

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held electronically via Google Meet
in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 18, 2021 be approved.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

*Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS

*Chair

2020 and 2021 Board Award Recipients

D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD

*Director

E. OLD BUSINESS

*Director

1. Previous Minutes

*Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 be approved.

2. 2020-2021 School Year Update

*Director

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

*SBO

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

*Chair

Special Education Plan 2021-2022

Motion:

That the Special Education Plan 2021-2022 as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) be approved.

- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. **TD Canada Trust Resolution** *SBO
- Motion:
That the TD Canada Trust Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.
2. **Short Term Borrowing Bylaw** *SBO
- Motion:
That the short term borrowing bylaw 2021-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.
3. **Ontario Student Trustee Association - Annual General Meeting** *Chair
- Motion:
That the Board approve the attendance of the Student Trustee Lafrance and the incoming Student Trustee at the virtual 2021 OSTA Annual General Meeting May 27 to 30, 2021.
4. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
- Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the May 18, 2021 Board meeting.
5. **Director's Remarks** *Director
6. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Director
Student Trustee
7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
8. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes April 7, 2021 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Elementary and Secondary Graduation dates
Letter to Premier Ford and Minister Lecce dated April 26, 2021

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

*Chair

Special Education Advisory Committee June 2, 2021 12:00 pm

Parent Involvement Committee Special Presentation guest speaker Kevin Cameron June 2, 2021 6:30 pm

Student Senate Committee Meeting June 7, 2021 5:30 pm

Board Meeting (Budget) June 8, 2021 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at p.m.

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, April 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, 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
N. Charette, H. Thirkill, C. Whitson
Others: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, M. McKelvey, N. Mousseau

Chair Dewar advised that the meeting was being live-streamed and archived.

Chair Dewar read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Blaseg completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet Board meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 21-R53, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of April 20, 2021 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

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Motion: 21-R54, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Board ratify the tentative local agreement between the Rainbow District School Board and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), Local 614 Educational Assistants and Communicative Disorder Assistants.

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 unanimously**

2. Motion: 21-R55, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the Board ratify the tentative local agreement between the Rainbow District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP) Bargaining Unit of District 3.

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 unanimously**

E. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Previous Minutes**

a) Motion: 21-R56, K.St.Jean/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 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**

- b) Motion: 21-R57, D.Morrison/J.Hunda
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 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

2. **2020-2021 School Year Update**

Director Blaseg provided a detailed update on the 2020-2021 school year, including a chronology of numerous events since the March Board meeting. The presentation included weekly community COVID-19 data provided by Public Health, a message from our local Medical Officer of Health Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, information about the Province of Ontario activating the “emergency brake” to interrupt the transmission of COVID-19 and contain community spread, a chronology of daily pandemic news in Rainbow Schools, a look ahead at the 2021-2022 school year, several letters sent to families during the last month, and virtual events that have taken place for Rainbow students including a virtual trades talk, Sudbury Regional Science Fair and the annual Kiwanis Music Festival.

Director Blaseg invited trustees to take part in the upcoming *Stand Up for Equity and Inclusion* conference being hosted by RDSB’s Student Senate on April 29 and reminded them of the upcoming virtual event on June 2, 2021 with Kevin Cameron who will speak about *School and Community Safety*.

Director Blaseg stressed how important it is that our school communities stay the course and follow public health measure to limit the spread, stating “we must remain vigilant”.

Once again, Director Blaseg thanked everyone for working together to keep everyone safe.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the informative presentation. Chair Dewar reiterated Director Blaseg’s quote “*teamwork makes the dream work*”.

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

- a) Motion: 21-R58, J.Kosmerly/M.Stringer
That the Board award the contract for Manitoulin Secondary School, HVAC upgrades and emergency power generator-tender #2021-11 to Metal-Air Mechanical Systems Ltd. for \$895,595.

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

b) Motion: 21-R59, B.Clement/K.St.Jean

That the Board award the contract for R.L. Beattie Public School, ventilation and electrical upgrades-tender #2021-09 to Nu-Style Construction Co. (1988) Limited for \$969,200.

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

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leave of Absence NIL

3. Director's Remarks

refer to E. OLD BUSINESS, item #2 2020-2021 School Year Update

Director Blaseg advised of changes made to the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar following the Ministry mandate to add professional activity days prior to the start of the school year. Nicole Charette is preparing a joint news release with the four Sudbury school boards.

