



H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

\*Chair

February 2, 2021  
March 2, 2021  
April 6, 2021  
May 4, 2021  
June 8, 2021

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

\*Chair

Motion:

That the meeting be adjourned (            ).

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.

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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

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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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