. Gibbs, C. Jameus, J. Lankshear, R. Wilson

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-R24, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 28, 2020 be approved.
- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION

Director Blaseg explained that EQAO recognizes schools in Ontario that have effectively used data to support student learning. “This year”, he continued, “the Dr. Bette Stephenson Recognition of Achievement is being presented to Sudbury Secondary School”.

“To be recognized is truly significant,” Director Blaseg said to the recipients. “Sudbury Secondary School is being held up as a shining example among 896 secondary schools with approximately 628,000 students in 72 school boards. And your educators and instructional leaders are held up as role models for student success.”

The award was presented to Principal Heather Downey as well as Program Leader of Numeracy Crystal Gibbs, Program Leader of Exceptional Programming Jeanette Lankshear, Mathematics/Computers Teacher Clinton Jameus, and Mathematics/History Teacher Ryan Wilson.

Trustees applauded their accomplishments.

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

Motion: 20-R25, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the Board ratify the local agreement between Rainbow District School Board and CUPE Local 895 as recommended by the Labour Relations Committee.

- **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

a) Motion: 20-R26, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 20-R27, K.St.Jean/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Revised Estimates 2019-2020

Superintendent Bazinet distributed the revised budget estimate document and reviewed with trustees.

2. Property

Motion: 20-R28, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the property at 121 Charlotte Avenue, Chelmsford ON P0M 1L0 (Chelmsford Public School) be declared surplus to the needs of Rainbow District School Board as of June 30, 2020. - **Carried**

3. Ontario Student Trustee Association - Board Council Conference *Chair

Motion: 20-R29, J.Hunda/K.St.Jean

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau at the OSTA Board Council Conference in Ottawa February 20 to 23, 2020. - **Carried**

4. Requests for Leave of Absence NIL

5. Director's Remarks

The Chief Medical Officer for Ontario, Dr. David Williams, held a teleconference with Directors on Sunday, January 26, 2020. His key messages involved communication as it relates to Coronavirus. He added:

“Members of the public are advised to take the usual measures to reduce the risk of transmission of the flu and respiratory illness, which include:

- get a yearly influenza vaccination, available from clinics and pharmacies (for flu only);
- wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze;
- if you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm; and
- stay home if you are ill.

Furthermore, the public is encouraged to check the Public Health Sudbury and Districts website for Coronavirus updates or go to rainbowschools.ca where a link to the Ministry of Health can be accessed.

Trustees were reminded that elementary report cards will not be distributed, as labour action will not allow for the entry of marks into the system. Secondary report cards will be distributed; however, comments will be absent. As always parents may want to contact their child's teacher to discuss their child's progress.

Tomorrow, Wednesday January 27th is Bell's sponsored "Let's Talk" initiative. Please comment on one of our place mats in the foyer. We encourage everyone to speak out and help to create an environment that encourages Mental Wellness.

Reminder that on February 4th and 6th ETFO, representing our elementary teachers, will be on strike. Finally, there is a PD day scheduled for this Friday, January 31 so there will be no schools for students.

Itinerary:

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| December 11 | Agenda Setting |
| December 13 | CTCC meeting at HSN |
| December 16 | CCR meeting
School Visit:
- Redwood Acres PS |
| December 17 | Exec Council
School Visits:
- Chelmsford VDCCS
- Levack PS |

Meeting with Angela Recollet
(Executive Director Shkagamik-Kwe)

December 18 School Visits:
- Barrydowne College
- Adamsdale PS

December 19 School Visit:
- Sudbury SS
Manitoulin Secondary Awards Evening

December 20 FNMI – portfolio Meeting

January 6 Parent Meeting
OSSTF meeting

January 7 Exec Council

January 8 SEAC

January 10 School Visit:
- Chelmsford PS

January 13 School Admin Teleconference
School Year Calendar committee meeting

January 14 Exec Council
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

January 15 CODE Teleconference

January 16 Safe Schools Meeting
Agenda Setting

January 17 Admin Teleconference

January 21 CODE Teleconference

January 23 S.O. Portfolio team meeting
(Judy Noble and Program System Principals)