Director read a letter, advising of his intent to retire on August 31, 2021 after 35+ years in education.

Itinerary

March 24 Agenda Setting

March 25 Kina – Teleconference

March 29	First Nations portfolio Minister of Education and Chairs' teleconference
March 30	Exec Council Special Board Meeting
April 1	Deputy Minister teleconference Safe Schools teleconference – (ADM)
April 6	Exec Council Strategic Planning Committee meeting
April 7	ADM – Patrick Case teleconference Agenda Setting Minister of Education and Chairs' teleconference
April 8	Deputy Minister teleconference Ministry Teleconference – Safe Schools
April 9	OSSTF meeting
April 11	Sudbury Regional Science Fair
April 19	Exec Council Labour Relations Committee meeting Minister of Education and Chairs' teleconference
April 20	Exec Council Board Meeting

3. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement advised that he would be attending a Northern Region meeting on Thursday and a Director's meeting on Saturday.

Trustee Kosmerly reported that as of April 1 she has replaced Trustee Clement on the Project Compass Steering Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2021. Trustee Kosmerly is also part of the Policy & Procedure sub-committee with an upcoming meeting scheduled on May 4. This group is in the process of setting the parameters for the review of OPSBA's policies and procedures. Trustee Kosmerly reminded trustees of an email sent out by OPSBA on March 26 requesting feedback and encouraged trustees to reply prior to the April 22, 2021 deadline.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Lafrance reported that Student Senators are finalizing details on the upcoming *Stand Up for Equity* conference scheduled for April 29, 2021. This will be a virtual and interactive conference, with guest speakers and breakout sessions. Trustees will receive an email with the agenda for the day, including links to breakout sessions.

4. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Clement advised that the opening for the new school being built by the French Catholic Board in Espanola is not scheduled to open to staff and students in until September 2021.

Trustee Stringer spoke about the urgency for prioritization for vaccination of education sector workers. Trustees discussed.

Motion: 21-R60, M.Stringer/D.Morrison

That Rainbow District School Board write a letter to Premier Ford and the Minister of Education, with copies to Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Federations, OPSBA Member Boards, Minister of Health, and opposition parties, requesting all education sector workers receive a covid vaccine on a priority basis.

Poll Vote

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

– Carried

Trustee Morrison thanked Nicole Charette for her work on the excellent letter that was recently sent to Minister Lecce regarding remote learning.

Trustee Kosmerly voiced her sadness over the recent events at Laurentian University. She spoke, as a 1977 graduate, about this unique northern institution, that is and was the university of choice for so many in this community.

Trustees spoke in agreement that Laurentian University is an intragal part of Sudbury's educational community. It was decided that a news release be done stating the Board's support for Laurentian University.

5. **Chairperson's Remarks** NIL

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes March 3, 2021 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Student Senate *Stand Up for Equity* conference (virtual) Apr. 29, 2021 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Student Senate Committee Meeting May 3, 2021 5:30 pm

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting May 4, 2021 5:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Committee May 5, 2021 12:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting May 5, 2021 3:30 pm
Parent Involvement Committee Meeting May 11, 2021 7:00 pm
Equity & Inclusion Education Committee May 13, 2021 4:00 pm
Board Meeting May 18, 2021 5:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee May 20, 2021 10:00 am
Parent Involvement Committee Special Presentation guest speaker Kevin Cameron June 2, 2021 6:30 pm

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 21-R61, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we now adjourn at 6:50 p.m. – **Carried.**

unofficial

Title:	Special Education Plan 2021-2022
Contact:	Kathy Wachnuk
Date Submitted:	May 18, 2021
Mandate	Under the <i>Education Act</i> , Regulation 306 requires the Board submit a Special Education Plan for the school year 2021/2022. As part of this process, a Special Education budget must be developed.
Background	<p>A review of special education programs and services is conducted on an annual basis.</p> <p>The Special Education Advisory Committee, principals, special education staff, and parents (259 responses) were invited to participate in the annual review. Their input is reflected in the Special Education Budget 2021-2022.</p> <p>In anticipation of the submission of the Special Education Plan by July 31, the Special Education Budget for 2021-2022 has been prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Education policy document <i>Standards for School Board Plans for Special Education</i>.</p> <p>The Special Education Budget 2021-2022 reflects programs and services for 1456 elementary and 1010 secondary exceptional students, excluding Section 23 students.</p> <p>The Special Education Budget 2021-2022 amendments (see following page) are reflected in the Special Education Plan 2020-2021 which is available on the board website.</p>
Recommendation	That the Special Education Plan 2021-2022 as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) be approved.

