RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held electronically via Google Meet in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 27, 2020 be approved.

- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST *Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS *Chair
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
 OF THE BOARD
 *Director
- E. OLD BUSINESS *Director
- 1. **Previous Minutes**

*Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 29 2020 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

*SBO

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

*Chair

F. NEW BUSINESS

*Chair

1. Public Education Symposium (PES) 2021

*Chair

In January 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Public Education Symposium will be held as a virtual event on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. PLUS a social that evening

COST: Free to OPSBA members

Information on the program and speakers to follow.

For more information:

Susan Weinberg, Professional Development Coordinator, 416-340-2540, x 128 or email the Webmaster

2. Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting

Chair

Motion:

That the board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Lafrance at the OSTA Fall General Meeting (online conference) October 22 to 25, 2020.

3. <u>Levying Education Taxes Bylaw</u>

*SBO

Motion:

That the Levying Education Taxes for 2020 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.

4. Requests for Leave of Absence

*Chair

Motion:

That ______ be granted a leave of absence from the October 27, 2020 Board meeting.

5. <u>Director's Remarks</u>

*Director

6. Other Items

*Chair

OPSBA Director Student Trustee

7. Trustees' Remarks/Questions

*Chair

Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.

8. Chairperson's Remarks

*Chair

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

*Chair

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

Audit Committee minutes December 9, 2019 (official)
First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) minutes February 20, 2020 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes September 16, 2020 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

*Chair

Student Senate Meeting November 2, 2020 5:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee Meeting November 3, 2020 5:00 pm Boardroom Special Education Advisory Committee November 4, 2020 12:00 pm Equity & Inclusion Education Committee November 5, 2020 4:00 pm Board Meeting November 17, 2020 5:00 pm Boardroom First Nation Advisory Committee November 19, 2020 10:00 am Parent Involvement Committee Meeting December 1, 2020 7:00 pm Environmental Education Committee Meeting January 6, 2021 3:30 pm

I. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at p.m.

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. <u>PRESENTATION</u>

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. <u>Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution</u>

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. <u>Director's Remarks</u>

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 You Tube 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. <u>INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS</u>

- 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. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion: 20-R99, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That we now adjourn at 6:45 p.m. - Carried.





A letter from our Presidents

on behalf of the OSTA-AECO Executive Council

Dear Directors of Education, Chairs, and fellow Trustees,

On behalf of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO), we are pleased to extend an invitation to student trustees across the province for our first conference of the academic year, our Fall General Meeting (FGM). The FGM will be taking place online from Thursday, October 22 to Sunday, October 25, 2020. OSTA-AECO's FGM will help student trustees build the fundamental skills required to be successful in their positions. With knowledgeable keynote speakers, round table discussions, and seminars explaining boardroom etiquette, this conference is an excellent way for student trustees to learn more about their position alongside like-minded individuals, and network with fellow student trustees from across the province. A portion of this conference will also be spent familiarizing student trustees with OSTA-AECO as an organization, and the structure of Ontario's education system. Student trustees will have the opportunity to meet with OSTA-AECO's partners, connect with student trustee alumni mentors and work within their respective board councils.

The FGM will develop partnerships/connections between student trustees across the province to allow for further collaboration and diversity in promoting student advocacy. OSTA-AECO places great emphasis on the importance of supporting student trustees throughout their terms by providing the tools, resources, and professional development they need to succeed. The FGM will be an important transitional aid for your student trustee(s), and we are confident that they will immensely benefit from their participation. Attached you will find the conference information package and preliminary agenda. Please take the time to review this information and register by the specified date.

We are aware of the impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had and will have on the terms of student trustees across the province. We will continue to keep the safety and well being of student trustees our number one priority. As we move through these unprecedented times together, our board of directors will continue to monitor the circumstances and make informed decisions using expert recommendations.

On behalf of OSTA-AECO, we would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and for continuing to foster student voice within your board. We hope to see your student trustee(s) online in October.

Yours in education,



Justine Mackay
President,
OSTA-AECO



Mahek Dhaliwal President, Public Board Council



Teresa Siby
President,
Catholic Board Council



Conference details

Date

October 22-25, 2020

Registration

Pre-Conference Registration for our upcoming conference is now available online. Please note that registration fees below are based on the date of registration and the membership status of the school board within the organization. Only student trustees who are registered for the conference will be eligible to attend.

To register for the conference, please visit osta-aeco.org/events/fgm-2020.

