

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, October 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly,
D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student Trustee Lafrance
Absent: 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, H. Thirkill, C. Whitson
Others: G. Gauthier, T. Hayes, C. McDonald

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-R100, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

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

Poll vote

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

– 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-R101, B.Clement/D.Morrison

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

Poll Vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Abstain
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** NIL

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Public Education Symposium (PES) 2021**

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**

Motion: 20-R102, B.Clement/J.Hunda

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

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

3. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw**

Motion: 20-R103, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

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

Poll vote

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

– Carried

4. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 20-R104, K.Kosmerly/M.Stringer

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

Poll Vote

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

– Carried

5. **Director's Remarks**

Director Blaseg provided a detailed update on the 2020-2021 school year, providing a chronology of events since he last reported at the September Board Meeting. The presentation also included information on assessment, evaluation and reporting, events of the October 2 professional activity day as well as an update of the positive COVID test at Lo-Ellen Park SS.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

Director Blaseg announced that Melanie Bertrand was appointed as permanent vice principal at Lo-Ellen Park SS effective October 23, 2020.

Itinerary

Sept. 30, 2020	Agenda setting
Oct. 1, 2020	Deputy Minister teleconference Safe Schools Meeting
Oct. 2, 2020	P.A. Day
Oct. 5, 2020	PCODE teleconference Ministry of Education meeting Minister of Education/Chairs teleconference
Oct. 6, 2020	Four local Board Directors' teleconference Chiefs and Mayors of Manitoulin Island teleconference Exec Council
Oct. 7, 2020	Exec Council Public Health Sudbury and District teleconference
Oct. 8, 2020	Deputy Minister teleconference
Oct. 13, 2020	Exec Council Ministry of Education teleconference Board Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
Oct. 14, 2020	OSSTF meeting Agenda Setting FNAC portfolio meeting
Oct. 15, 2020	Deputy Minister of Education teleconference Regional Education Committee (REC) Area 2 teleconference
Oct. 16, 2020	Public Health Sudbury and District teleconference
Oct. 19, 2020	Exec Council
Oct. 20, 2020	Exec Council RDPC Google Meet Parent Involvement Committee (Annual General Meeting)
Oct. 21, 2020	OSSTF meeting First Nations Portfolio Committee meeting
Oct. 22, 2020	ETFO meeting Individual (4) S.O. meetings.
Oct. 23, 2020	Public Health Sudbury and District teleconference Principal Google Meet

- Oct. 26, 2020 PCODE teleconference
Public Health Sudbury and District teleconference
Secondary Principal Google Meet
- Oct. 27, 2020 Exec Council
Board Meeting

6. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement reported that the OPSBA AGM was held via video conferencing on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Cathy Abraham was re-elected president of OPSBA. Sheryl Evans-Price (Algoma DSB) will be the vice-president representing northern boards. Trustee Clement advised that northern boards are scheduling a virtual meeting in November. He advised that OPSBA and CODE were pushing for revoking Ontario Regulation 271/12 (hiring practices). Trustee Kosmerly was not available to attend the AGM, but she did vote. Trustee Gibson did attend the virtual AGM.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Lafrance spoke about a video that members of Student Senate are creating encouraging students to wear a mask, wash hands and focus on social distance. Video will be shared once it is completed.

7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Gibson asked if there were any changes to Rainbow's meeting formats (in-person and on-line). Chair advised there are no changes.

8. **Chairperson's Remarks**

From November 2 to 6, Rainbow Schools will honour Treaty Recognition Week, as staff and students continue to learn about the history, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Metis and Inuit people of Canada. Activities and lessons throughout the week will create awareness about treaties, their history and various treaty relationships.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, students in Rainbow Schools will spend time learning about various career options and opportunities for this year's Take Our Kids to Work Day.

On Wednesday, November 25th, students in Grade 7 and 8 as well as their parents/guardians are invited to take part in a virtual presentation of "Making the Transition: Finding your Way from Grade 8 to Grade 9." The session will provide students with key information about the transition from elementary to secondary school.

The Winter Clothing Drive powered by Cooper Equipment Rentals is still happening this year, with a few changes to ensure everyone's safety. Members of the community are invited and encouraged to drop off gently used winter clothing items

at either the Sudbury Women's Centre, Pregnancy Care Centre & Infant Food Bank and Better Beginnings Better Futures.

As always, parents are reminded to use the school screening tool for COVID-19 as part of your morning routine. A link to the school screening tool is available on the Board's website – rainbowschools.ca. There is also a COVID-19 Advisory section online with the most current information related to Rainbow Schools.

The thought for this month is an Irish saying from an unknown author. *"May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going and the insight to know when you have gone too far"*.

In closing, please remember to, "Save a life. Wear a mask".

Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

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. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 20-R105, D.Morrison/A.Gibson

That we now adjourn at 6:12 p.m. – **Carried.**