Rainbow District School Board
Special Education Budget 2021-2022
Report to the Board
May 2021

Amendments

A total of 174 (Full Time Equivalent) special education teachers have been allocated for 2021-2022. This includes 81 Resource Teachers, 70 Intensive Support Program Teachers (this includes Section 23 teachers), and 12 Itinerant Teachers. This number represents an increase of 11 teachers from 2020-2021.

The number of (Full Time Equivalent) Educational Assistants is 191. This number represents Educational Assistants in Section 23 Programs. The number of of Communicative Disorder Assistants remains at 6.

Please note:

These allocations include section 23 teachers and educational assistants.

Further details to staffing for special education in elementary and secondary schools are included in the “Special Education Programs and Services”, Section 8 and 11 of the Special Education Plan (available on the board website).

Rainbow District School Board TD Canada Trust Resolution

Whereas it is in the interest of the Rainbow District School Board to enter into arrangements for the provision of financial products and/or services with the Toronto-Dominion Bank, TD Mortgage Corporation, TD Pacific Mortgage Corporation and The Canada Trust Company (collectively, the “Bank”);

In accordance with any restrictions set out below, the persons holding the offices below from time to time are authorized for and on behalf of the Rainbow District School Board to:

- (a) Execute and deliver all of the documents and instruments contemplated by this resolution;
- (b) Conduct all aspects of the Rainbow District School Board’s banking relationship with the Bank.

Be it resolved;

That the Rainbow District School Board appoint Dennis Bazinet (Superintendent of Business) and Nancy Cecchetto (Manager of Finance) as its Signing Officers with the TD Bank.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution of the Rainbow District School Board in the Province of Ontario, duly passed at a meeting of the Rainbow District School Board and that this Resolution is in force and effect.

Dated this 18th day of May 2021

Chair

Secretary

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BY-LAW NUMBER: 2021-01

A BY-LAW authorizing the Rainbow District School Board (the “Board”) to borrow money pursuant to the provisions of section 247 of the Education Act (the “Act”) for the raising of funds to finance certain permanent improvements as more particularly described in this By-Law.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board has authorized the permanent improvements under the:
School Condition Improvement Funding Program - \$13,330,867
- B. The Board wishes to apply to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (“CIBC”) for a short term capital loan through the purchase of Bankers Acceptance for the purpose of financing the permanent improvements;
- C. The total cost of the projects is within the Board’s Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer of the Board are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow \$13,330,867 for permanent improvements in accordance with the Act, plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the CIBC and consistent with the short term borrowing direction provided by the Ministry of Education.
- 2. The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer are authorized for and on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver all such other documents and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary to give full effect to this By-Law.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a By-Law of the Rainbow District School Board in the Province of Ontario, duly passed a meeting of the Board and that this By-Law is in full and effect.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2021.

Chair

Secretary



2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 27

4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Welcome to OSTA-AECO's Annual General Meeting 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Acknowledgement – <i>Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott</i>• Guided Meditation – <i>Isabel Unger, Keith Andre Baybayon</i>• Ice Breakers – <i>Luca DiPietro, Charles Chen, Kathy Nguyen</i>
5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Introduction to OSTA-AECO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President's Address – <i>Teresa Siby, Mahek Dhaliwal</i>• CEO's Address – <i>Cameron Prosic</i>• Volume of our Voices – <i>Joy Liu</i>
5.30 pm – 5.45 pm	Networking Break
5.45 pm – 6.30 pm	Keynote Speaker – Sarah Wells <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation – <i>Resiliency and the Believe Initiative</i>• Question and Answer
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm	Introducing Executive Council Positions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Affairs Coordinator – <i>Kirsten Kelly</i>• Policy Coordinator – <i>Joy Liu</i>• Operations Coordinator – <i>Luca DiPietro</i>• Media Design Coordinator – <i>Jazzlyn Abbott</i>• Professional Development Coordinator – <i>Arpita Savaliya</i>• Outreach Coordinator – <i>Josh Hill</i>• Catholic Board Council Vice-President – <i>Annika Dela Torre</i>• Public Board Council President – <i>Zachary Garbaty</i>• Catholic Board Council President – <i>Teresa Siby</i>• Public Board Council President – <i>Mahek Dhaliwal</i>• President – <i>Teresa Siby, Mahek Dhaliwal</i>
7.00 pm – 7.15 pm	Closing Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code of Conduct – <i>Cameron Prosic</i>

