

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held electronically via Google Meet
from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer
Absent: Student Trustee Lafrance
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents
Staff: H. Thirkill, C. Whitson, D. Kitching, M. McKelvey, H Gaffney, C. McDonald, N. Nicholas Bayer, E. Caruso Parnell, D. Koziar, J. Harvey, C. Pitre, K. Rivard Gobbo

Chair Morrison advised that the meeting was being live-streamed.
Chair Morrison asked Director Blaseg to complete roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Hunda/K.St.Jean

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for November 24, 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: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

Carried

Chair Morrison acknowledged the tragic shooting of Const. Marc Hovingh of the OPP.

B. **PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** NIL

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Equity Plan

Superintendent Noble, along with Superintendent Wachnuk, Superintendent Bourget, Director Blaseg, Principals Koziar, Gaffney, Harvey, Pitre, Rivard Gobbo and Vice Principal Nicholas-Bayer, provided information to trustees about the 2017-2021 Equity Action Plan.

2. Virtual Schooling

Superintendent Noble introduced Emily Caruso Parnell, Principal of Rainbow Elementary Virtual School (REVS).

Principal Caruso Parnell shared enrolment data, synchronous learning expectations, information about asynchronous learning for elementary students, celebrations, challenges and next steps. Principal Caruso Parnell was very appreciative of the system-wide effort to provide remote learning for students.

3. Enrolment

The Director explained predicted and actual enrolment, the actual count dates, and spoke specifically about actual 2020 enrolment compared to actual 2019 enrolment for both the elementary and secondary panels and the increase in home schoolers this school year. The director explained that enrolment is not quite as anticipated due to the pandemic.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions during all three presentations. Trustees expressed appreciation for the detailed information provided.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes

Motion: K.St.Jean/M.Stringer

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on October 13, 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: Abstain
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

Carried

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Poverty

Policy Review

- Policy No. GOV-05: Code of Conduct: Board Members
- Policy No. GOV-15: Student Accommodation

Student Senate

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Stringer spoke about Const. Marc Hovingh, a 28-year veteran of the Ontario Provincial Police, stationed on Manitoulin Island who was killed in the line of duty on November 19, 2020. Four Hovingh children graduated from Rainbow Schools and Const. Hovingh was a big part of the Manitoulin community. Const. Hovingh was recognized with a moment of silence.

Chair Morrison asked Director Blaseg to provide details of the voting process for the upcoming Organization Meeting of the Board scheduled for December 8, 2020.

Trustee Debassige echoed Trustee Stringer's comments about Const. Hovingh, commenting that he was a good friend of the indigenous people of Manitoulin. Trustee Debassige expressed pride in the strong support by the people of Manitoulin Island during this very difficult time. She also thanked trustees for their support during some recent challenging times with loss in her community and in her family.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

January 12, 2021

February 2, 2021

March 2, 2021

April 6, 2021

May 4, 2021
June 8, 2021

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the meeting be adjourned (6:44 pm). - **Carried**

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