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, June 29, 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 June 29, 2021 b	oe approved.
В.	PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST	*Chair
C.	<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>	*Chair
1.	Outgoing Student Trustee Ava Lafrance	
2.	Summer Programs	
D.	REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOL	*Director
E.	OLD BUSINESS	*Director
1.	<u>Previous Minutes</u>	*Chair
a)	Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 be approved.	
b)	Motion: That the minutes of the Board Meeting - Budget held on Tuesday, June 8, 2027 be approved.	
2.	2020-2021 School Year Update	*Director

Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

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4.	Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees	*Chair	
	2021/2022 Budget		
	Motion: That the Rainbow District School Board 2021/2022 budget be ap	proved.	
F.	NEW BUSINESS	*Chair	
1.	Requests for Leave of Absence	*Chair	
	Motion: That be granted a leave of absence from the June 2 meeting.	29, 2021 Board	
2.	<u>Director's Remarks</u>	*Director	
3.	Other Items OPSBA Director Student Trustee	*Chair	
4.	Trustees' Remarks/Questions Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.		
5.	Chairperson's Remarks	*Chair	
G.	INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS	*Chair	
	1. Reports from Officials and Staff Parent Involvement Committee minutes January 5, 2021 (First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) minutes February Parent Involvement Committee minutes February 23, 2027	y 18, 2021 (official)	
	2. Non-Staff Communications Email from Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury regarding Laurentian University greenspace		
Н.	FUTURE MEETINGS Board Meeting August 31, 2021 5:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee Meeting September 14, 2021 5:00	*Chair pm	
l.	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, May 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige (late arrival), 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: N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, C. McDonald, M. McKelvey

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-R62, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 18, 2021 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of: AD HOC SELECTION COMMITTEE as item 5 under OLD BUSINESS.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour Linda Debassige: Absent 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

2020 and 2021 Board Award Recipients

In lieu of in-person hosting of Rainbow District School Board's annual Awards Event, Director Blaseg honoured the dedicated employees and valued community partners who make Rainbow Schools great places to be for both 2020 and 2021.

Director Blaseg recognized those employees with 25 and 35 years of service, awards for outstanding contribution to the co-curricular program, community partnership awards, Go Green Globe awards, Awards for Excellence, the Barbara Konarek Memorial Award and the William N. Roman Teacher of the Year Award.

Each of the Award winners for each year will be acknowledged in a commemorative booklet.

Director Blaseg thanked all for their contribution to Rainbow Schools.

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

No meeting held. No report.

E. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

1. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 21-R63, B.Clement/M.Stringer

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, 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

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 April Board meeting. The presentation included weekly community COVID-19 data provided by Public Health, letter sent to Premier Ford and Minister Lecce, letter sent to families encouraging on-line vaccination booking, the recognition of Education Week, information on assessment and evaluation for second semester, planning for the 2021-2022 school year, school board electronic meetings, surveillance testing and many other initiatives throughout our jurisdiction.

Director Blaseg invited trustees to attend a virtual presentation with Kevin J. Cameron on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, hosted by the Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Steering Committee. Kevin Camerson will speak about schools and community safety.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the Director's informative presentation.

3. <u>Tenders/Requests for Proposals</u> NIL

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Special Education Plan 2021-2022

Motion: 21-R64, J.Kosmerly/A.Gibson

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

5. Ad Hoc Selection Committee

Motion: 21-R65, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the Board establish an ad hoc selection committee composed of all trustees, (except the student trustee) chaired by the chair of the Board, to exist until the process of choosing a Director of Education is complete.

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. TD Canada Trust Resolution

Motion: 21-R66, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the TD Canada Trust Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and 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. **Short Term Borrowing Bylaw**

Motion: 21-R67, J.Hunda/M.Stringer

That the short term borrowing bylaw 2021-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and 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

3. Ontario Student Trustee Association - Annual General Meeting

Motion: 21-R68, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Lafrance and the incoming Student Trustee at the virtual 2021 OSTA Annual General Meeting May 27 to 30, 2021.

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. Requests for Leave of Absence NIL

5. **Director's Remarks**

(Refer to E. OLD BUSINESS, item #2 2020-2021 School Year Update)

Director Blaseg spoke about the Terry Fox Milestone Award that was received in recognition of outstanding effort fundraising for cancer research. As of 2020, Rainbow District School Board students and staff have raised \$900,000.