Note: Once the form is completed, the designated School Board Contact will receive an Invoice from OSTA-AECO within 3-4 business days for registration. If there are any questions about registration or payment, please do not hesitate to contact our Chief Financial Officer, Prasith Wijeweera, at 888.994.9374 or prasith.wijeweera@osta-aeco.org

Payment methods

Accepted methods of payment include:

- Credit Card
- · Cheque*
- · Electronic Funds Transfer

* If paying by cheque, please address the cheque to "Ontario Student Trustees' Association" and mail it to:

OSTA-AECO 5-112 Elizabeth St., Suite 285, Toronto, ON M5G 1P5

Registration checklist

- Complete online registration
- Complete and submit the invoice we send you
- Student Trustee: Sign Student Trustee Code of Conduct

Ticket Type	Price (per student)
Member Board	\$50
Non-Member Board	\$75
Deadline	October 21, 2020

Agenda agenda has been attached in this email.



Contact us

We encourage our Board partners to contact us with any inquiries, questions, and/or feedback.



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Board of directors

The Board of Directors has the fiduciary duty to oversee and advise the Executive Council in all operational activities to align short-term goals with the long-term vision of the organization. The Board of Directors maintains internal procedures that promote and sustain fiscal management, accountability, risk mitigation, long-term sustainability, and social responsibility. As a publicly funded not-for-profit corporation, these procedures comply with not-for-profit corporate regulations and are designed to maintain transparent and equitable financial records in accordance with regulatory requirements.

For more information, visit https://osta-aeco.org/governance/board-of-directors/



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Thursday, October 22		
4.30 pm – 5.00pm	 Welcome to OSTA-AECO's Fall General Meeting 2020 Land Acknowledgement – Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott Introduction to OSTA-AECO – Luca DiPietro Ice Breakers – Luca DiPietro, Charles Chen, Kathy Nguyen 	
5.00 pm – 5.45 pm	 Exploring Post-Secondary Pathway Advice from OSTA-AECO Alumni about Pathways and Scholarships – Alumni Panelists Question and Answer 	
5.45 pm – 6.00 pm	Closing remarksCode of Conduct and Conference Norms – Cameron Prosic	
Friday, October 23		
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm	 Opening Ceremonies Land Acknowledgement – Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott Presidential Address – Justine Mackay CEO Address – Cameron Prosic Ice Breakers – Luca DiPietro, Charles Chen, Kathy Ngyuyen 	
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Keynote Speaker (TBA)	
6.00 pm – 6.45 pm	Dinner Break	
6.45 pm – 7.15 pm	 OSTA-AECO's Vision 2020-2021 President – Justine Mackay Catholic Board Council President – Teresa Siby Public Board Council President – Mahek Dhaliwal 	
7.15 pm – 7.30 pm	 Working Group Introductions Introduction – Luca DiPietro and Working Group Co-chairs Indigenous Relations – Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott Communications – Charles Chen, Kathy Nguyen French Relations – Felix Nomerosvsky 	

o Student Well-Being – Keith Andre Baybayon, Isabel Unger

7.30 pm – 7.45 pm 7.45 pm – 8.45 pm	 Ontario Student Voice Awards – Ava LaFrance, Arabella Soave Advocacy – Declan Amaral, Vandy Widyalankara Environmental Sustainability – Kaylee Kelly, Tasnia Rahman Networking Break Working Group Breakouts 			
8.45 pm – 9.00 pm	Closing remarks			
Saturday, October 24				
10.00 am – 10.30 am	 Opening Ceremonies Land Acknowledgement – Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott Ice Breakers – Luca DiPietro, Charles Chen, Kathy Ngyuyen 			
10:30 am – 11:00 am	 A Student Trustee's Guide to Media Literacy Presentation – Kirsten Kelly, Jazzlyn Abbott Question and Answer 			
11.00 am – 12.00 pm	 Working Group Breakouts Indigenous Relations – Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott Communications – Charles Chen, Kathy Nguyen French Relations – Felix Nomerosvsky Student Well-Being – Keith Andre Baybayon, Isabel Unger Ontario Student Voice Awards – Ava LaFrance, Arabella Soave Advocacy – Declan Amaral, Vandy Widyalankara Environmental Sustainability – Kaylee Kelly, Tasnia Rahman 			
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm	 Catholic Board Council – Teresa Siby, Annika Dela Torre Public Board Council – Mahek Dhaliwal, Zach Garbaty 			
1.00 pm – 1.45 pm	Lunch Break			
1.45 pm – 2.45 pm	Keynote Speaker (TBA)			
2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	Representation in Education • Roundtable Discussions – Executive Council			
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	Networking Break			
3.45 pm – 6.00 pm	 Welcome to the Boardroom – Board of Directors Question and Answer Session Break 			

• How to Draft a Motion – Board of Directors

• Mock Board Meeting – Executive Council

6.00 pm – 6.15 pm Closing Remarks 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm Nighttime Activity