Friday, May 28

4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Acknowledgement – <i>Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott</i>• Guided Meditation – <i>Isabel Unger, Keith Andre Baybayon</i>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice Breakers – <i>Luca DiPietro, Charles Chen, Kathy Nguyen</i>
5.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Year in Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Board Council President – <i>Teresa Siby</i> Public Board Council President – <i>Mahek Dhaliwal</i>
5.30 pm – 5.45 pm	OSTA-AECO Working Group Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operations Coordinator – <i>Luca DiPietro</i>
5.45 pm – 6.00pm	Upcoming Executive Council Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO – <i>Cameron Prosic</i>
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Dinner Break
7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Board Council Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Board Council President – <i>Teresa Siby, Annika Dela Torre</i> Public Board Council President – <i>Mahek Dhaliwal, Zach Garbaty</i>
8.00 pm – 8.15 pm	Networking Break
8.15 pm – 9.00 pm	Sharing Best Practices from One Term to the Next <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Tables – <i>Executive Council</i>
9.00 pm – 9.15 pm	Closing Ceremonies
Saturday, May 29	
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Acknowledgement – <i>Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott</i> Guided Meditation – <i>Isabel Unger, Keith Andre Baybayon</i> Ice Breakers – <i>Luca DiPietro, Charles Chen, Kathy Nguyen</i>
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Executive Council Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Affairs Coordinator – <i>Kirsten Kelly</i> Policy Coordinator – <i>Joy Liu</i> Operations Coordinator – <i>Luca DiPietro</i> Media Design Coordinator – <i>Jazzlyn Abbott</i> Outreach Coordinator – <i>Josh Hill</i>
11.30 am – 12.00 pm	Finance Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFO – <i>Prasith Wijeweera</i>
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm	Lunch Break
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Board Council Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Board Council – <i>Teresa Siby, Annika Dela Torre</i>

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Board Council – <i>Mahek Dhaliwal, Zach Garbaty</i> <p>Incoming Student Trustees' Workshop: Understanding the Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Directors Role of an Indigenous Student Trustee – <i>Nicholas Keller</i> <p>Outgoing Student Trustees' Session: Life after OSTA-AECO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Directors
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	Networking Break
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm	Formulating Arguments and Opinions Effectively
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mock Board Meeting – <i>Executive Council</i>
4.45 pm – 5.00 pm	Networking Break
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Incoming Student Trustees' Media Training
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alumni Presentation – <i>Ben Smith</i> <p>Outgoing Student Trustees' Transition to Post Secondary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alumni Panel Discussion
6.00 pm – 6.15 pm	Closing Ceremonies
8.00 pm – 10.00 pm	Nighttime Activity
Sunday, May 30	
1.00 pm – 1.30 pm	Opening Ceremonies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Acknowledgement – <i>Nicholas Keller, Sydney Yott</i> Guided Meditation – <i>Isabel Unger, Keith Andre Baybayon</i> Ice Breakers – <i>Luca DiPietro, Charles Chen, Kathy Nguyen</i>
1.30 pm – 2.45 pm	Executive Council Elections
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Directors
2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	Networking Break
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Board Council Breakouts
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Board Council – <i>Teresa Siby, Annika Dela Torre</i> Public Board Council – <i>Mahek Dhaliwal, Zach Garbaty</i>
3.30 pm – 4.15 pm	Presenting a Motion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alumni Presentation – <i>Anumita Jain</i> Question and Answer
4.15 pm – 4.30 pm	Closing Ceremonies

**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Time: 12:00 PM

Virtual meeting via Google Meet Video Conferencing

Present:

SEAC Members:

Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)	Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Shelly Laronde	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Cereena Rows	FASD
Robert Silvestri	NOARC
Kerrie St. Jean	Trustee

Staff:

Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
Joanne Taillon	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent

Regrets:

Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
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Other:

Absent:

Julia Ritchie	CCR Parent Advisory/ Ontario Autism Coalition
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1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W.Larouche welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

N.Delaney read the mission statement aloud.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: N.Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of April 7, 2021 be approved.