Director Blaseg recognized World Education Support Personnel Day that was celebrated on May 16. This was the first worldwide Education Support Personnel Day, initiated by Educational International. Director Blaseg said, "This is an opportune time to acknowledge our support staff and teachers who make Rainbow Schools great places to learn".

A "thank you" was sent to all subscribers last Friday.

Thank you for your dedication, commitment, care and resilience.

Thank you for being exceptional role models for student success.

Please take a moment to reflect on your contribution and celebrate each other. We have much to be grateful for.

Director Blaseg advised of principal transfers effective August 23, 2021:
Jamie Mohammed transferred to C.C. McLean Public School
Tracey Chapman transferred to Assiginack Public School
Heather Pennie transferred to Little Current Public School
Christy Case transferred to Manitoulin Secondary School

Itinerary

April 21	Agenda Setting
April 22	First Nations (ASW meeting)
April 26	Eligibility Process - Interviews – Teacher to Vice Principal
April 27	Eligibility Process - Interviews – Vice Principal to Principal
April 28	Safe Schools Meeting Science North Meeting – Review of summer programming
April 29	Deputy Minister of Education teleconference
April 30	PHSD Teleconference OSSTF meeting KINA meeting
May 3	ASW google meet Minister of Education teleconference
May 4	Exec Council Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

May 5	Agenda Setting Ministry Call – review of LD pilot project
May 6	Lasalle Secondary School site visit Safe Schools Meeting
May 7	Exec Council – Awards Committee Meeting OSSTF Meeting Ministry of Education Conference call RE: GSN'S
May 10	ASW's – Consultation - Q&A Ministry of Education Teleconference
May 11	Exec Council
May 12	Principal PD – Role & Support of ASW's FNAC staffing meeting Plant/Facilities consult re: MSS/M'Chigeeng
May 13	Deputy Minister of Education teleconference Mental Health meeting Deputy Ministry of Health teleconference RE: Vaccine announcement
May 14	PHSD google meet re: Vaccine strategy Mental Health & Safe Schools review Knowledgehook participation (online dialogue with North American Educators) Safe Schools
May 17	PHSD (Four Boards - Vaccine Strategy consultation) Minister of Education and Borad Chairs teleconference Ministry of Health RE: Vaccine strategy
May 18	Exec Council Staffing review Board Meeting

6. Other Items

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement advised that he attended a Northern Region meeting on Thursday, April 22 and a Director's meeting on Saturday, April 24, 2021. A letter was sent from OPSBA to the Minister of Education regarding remote learning for students.

Trustee Clement commented on the OPSBA Speaker Series as well as a the CBC survey of teachers that was getting much media attention this week.

Trustee Kosmerly advised that she attended a virtual meeting last week as part of the Northerm Boards Project Compass Steering Committee. The group discussed

survey results and next steps. She advised that OPSBA will be presenting survey results to all trustees in the fall 2021.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Lafrance advised that a new Student Trustee was elected at the recent Student Senate Meeting. Michael Yaw, a grade 12 student from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, will be the Student Trustee for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications are out for new student senators and these will be reviewed at the upcoming Student Senate meeting scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021

7. <u>Trustees' Remarks/Questions</u>

Trustee Hunda spoke about Student Senate. Trustee Hunda also suggested that trustees check school facebook pages to see the innovative things that are occurring in Rainbow schools during the pandemic.

Trustee Stringer voiced her appreciation for the *food drop* for Manitoulin Island familes supported by Better Beginings Better Futures and the Gore Bay Foodbank. She thanked community partners and staff for helping to make this happen.

Trustee Stringer also spoke about the annual Little Current Fish and Game Club (LCFGC) fishing conservation educational program. This program provides each grade 4 student on the island with a fishing rod and reel. Trustee Stringer also advised that Bill Strain will be stepping down from his role as president of LCFGC.

Trustee Morrison also thanked staff and external agencies who have organized food drops for Rainbow DSB families.

8. Chairperson's Remarks

People, young and old and everyone in between, are tired of the restrictions and the worries of Covid 19 times. But I must admit that I continue to be amazed when I hear about things that are happening in Rainbow education.