January 24 Exec Council
Agenda Setting
S.O. Portfolio team
(Kathy Wachnuk and Special Education Managers and System
Principal)

January 27 S.O. Portfolio team
(Kathy Wachnuk and Mental Health Lead)

6. Other Items

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement reported that he attended the Public Education Symposium (PES) last week in Toronto. He reported that the focus of the conference was leadership. Time was spent discussing the role of the trustee including reiterating the importance of messaging coming from the Chair or Director only. Trustee Clement had the opportunity to speak to peers representing Northern Boards.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Gauvreau reported that Student Senators continue to work on the upcoming conference scheduled for April 29 and 30, 2020 at Dynamic Earth. The focus of the conference is the environment and the group are in the process of securing local presenters.

7. Trustees' Remarks/Questions

Trustee Kosmerly spoke about the Public Education Symposium (PES) that she recently attended, along with Trustee Clement and Trustee St. Jean. She commented on the excellent presentations, the focus on leadership and the presentation by Education Minister Lecce.

Trustee Kosmerly also spoke about the Ontario Human Rights Commission's *Right to Read* online survey. Information can be found on the website ohrc.on.ca.

Trustee Kosmerly requested a future presentation regarding the Student Senate.

Trustee Stringer advised that Heather Jeffkins, teacher at Assiginack PS is the recipient of the 2019 Governor General's Award of Excellence in teaching History. She received the award on January 20, 2020 at Rideau Hall from the Governor General of Canada Julie Payette. Congratulations to Heather!

Trustee Morrison spoke about the 75th anniversary of the Holocaust Remembrance Day that was recognized yesterday in many Rainbow Schools and commented that each year there are fewer and fewer people available to speak firsthand about this historical event.

8. Chairperson's Remarks

Heather Jeffkins, a Grade 3/4 teacher at Assiginack Public School on Manitoulin Island, has received a prestigious Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching. Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, presided over the ceremony on January 20, 2020 at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

Heather Jeffkins engaged her students in a project called "Weaving Stories and Stitching History". The history project integrated outcomes in social studies,

language arts and visual arts through a combination of online research, consultation with community artisans, and hands-on experience with textile art.

Lauren Rajala, a Grade 12 student from Lasalle Secondary School, joined Team Canada in curling at the third annual Youth Winter Olympics in Switzerland. Lauren was chosen by the Canadian Olympics Committee to lead Team Canada as flag-bearer during the opening ceremony. What an honour!

Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29th, is Bell Let's Talk Day. We invite everyone to join the conversation about mental health, including signing a placemat in the reception area. Rainbow District School Board is committed to end the stigma and support student mental health and well-being.

Just a reminder that there is no school for students on Family Day, Monday, February 17th.

The Board's Environmental Committee invites staff and students to take part in the Polar Bear Challenge on International Polar Bear Day, on Thursday, February 27th. Every year, this global event draws attention to what we can do to make a difference to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause the challenges polar bears face in a warming Arctic.

Parents/guardians of students with special needs and exceptionalities in the Rainbow District School Board are invited to provide input into the 2020-2021 Special Education Plan. Friday, February 28th is the deadline. The survey is available online at rainbowschools.ca.

Information Nights continue in Rainbow secondary schools at Chelmsford, Confederation, Lasalle and Manitoulin. Please check the website for dates and times.

In fact, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Rainbow District School Board website is the source for information about education Rainbow schools.

The thought for the month comes from Albert Einstein who said:

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that is stupid."

Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Student Senate Meeting February 3, 2020 5:30 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

~~Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Feb 4, 2020 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom~~

~~Special Education Advisory Cmttee Feb 5, 2020 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125~~

~~Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Feb 13, 2020 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom~~

Board Meeting February 18, 2020 5:00 pm Boardroom

First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 20, 2020 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125

~~Parent Involvement Cmttee February 25, 2020 7:00 pm Boardroom~~

Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Mar 4, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125

** meeting dates that have a ~~strikethrough~~ have been cancelled*

I. Motion: 20-R30, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That we now adjourn at 6:05 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official