

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Kosmerly (via google hangout), D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer (via google hangout), Student Trustee C. Gauvreau  
Absent: J. Hunda, L. Debassige  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board  
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, C. Whitson  
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: 20-R31, K.St.Jean/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 18, 2020 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-R32, B.Clement/M.Stringer

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 be approved. - **Carried**

**2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

Motion: 20-R33, D.Morrison/K.St.Jean

That the Board award the contract for Lockerby Composite School, heating plant, building control system and electrical distribution upgrades - tender #2019-08 to Ainsworth Inc. for \$1,433,222. - **Carried**

Superintendent Bazinet provided a brief description of the scope of work to be completed under capital funding.

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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2020-2021 School Year Structure**

Motion: 20-R34, K.St.Jean/M.Stringer

That the Board approve the 2020-2021 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools. - **Carried**

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 20-R35, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That Trustee Hunda and Trustee Debassige be granted a leave of absence from the February 18, 2020 Board meeting. - **Carried**

3. **Director's Remarks**

1. Labour action has challenged us on a number of fronts:

a) OSSLT/OSSLC/Adjudication

Labour action may have an impact on graduation requirements for our secondary students. Superintendent Noble will expand on this

b) Cancellations/ Pauses/Scale Backs

- Northern Ontario Music Fest – Cancelled
- Science Fair – Scaled back
- NOSSA – Rescheduled
- Trips – Accommodations - Revised supervision
- Elementary report cards were scheduled to go home tomorrow

c) Supply teachers are not readily available.

2. Student Transition Information Meetings regarding elementary students moving to secondary sites have been determined. Superintendent Bruce Bourget provided details.

The Lasalle Secondary School information session is scheduled for Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm, and the Chelmsford VDCS information session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm.

3. Administrative appointments –

The following people are appointed from their current acting vice principal posts to permanent vice principal positions effective tomorrow:

- Cathy Norrie – Cyril Varney PS
- Andrea Therrien – Jean Hansen PS
- Kate MacKenzie - Adamsdale PS

Coleen Eberlein – Queen Elizabeth PS  
Emily Caruso Parnell – R.L. Beattie PS

4. Update provided regarding Coronavirus. There are no confirmed cases of coronavirus within our jurisdiction.

5. Lasalle Recreational Facility

Director Blaseg and Superintendent Bazinet spoke briefly about the new recreational facility at Lasalle Secondary School.

Itinerary:

January 29 Meeting – Fabio Belli Foundation  
Meeting – Public Health Sudbury & Districts

January 30 Looking Forward Consult– Indigenous Lead & staff

January 31 P.A. Day  
Teleconference with Principals and vice principals  
Looking Forward Consult – Business S.O. & Maintenance Manager  
Looking Forward Consult – Business S.O. & Capital Manager

February 3 Lasalle Secondary School site visit (Dome)  
Looking Forward Consult – S.O. & H.R. Manager

February 4 MCCSS (Sandra Russell) consult with senior staff/system principals & managers re: Children’s services

February 5 FNAC (Elders advisory committee) consult  
Agenda Setting  
Looking Forward Consult – S.O. and Lead for Health & Safety

February 6 Looking Forward Consult - Business S.O., I.S. Manager & staff  
Looking Forward Consult - Business S.O & Finance Manager

February 7 Looking Forward Consult – Facilities supervisors  
Dome tour with Trustees  
Meeting with GNO Director re: shared space

February 11 Exec Council  
Interview with CBC Radio – Dome

February 12 Consult with Public Health Sudbury & Districts re: Children’s services  
Consult with Ex Director for Misko-Ode-Wendam re: Children’s services  
Attend Lasalle Secondary School (Dome site) information night

4.     **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement reported that he would be attending an OPSBA Directors’ meeting this weekend in Toronto. He stated that currently there is not a lot on the agenda and that it will be more of an information session.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Gauvreau advised that she would be attending the OSTA-AECO Board Council annual conference this Thursday in Ottawa.

5.     **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Clement asked about Espanola High School’s graduation date. Director Blaseg advised that he would confirm with the principal.

Trustee Gibson asked if the board will be getting a claw back or compensation for strike days. Superintendent Bazinet advised that the board has not heard anything yet.

Trustee Gibson asked about staffing and how we proceed with the current times. Director Blaseg explained that we are required to abide by current collective agreements for staffing needs, which makes it difficult, especially if the proposed increase in class sizes is approved by the government.

6.     **Chairperson’s Remarks**

A record number of students from Rainbow Schools have answered the call of the trades and signed Registered Training Agreements with local employers. Twenty-one students in Grades 11 and 12 are currently earning dual credits that will count towards their high school and college diplomas, while also qualifying for the academic portion of apprenticeships in the skilled trades of Heavy Duty Technician, Welder/Fitter, and General Carpentry. Students are attending classes at Cambrian College until June. In addition to classroom and shop time, they are completing Co-operative Education with a local employer. A sign-up ceremony was held at Cambrian College on February 4, 2020. Students and their parents had the opportunity to meet their co-op employers and tour Cambrian’s skilled trades labs.

*SHAD is an annual Canadian summer enrichment program for high-achieving high school students in July. The program is open to both Canadian and international students. The program is offered at 17 participating universities across Canada.*

Two students from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School have been accepted into the prestigious SHAD Canada program - Jack Moskalyk and Alec Dewulf. SHAD Canada is a science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics (STEAM) and entrepreneurship program for students in Grades 10 and 11. Shad Canada’s program attracts students with high aptitudes for risk taking, curiosity, excellence and resilience, and prepares them to take on social and economic challenges. The month-long program includes a real-world design challenge that asks students to

work on issues such as food security, water management and waste. Of the 2,500 applicants Canada-wide, about 1,000 students are accepted and we have two of them right here at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Congratulations!

The last of the secondary school information nights takes place this week as Manitoulin Secondary School opens its doors on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6 pm. We thank all students and parents/guardians for participating in these information sessions that will help them make the transition into secondary school.

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.

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

We remind parents/guardians to register their children for Kindergarten if they have not done so already. This helps us plan for the school year ahead. For children starting school for the very first time, there is an online registration form at rainbowschools.ca. Registering will secure a spot for your child at the Welcome to Kindergarten orientation sessions later this spring.

Our quote for the month comes from American journalist, Bill Vaughan who said *"People learn something every day, and a lot of times it's that what they learned the day before was wrong."*

The Chair mentioned that a well-written letter from Renfrew County DSB, directed to S Lecce, is worth the read.

Chair Dewar offered her thanks to staff for all they do for students to be able to enjoy special events.

## **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
2. **Non-Staff Communications**  
2020 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation dates  
Board and Strategic Planning Schedule of Meetings 2020-2021

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

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~~  
Student Senate Meeting March 2, 2020 5:30 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Mar 3, 2020 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

~~Special Education Advisory Cmttee Mar 4, 2020 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125~~  
~~Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Mar 4, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125~~  
Board Meeting March 24, 2020 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee May 14, 2020 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
*\* meeting dates that have a strikethrough have been cancelled*

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 20-R36, B.Clement/D.Morrison  
That we now adjourn at 6:07 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official