It was wonderful to recognized our many award winners tonight. Their contributions, along with so many others, are the most meaningful investments in our future.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge some of the other partners in education - our parents/guardians and caregivers – the many grandmas and grandpas, the uncles and aunts, older brothers and sisters, neighbours and friends for all they have done and continue to do. Each one deserves a medal for their dedication to our young people.

As most people know, Rainbow District School Board's Director of Education, Norm Blaseg, is retiring.

As a result, we are recruiting our next Director. The Board, through its Promeus search consultants, Marilyn Gouthro and Jordene Lyttle, is developing a Candidate Profile for the Director of Education.

As part of the consultation process, we welcome all partners in education throughout Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island to share their input.

For more information, please visit our website at www.rainbowschools.ca.

The thought for the month comes from Henry Ford who said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success".

Thank you.

G. <u>INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS</u>

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

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

Motion: 21-R69, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly
That we now adjourn at 6:52 p.m. — Carried.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - BUDGET

held electronically via Google Meet in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive on Tuesday, June 8, 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 A. 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, N. Mousseau,

M. McKelvey

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

Chair Dewar read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Chair Dewar called on Trustee Debassige to say a few words.

Trustee Debassige spoke about the 215 First Nations children buried in unmarked graves near the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. She spoke about the atrocities committed in Residential Schools and she spoke about how Indigenous families had their children forcibly taken away. Her closing words were:

"With guidance from First Nations people and communities, our Board, our staff, our educators and our allies must continue to be intentional with our work surrounding Residential Schools as we join together to seek understanding, acknowledge the truth, and recommit to meaningful reconciliation.

Let us join together with our First Nations communities.

We remember and honour the missing children.

We apologize for the atrocities suffered.

We recommit to uncovering the truth so we can build toward meaningful reconciliation."

Trustees paused for a moment of silence.

Trustees were informed that the flags would continue to fly at half-mast for the remainder of the week.

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

Α. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 21-R70, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Special Board Meeting – Budget of June 8, 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

PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST В.

C. 2021/22 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent Bazinet provided line-by-line clarification of the distributed 2021/2022 budget presentation.

This draft budget meets the Ministry of Education compliance standards as a balanced budget.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

Trustees were encouraged to submit questions to Superintendent Bazinet prior to the June 29, 2021 Board meeting.

D. **NEW BUSINESS**

Requests for Leave of Absence NIL

Ε. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 21-R71, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we do now adjourn at 6:27 pm. - Carried

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7 pm Via Google Meet

Attendance Sudbury site:

Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Allison Andlar, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Ashley Malley, Parent, Redwood Acres Public School; Cherie Daniels, Parent, Markstay Public School; Melissa Gladu, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Stacy Paajanen, Parent, Walden Public School; Kerry Loken, Parent, Alexander Public School; Rebecca Coughlin, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative; Dan Koziar, Principal, Princess Anne Public School; Doreen Dewar, Board Chair; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee; Melanie Bertrand, Vice-Principal, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Andrea Therrien, Vice-Principal, Jean Hanson Public School; Angelina Kasunich, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Dawn Graham, Parent, Confederation Secondary School; Steffany Bourque, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Nav Mehta, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School and Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Lesley Fisher, Principal of Program; Danielle Gagnon, Elementary Math Consultant and Board Math Lead; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

Espanola Site:

N/A

Manitoulin Site:

Lauren Dewar, Parent, Central Manitoulin Public School and Jennifer Hooper, Parent, Assiginack Public School

Call to Order: 7 pm

1. Welcome

Chair Allison Andlar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Self-Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves. Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held via Google Meet.

3. Ontario's New Math Curriculum, Financial Literacy Grades 1 to 8 Presenters: Lesley Fisher - Principal of Program Danielle Gagnon - Elementary Math Consultant and Board Math Lead

In this overview of Ontario's New Math Curriculum (2020) for Grades 1 to 8, presenters provided an introduction to the new financial literacy strand. They reviewed key changes

from the last update to the math curriculum in 2005 and the rationale. They also highlighted financial literacy expectations by grade with examples and talked about how parents/guardians can support financial literacy at home. The new financial literacy strand covers value for money, use of money, impact on personal finances, consumer awareness and civic awareness. Parents can support the curriculum at home when shopping, through dramatic play, by collecting coins, and through budgets and planning. The presenters shared examples. The financial literacy strand will give students skills to make informed financial decisions. It supports the four-year math strategy intended to improve student performance in math, help students solve everyday math problems and increase students' employability for the jobs of tomorrow.

