

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, March 2, 2021 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, 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: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, C. Whitson, G. Gauthier, N. Cecchetto, S. Kett

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

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: K.St.Jean/M.Stringer

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for March 2, 2021 be approved. - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR).

Superintendent Noble introduced Susan Kett, Principal of Barrydowne College and Principal of the PLAR.

Principal Kett provided a detailed report explaining PLAR; what it is, who is eligible, funding, Rainbow locations offering PLAR and why students would want to be involved in the PLAR re-engagement strategy.

Principal Kett also provided trustees with graphs, highlighting data from several of the PLAR sites, credit data before and after PLAR, the number of PLAR credits granted to students and the importance of PLAR. There have been 636 graduates over the last 6 years due to the PLAR opportunity for students. Trustees had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes

Motion: J.Hunda/D.Dewar

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on February 2, 2021 be approved. - **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

Interim Report

Superintendent Bazinet spoke to the report provided to trustees. This Interim Report was a recommendation from the internal audit and was brought forward from the Audit Committee after their December 2018 meeting.

Absenteeism data was shared. The report provided data from various work groups regarding employees who were on paid sick leave and the costs associated with replacement of these employees.

Trustees had an opportunity to ask questions and comment

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Athletics

Poverty

Policy Review

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

School Bus Seatbelt Pilot Project

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Student Senate

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Stringer expressed her delight with the COVID vaccination program moving forward in communities. She advised that education workers are scheduled to be vaccinated in phase 2, which should start April 2, 2021. Trustee Stringer was happy to learn about the surveillance testing proceeding in Rainbow schools.

Trustee Stringer voiced her appreciation for the work that Superintendent Bruce Bourget and Nicole Charette continue to do daily as they work closely with

Public Health Sudbury & Districts during this pandemic. She acknowledged the time and dedication required for this detailed work.

Chair Morrison asked Director Blaseg about the current situation. Director Blaseg reminded Trustees to keep a close eye on their email as this is a very fluid time. He explained that the Admin team works very closely with Public Health Sudbury and Districts, taking all precautions to mitigate the challenges.

Chair Morrison affirmed trustee support.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

April 6, 2021

May 4, 2021

June 8, 2021

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: B.Clement/L.Debassige

That the meeting be adjourned (6:10 pm). - **Carried**