Motion carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: S.Laronde

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of March 3, 2021 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

No business arising

8.0 New Business

8.1 Negotiation Updates:

Tentative agreements have been reached with Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) and Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP).

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: N.Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee St. Jean

That the SEAC approve the absence of J.Contini from the April 7, 2021 SEAC meeting.
Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk shared that 22 students are currently in-person learning at Jean Hanson School, A.B.Ellis Public School and the Ruth MacMillan Centre. Individual Student Profiles are reviewed as needed and when movement is possible.

Vaccination is available for select staff who work closely with students in Intensive Support Placements.

Five of our staff members have and/or continue to receive training from the Geneva Centre for Autism.

The Ministry of Education is investing money into Summer Programming to assist with gap closing. Offerings, details, and feasibility are currently being discussed. An update will be provided at the May SEAC meeting.

Superintendent Wachnuk reminded members that the Special Education Budget and the Special Education Staffing Allocation will be discussed at the SEAC meeting in May. Manager of Finance, Nancy Cecchetto, will also be in attendance.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald provided highlights of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' (MCCSS) plan to provide an Entry To School Program for preschool children (aged 3-5 years) who have a diagnosis of Autism and who are registered in the Ontario Autism Program. This multi-disciplinary project will include involvement from various community partners, numerous service providers, and the school boards.

Preschool Transition meetings are wrapping up and Spring IPRCs are being planned virtually.

12.0 Board Report

Trustee Kosmerly and Trustee St. Jean attended the Special Board Meeting on March 30 to discuss the provincial proposal on remote learning. Trustees and Superintendents along with both the Elementary and Secondary Teachers associations were united in the concern that Boards have not been consulted. In the next few weeks, the Province is expected to decide on the future of how students

will learn in Ontario schools.

13.0 Chairperson's Remarks

Regarding remote learning, W.Larouche wonders who the province is consulting with.

14.0 Association Reports

Natasha Delaney: Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter

Raise the Flag and World Autism Day were celebrated on April 6th this year. On-line participants and supporters were wearing blue, red, and/or gold colours to celebrate. Child & Community Resources (CCR) will be offering additional Foundational Family Services. These new services will be launched the week of April 12, 2021. For more information visit ccrconnect.ca. The April Newsletter from Autism Ontario will be shared electronically with SEAC members. It includes information regarding a video launch, upcoming webinars and more.

Shelly Laronde: N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

Shelly explained that student support remains available through Jordan's Principle. Most team members continue to work from home.

Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury and Elizabeth Barrett Browning IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire) are offering \$500.00 scholarships to students in Greater Sudbury with a documented learning disability. Thirteen families remain involved in the Parent Education Program for Families with Children with ADHD. Upon request, we continue to attend IPRC meetings virtually.

Cereena Rows: FASD

Teachers and/or Educational Assistants may be interested in the up-coming Health Nexus opportunities (4 modules) focussed on improving outcomes for children, youth and families affected by Prenatal Exposure to Alcohol (PAE) and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

Kerrie St. Jean: Blind and Low-Vision

For people that are blind or partially sighted, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) continues to offer social activities and virtual opportunities. The Vision Loss Rehabilitation provides training and interventions.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

SEAC members of The Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board sent a letter regarding the prioritization of vaccinations during Phase II in support of students with Special Education Needs and their staff.
-The letter was acknowledged as correspondence.

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- Update on negotiations
- Update on Summer Programs
- Reading Intervention (Lexia, Empower, LLI)
- Special Education Staffing Allocation
- Special Education Budget

17.0 Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday May 5, 2021 at noon.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 12:54 PM.

