

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), L. Debassige, B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student Trustee Lafrance

Absent: J. Kosmerly

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, C. Whitson

Others: D. Kitching, T. Hayes, S. Ackroyd, L. Fisher, H. Gaffney, C. McDonald, D. St. Amour, A. Conley-Cayer, C. Wilson

Chair Dewar advised that the meeting was being live-streamed and archived.
Chair Dewar completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet Board meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 20-R92, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 29, 2020 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Absent
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION

Summer Programs for Students

Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education, spoke about two Special Education Programs available during July and August 2020 via remote learning. She provided details about the Special Education Summer Intervention Program and the Special Education Summer Transition Program.

Ashleigh Conley-Cayer, Principal of Kindergarten Summer Camp 2020, spoke about the success of this five-day program that was available at 17 Rainbow schools and was attended by more than 200 young students. This face-to-face opportunity for our youngest students ran for three hours each day under the direction of 21 qualified teachers, 8 designated early childhood educators and 3 educational assistants.

Carrie Wilson, CODE Summer Learning Program Principal, spoke of this successful virtual program that was available to students in grades 1 to 8 for the 10th consecutive year. Again this year, the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) provided funding. There were six virtual classes that served 105 students.

Dave St. Amour, Secondary Program Summer School Principal, shared information and results about eLearning Summer School, Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC), Co-Operative Education and Credit Recovery. All programs were successfully offered via remote learning.

Trustees had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions. Trustees thanked staff and indicated they were extremely pleased with the results from all summer school programs.

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-R93, M.Stringer/K.St.Jean

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 1, 2020 be approved.

Poll Vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Absent
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour*

– Carried

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Audit Committee (AC)

Motion: 20-R94, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the 2019/2020 External Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Poll Vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Absent
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

Motion: 20-R95, D.Morrison/K.St.Jean

That the 2020/2021 Internal Audit Plan and the Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Poll Vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Absent
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution

Motion: 20-R96, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.

Poll Vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Absent
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

2. **OSTA-AECO Fees**

Motion: 20-R97, J.Hunda/K.St.Jean

That the 2020/21 membership fees in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association be approved.

Poll Vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Absent
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 20-R98, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That Judy Kosmerly be granted a leave of absence from the September 29, 2020 Board meeting.

Poll Vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Absent
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

4. **Director's Remarks**

Itinerary

Sept. 2, 2020	P.A. Day Ministry of Education – Teleconference OSSTF – Federation meeting Agenda Setting FNAC
Sept. 3, 2020	P.A. Day Deputy Minister - Teleconference Local Directors Teleconference
Sept. 8, 2020	CBC interview on site Exec Council

Sept. 9, 2020	Exec Council
Sept. 10, 2020	Exec Council
Sept. 11, 2020	Deputy Minister - Teleconference
Sept. 14, 2020	PCODE – Teleconference OSSTF – Federation meeting Minister of Education – Teleconference
Sept. 15, 2020	Exec Council Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
Sept. 16, 2020	Agenda Setting Teleconference – Food program – Better Beginnings Better Future
Sept. 17, 2020	Wear Pink Day – Anti Bullying Messaging Deputy Minister - Teleconference Local Directors Teleconference Student Achievement Team Meeting
Sept. 21, 2020	PCODE teleconference Minister of Education – Teleconference
Sept. 22, 2020	Director’s Meeting Family of Schools Meetings Audit Committee Meeting
Sept. 23, 2020	Exec Council
Sept. 24, 2020	Deputy Minister - Teleconference FNAC meeting
Sept. 25, 2020	Exec Council
Sept. 28, 2020	PCODE Teleconference OSSTF - Federation Meeting Minister of Education – Teleconference
Sept. 29, 2020	Exec Council Board Meeting

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement reported that the OPSBA AGM was held via video conferencing on Saturday, September 26, 2020. He will advise trustees when information is available on the OPSBA website regarding the AGM.

Trustee Gibson advised that the AGM is available for viewing on the OPSBA YouTube channel.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Lafrance spoke about how happy students are to be back in school. She mentioned how teachers are continually encouraging students about wearing a mask, washing hands and focusing on social distance.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison spoke about students during the lunch break and the creative solutions principals are experimenting with in their buildings to continue to maintain safe COVID 19 practices. She spoke about the importance of focusing on education instead of the pandemic.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Students in Rainbow Schools are putting their feet to the pavement throughout September and October to mark the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Foundation. Due to the pandemic, a number of schools will host alternative versions of the traditional Terry Fox Run. A list of participating schools is available on the Board's website.

Parents are reminded to use the school screening tool for COVID-19 as part of your morning routine. A link to the provincial screening tool is available on the Board's website.

Also, due to continuing school bus driver shortages, we encourage parents to check for weekly bus cancellations on the Consortium website businfo.ca.

Tomorrow Wednesday, September 30th is Orange Shirt Day. Staff and students are invited to show support for residential school survivors by wearing orange. This day recognizes the effects and intergenerational impacts of the residential school system on First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children in Canada.

Just a reminder that this coming Friday, October 2nd is a Professional Activity Day and there will be no classes for students.

On Tuesday, October 6th at 3 pm and Wednesday, October 14th at 7 pm, parents/guardians are invited to learn about the transition back to school during a pandemic with a special virtual presentation entitled "Life Interrupted: A Pathway Toward Resilience and Growth." To accommodate families, there will be two online sessions offered – firstly on Tuesday, October 6th at 3 pm and Wednesday, October 14th at 7 pm. Participants need to pre-register. Learn more at rainbowschools.ca.

Monday, October 12th is Thanksgiving. With our wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, we want to extend a friendly reminder encouraging families to limit their social circle and be COVID-safe.

This month's quote comes from one of my favorite writers. I'm going to share the quote but I will leave it to each of you to guess the writer:

*"Think left and think right
And think low and think high.
Oh the thinks you can think up
If only you try!"*

Thank you and stay safe.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting October 5, 2020 5:00 pm (Blended virtual/in person)
Special Education Advisory Committee October 7, 2020 12:00 pm (via google meet)
Environmental Education Committee Meeting October 7, 2020 9 3:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting October 13, 2020 5:00 pm Boardroom
Parent Involvement Committee AGM October 20, 2020 7:00 pm To be determined
Board Meeting October 27, 2020 5:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee November 19, 2020 10:00 am

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 20-R99, D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That we now adjourn at 6:45 p.m. – **Carried.**