Sunday, October 25

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	 Board Council Breakouts Catholic Board Council – Teresa Siby, Annika Dela Torre Public Board Council – Mahek Dhaliwal, Zach Garbaty
1.30 pm – 2.00 pm	 Elementary Engagement Presentation – Luca DiPietro Question and Answer
2.30 pm – 2.45 pm	Networking Break
2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	 Equity Report Feedback Introduction – Justine Mackay, Joy Liu Roundtable Discussions – Executive Council
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	 Executive Coordinator Updates Communications – Jazzlyn Abbott, Kirsten Kelly Policy – Joy Liu Outreach – Josh Hill Finance– Prasith Wijeweera
4.30 pm – 4.45 pm	Closing Remarks • Presidential Speech – Justine Mackay

Rainbow District School Board BY-LAW NUMBER 2020-02

Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the *Education Act* (the "*Act*") requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the *Act*;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 257.12(1) of the *Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

The rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2019 (Aug 25/20 note: s/b 2020) are hereby levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the *Act*.

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY E 27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.	NACTED IN OPEN BOARD MEETING THIS
Chair	Secretary

Audit Committee Official Minutes Monday, December 9, 2019 3:10 PM Room 125, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury

Present:

<u>Trustees</u>: D. Morrison, J. Hunda, M. Stringer

External Audit Committee Members: F. Cinotti

Regrets: A. Lukezic

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director

D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business

K. Kozman - Manager of Finance

Others: D. D'Angelo – Lead Audit Engagement Partner (KPMG)

Y. de la Morandiere - Financial Analyst

H. Thirkill – recording secretary

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: M.Stringer/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Audit Committee meeting of December 9, 2019 be approved. – **carried**

2. Preliminary Declarations of Pecuniary Interest NIL

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: F.Cinotti/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of September 23, 2019 be approved. – **carried**

4. 2018/2019 Financial Statements

D. D'Angelo provided a detailed review of the financial statements.

Motion: M.Stringer/F.Cinotti

That the 2018/2019 Financial Statements be recommended to the Board for approval. - **carried**

Staff left the meeting room to allow the Audit Committee members to ask questions of the external auditor.

5. 2018/2019 Audit Committee Reports

Motion: J.Hunda/F.Cinotti

That the 2018/2019 Audit Committee Reports be approved. - carried

6. Future Meetings

March 2020

7. **Adjournment**

Motion: J.Hunda/M.Stringer
That we now adjourn 4:22 p.m. - carried



MINUTES OF THE

FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education

Thursday, February 20, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Room 125

Members Present: Kim Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

Carlene Assinewai, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

Lois Lambert, Dokis First Nation

Robert Pitfield, Wahnapitae First Nation

Kelly-Lee Assinewe, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

Andrew Aguonie, Chief, Sheguiandah First Nation

Margaret Stringer, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board

Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District

School Board

Nicole Nicolas-Bayer, Indigenous Education and Reconciliation

Advisor, Rainbow District School Board

Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board

Norm Blaseg, Director of Education, Rainbow District School

Board

Absent Anna-Marie Abitong, Sagamok Anishnawbek

With Regrets: Marilyn Nicholls, Wahnapitae First Nation

Janice Cada, Sheshegwaning Fist Nation Kevin Mossip, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Jacinta Shawanda, Whitefish River First Nation

Linda Debassige, First NationTrustee, Rainbow District School

Board

Guests: Tammy Moreau, Anishinabek Education System (Region 2)

Lisa Wabigejig, Anishinabek Education System (Region 3)

Gabriele Davey – Health Line

Recording Minutes: Dawn London, Rainbow District School Board

1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting began at 10:05 a.m. Quorum was met. Hazel Fox-Recollet provided an opening.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Gabriele Davey from Health Line presented a slideshow illustrating their non-profit organization. Health and social services for students, teachers and educators. The information will be presented at the February 25th Language Forum in Toronto which Principal Dokis will be attending. Our committee will be in contact if we would like to revisit this.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: C. Assinewai/R. Pitfield

That the agenda for the regular First Nations Advisory Committee meeting of February 20, 2020 be approved as amended. – **Carried**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: L. Lambert/K. Nootchtai

That the minutes of the Regular First Nations Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 be approved. – **Carried**

5. MINOWAAJMOWINAN – SHARING STORIES

A newsletter will be put together a couple times a year and posted on the Board Website.

6. FNAC MEMBERSHIP

Reviewed the First Nations Advisory Committee Handbook.

Motion: C. Assinewai/R. Pitfield

That a formal letter be written and sent to Wiikwemkoong First Nation indicating that they are no longer a member of the First Nations Advisory Committee and if they wish to rejoin, the committee can revisit that at that time. – **Carried.**

Action Item: Director Blaseg will write a letter to Wiikwemkoong First Nation and CC all Chiefs.

Action Item: A letter will be sent to Zhiibaahaasing First Nation regarding the importance of attending meetings.