ELEMENTARY GRADUATION DATES 2021

TRUSTEES	SCHOOLS	GRADUATION (DATE/TIME)
Anita Gibson (Area 2)	CVDCS (Grade 8)	Tuesday, June 29 @ 6:00 PM
	Lansdowne	Thursday, June 24 @ 6:00 PM
Bob Clement (Area 8)	A.B. Ellis	Thursday, June 24 @ 6:00 PM
	S. Geiger	Wednesday, June 23 @ 6:30 PM
Doreen Dewar (Area 5)	Alexander	Wednesday, June 23 @ 6:00 PM
	Algonquin	Thursday, June 24 @ 6:00 PM
	Lo-Ellen (Grade 8)	Tuesday, June 22
	MacLeod	Tuesday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM
Linda Debassige	First Nations system wide	
Judy Hunda (Area 6)		
Margaret Stringer (Area 7)	Assignack	Tuesday, June 22 @ 6:30 PM
	Central Manitoulin	Wednesday, June 23 @ 6:30 PM
	Little Current	Tuesday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM
	CC McLean	Thursday, June 24 @ 6:30 PM
Judy Kosmerly (Area 3)	Confederation (Grade 8)	Thursday, June 24 @ 7:00 PM
	Valley View	Tuesday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM
Dena Morrison (Area 4)	CR Judd	Wednesday, June 23 @ 7:00 PM
	Lasalle (Grade 8)	Thursday, June 24 @ 6:00 PM
	Markstay	Wednesday, June 23 @ 6:00 PM
	Monetville	Tuesday, June 22
	Northeastern Elem	Wednesday, June 23 @ 6:00 PM
Kerrie St. Jean (Area 1)	Copper Cliff	Thursday, June 24 @ 6:00 PM
	Jean Hanson	Wednesday, June 23 @ 12:30 PM
	RH Murray	Tuesday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM
	Princess Anne	Monday, June 28 @ 6:00 PM
	Lively (Elem)	Monday, June 28 @ 6:30 PM

Stepping up:

Adamsdale

Thursday, June 24 @ 9:30 am

Carl Nesbitt

Tuesday, June 22 @ 6:00 pm

Cyril Varney

Wednesday, June 23 @ 6:30 pm

Churchill

Thursday, June 24 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Larchwood

Monday, June 28

Levack

Queen Elizabeth

Thursday, June 24 @ 11:00 am

R.L. Beattie

Thursday, June 24 @ 1:00 pm

Walden

Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00 pm

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SECONDARY	DATE & TIME
BARRYDOWNE COLLEGE	Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM
CHELMSFORD VDCS	Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM
CONFEDERATION	Tuesday, June 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM
ESPANOLA	Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM
LASALLE	Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 6:30 PM
LIVELY	Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM
LOCKERBY	Friday, June 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM
LO-ELLEN PARK	Friday, June 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM
MANITOULIN	Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM
SUDBURY SECONDARY ADULT DAY SCHOOL N'SWAKAMOK	Friday, June 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM Friday, June 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM Friday, June 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM



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April 26, 2021

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Honourable Stephen Lecce
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Lecce:

On behalf of Rainbow District School Board, I would like to thank you for including education workers in Phase Two of the Province's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan. However, with the prevalence of variants of concern locally and provincially, vaccination is essential to limiting the spread of COVID-19, keeping everyone safe and returning to pre-pandemic life.

To date, our education staff who work with students with special needs and those who teach in high-risk congregate settings have been offered an opportunity to be vaccinated. We are grateful to Public Health Sudbury & Districts for working with us to make this happen.

These employee groups, however, represent a small fraction of our total workforce, which prompted Trustees to pass the following motion at the Board meeting held on April 20, 2021:

"That Rainbow District School Board write a letter to Premier Ford and the Minister of Education, with copies to Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Federations, OPSBA Member Boards, Minister of Health, and opposition parties, requesting all education sector workers receive a covid vaccine on a priority basis."

In a memo to school boards dated March 5, 2021, Minister Lecce indicated that Phase Two is expected to be completed by the end of July. This time-frame will not give our education workers the protection they require for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Therefore, we respectfully request that education workers receive their first and second doses of vaccine by mid-August 2021, even if the intervals between doses need to be shortened.

Given that school board staff work in congregate settings, they require the greatest protection possible. Vaccinations, along with the many health and safety measures that have been implemented to date, will ensure that students and staff can resume in-person learning with more confidence and fewer interruptions.

Education workers have been on the frontline of this pandemic for more than a year, keeping students safe and supported. We must make their health, safety and well-being a priority for the benefit of students and families.

We believe that the return to normalcy in this province is dependent on the return to normalcy in the education of our children.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Doreen Dewar
Chair

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