

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, February 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

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Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, 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  
Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, C. Whitson, M. McKelvey, S Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, N. Mousseau, M. Jago, D. Bertrim, S. Viljanmaa

Chair Morrison advised that the meeting was being live-streamed.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Hunda/K.St.Jean

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for February 2, 2021 be approved as amended. The amendment being the change in order of the two presentations - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Secondary School Information Nights

Superintendent Noble introduced David Bertrim, Acting Principal of Sudbury Secondary School and Sarah Viljanmaa, Program Leader of Arts Education at Sudbury Secondary School.

David Bertim and Sarah Viljanmaa spoke about the success of Sudbury Secondary School's virtual open house.

The *Follow the North Star* video was shared with trustees as well as the *Meet the Teachers* and *Alumni* prepared videos. These videos can be found on

Sudbury Secondary School's website as well as other information highlighting the uniqueness of Sudbury Secondary School.

Superintendent Noble shared the dates for all secondary school open houses.

Trustees congratulated the presenters on the excellent presentation. Trustees had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

## 2. Mental Health Program Update 2021

Superintendent Wachnuk began by highlighting some of the funding that has been provided to support mental health, then introduced Mary Jago, Rainbow's Mental Health Lead.

Mary Jago spoke about the continuum of mental well-being, the allocation of resources (Rainbow's 11 Master Social Workers and two contact Bachelor of Social Worker positions), recreational cannabis and vaping, how Rainbow is part of a growing provincial team, the vision and strategy, additional resources available (through the Offord Ontario Parent Survey, Children's Mental Health Ontario and the Mental Health Commission of Canada), the results of the Ontario Parent Survey, statistics from the Children and Youth Mental Health Survey, RDSB data, trends, the circle of support, how to address the issues and building and sustaining positive mental health. Mary also spoke about some of the positive experiences that have occurred since the beginning of the global pandemic and the importance of self-care and personal resilience for everyone; staff, students and families.

Trustees commented and asked questions. Trustees voiced their appreciation of Mary Jago and all that she does for staff and students at Rainbow DSB.

## D. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Minutes

#### a) Motion: B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on January 12, 2021 be approved. – **Carried**

#### b) Motion: D.Dewar/M.Stringer

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on January 12, 2021 be approved as amended. The amendment being to change "fall" to "spring" within Trustee Debassige's remark as per: "*The committee has been meeting every two weeks since the **spring** and is made up of.....*" – **Carried**

2. Ventilation Project Update

Superintendent Bazinet provided trustees with a detailed report including a review of the Priorities and Partnership funding allocation, the action plan, the Resilience Infrastructure Funding and the schools that benefited from this funding, the School Condition Improvement and School Renewal Funding Projects and the schools that received the new classroom ventilators as well as those scheduled for installation in the next few months and during the summer months. Superintendent Bazinet also provided a list of ventilation upgrades that have been completed in recent years.

Superintendent Bazinet spoke briefly about the announcement made the previous day regarding additional funding.

Trustees were appreciative of this information and had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

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** NIL

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 2, 2021

April 6, 2021

May 4, 2021

June 8, 2021

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: K.St.Jean/J.Hunda

That the meeting be adjourned (6:49 pm). - **Carried**