7. ANNUAL REPORT

Principal Dokis reviewed the draft copy of the Annual Report.

8. INDIGENOUS BOARD ACTION PLAN

Principal Dokis explained the document and the breakdown of where the money is spent.

9. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATON: A COMMITMENT TO ACTION UPDATES

Nicole Nicolas-Bayer gave an overview of the five year strategic action plan.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** NIL

11. COMMUNITY UPDATES NIL

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: R. Pitfield/K. Nootchtai

That we now adjourn at 2:05 p.m. - Carried.

MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 Time: 12:00 PM This SEAC meeting was held virtually via Google Meet Conferencing.

Present:

SEAC Members:

Julie Contini Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair) Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter

Julia Ritchie CCR Parent Advisory/ Ontario Autism Coalition

Cereena Rows FASD Consultant

Kerrie St. Jean Trustee Robert Silvestri NOARC Margaret Stringer Trustee

Staff:

Colleen McDonald Principal of Special Education Programs and Services

Joanne Taillon Special Education Consultant

Kathy Wachnuk Superintendent

Regrets:

Wendy Larouche (Chair)

Daryl Walker

Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

N.Delaney welcomed everyone.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 **SEAC Mission Statement**

N.Delaney read aloud the mission statement aloud.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: R.Silvestri

Seconded by: Trustee Stringer

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of September 16, 2020 be approved.

Motion carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: R.Silvestri

Seconded by: Trustee Stringer

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of June 3, 2020 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

None

8.0 New Business

Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: R.Silvestri Seconded by: J.Contini

That the SEAC approve the absences of W.Larouche and D.Walker from the September 16, 2020 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

9.0 Superintendent's Report

There are currently 1887 Kindergarten to Grade 12 students that are learning remotely. 320 of these students have exceptionalities. Superintendent Wachnuk provided details pertaining to the reorganization that is taking place to accommodate in-class and remote learners in both the elementary and highschool panels. Virtual Special Education Resource Teacher support and Intensive Support Placements are available for Remote Learners.

Health and Safety:

Fire drills are being practised in individual classrooms (cohorts) to maintain physical distancing.

Lockdown drills are being discussed in classrooms but will not be practiced.

Much Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been purchased so that students and staff feel safe and comfortable.

Transportation challenges continue due to a bus driver shortage. There is also a supply shortage in many union groups (cleaners, educational assistants, teachers, etc.)

Summer 2020:

Lexia Reading Intervention and Empower Reading were offered virtually over the summer.

During the last week of August 2020, nine school sites welcomed fortyfour students to assist with their transition back to school.

Twelve Psychoeducational assessments and nine Speech Language assessments were completed.

10.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald explained how Speech Language and Psychological assessments are being completed and how special education services and interventions are being delivered to both regular and remote learners with special needs. Special Education Consultants/Coordinators continue to support schools, virtually whenever possible. Training sessions for new Special Education Educators are being held virtually.

11.0 Board Report

Trustee Stringer informed the SEAC that the 2020-2021 budget has been approved. A School Re-Opening Guide and The 2020-2021 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians are also available.

12.0 Chairperson's Report

13.0 Association Reports

Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
All programs are running in virtual format. We remain available to attend
IPRC (Identification, Placement, Review Committee) meetings. Virtual
coaching for 82 students will begin on September 20, 2020.

Natasha Delaney: Autism Ontario -Sudbury Chapter

Various webinars and workshops are being offered virtually in both English and French. Details and a complete list of the events are available at the autismontario.com website.

Julia Ritchie: Ontario Autism Coalition

Foundational Family Services are provided by CCR (Child and Community Resources). The ccrconnect.ca website includes resources and available supports. One time funds have been received by some families and most private therapists have wait lists. We are anxiously awaiting details regarding Core Foundation (1:1) services.

Robert Silvestri: NOARC

NOARC assessments are currently on-hold.

It would be interesting to research the benefits and challenges that remote learners are experiencing.

Julie Contini: Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

The Go21 Sudbury Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness may need to be cancelled and/or replaced by a virtual walk.

Cereena Rows: FASD Consultant

September 9th is International FASD day.

An additional FASD consultant will be hired.

As a next step, on-line "Lunch and Learn" opportunities will be made available for school educators.

Daryl Walker: N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

The Alternative School remains open. Students can come in twice a week and can work from home. Staff continue to work 2-3 days in the office and

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other days they work from home. We are starting to gather for some small events at the Friendship Centre while practicing social distancing.

14.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

15.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

16.0 Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC meeting will be held virtually using Google Meet on October 7, 2020 at 12:00 PM. SEAC members who would prefer to attend the meeting in person are encouraged to notify a SEAC staff member (K.Wachnuk, C.McDonald, or J.Taillon) and appropriate arrangements will be made.

17.0 Adjournment

N. Delaney adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.