The presentation is available on the board website at the following link: https://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/parent-involvement-committee/

More information about the new math curriculum is available at the following link: https://www.dcp.edu.gov.on.ca/en/curriculum/elementary-mathematics

4. Discussion based on presentation

PIC members had an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. Parents talked about how to teach children the difference between needs and wants. Parents were encouraged to share their thinking out loud and bring out math in everyday conversations. The presenters indicated that there would be more resources for parents/guardians posted on the Ministry website in the future. They added that teachers are using Knowledgehook and Math Up to support lesson plans.

5. Approval of Agenda

"That the agenda for the meeting on January 5, 2021 be approved, as amended." The minutes to be approved were from the meeting held on December 1, 2020, not December 4, 2020 as indicated on the original agenda.

Moved by: Stacy Paajanen, Walden Public School

Seconded by: Melissa Gladu, Northeastern Elementary School

Carried

6. Approval of Minutes

"That the minutes of the meeting held on December 1, 2020 be approved."

Moved by: Stacy Paajanen, Walden Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School

Carried

Allison Andler asked if the presentation on mental health had been shared. Superintendent Noble will follow up to ensure that it is shared with School Council Chairs.

7. 2020-2021 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Rainbow District School Board has received \$9,083 in PRO grant funding to share with schools in the 2020-2021 school year to engage parents in their children's learning. Two applications were approved at the meeting held on December 1, 2020 – R.L. Beattie Public School and Walden Public School.

The deadline for PRO Grant applications was extended to December 18, 2020. Four more projects were reviewed at the PIC meeting on January 5, 2021.

Jean Hanson Public School

Jean Hanson Public School will build on its Family Wellness program that has been running for three years. There will be live virtual (Google Meet) sessions with students, families and staff to discuss mental health strategies and access resources to develop a collaborative approach to student wellness. Resources will include a variety of mental health supports, community agency information, family wellness activities (yoga, dance, stories) and communication support for students with special needs.

Lockerby Composite School

Lockerby Composite School will develop a virtual information session and High School for Parents Guide for parents of incoming Grade 9 students. The focus will be on engaging parents as partners in the Lockerby High School journey. The resources will help parents understand high school structure and procedures, and provide guidance on how parents/guardians can support the school.

Princess Anne Public School

Princess Anne Public School will develop take home math games and activities to encourage family engagement with math. The school will prepare a series of 2 to 5 minute videos on activities focused on a variety of skills appropriate for various grade levels. These will be shared via Facebook and SeeSaw. The videos will also include specific connections to the new Mathematics curriculum. Parents will have the opportunity to request material packages to engage in these activities at home with their children.

Markstay Public School

Markstay Public School will provide Growth Mindset Activity Kits. For JK to Grade 5, families will practise creativity, problem-solving, resilience, learning from mistakes, trying new things, goal-setting, overcoming challenges, managing emotions, mindfulness and gratitude. Families will participate virtually in brain-building activities and games that will include movement, art, crafts, music, and breathing exercises. These activities engage multiple senses to accommodate different learning styles.

For Grades 6 to 8, the kits will contain reflective writing prompts, posters, activities, and coloring pages designed for ages 11 and up. Families can participate virtually by helping their tween discover that they can grow skills and develop talents, turn negative

thoughts into positive and empowering ones, learn from mistakes, focus on solutions rather than problems, set goals to reach dreams, and be grateful for what they have.

After considering the applications, the following motions were subsequently presented:

"That the Jean Hanson Public School PRO grant project be approved." Moved by: Stacy Paajanen, Walden Public School Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School Carried

"That the Lockerby Composite School PRO grant project be approved." Moved by: Ashley Malley, Redwood Acres Public School Seconded by: Cherie Daniels, Markstay Public School Carried

"That the Princess Anne Public School PRO grant project be approved." Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School Seconded by: Jennifer Hooper, Assiginack Public School Carried

"That the Markstay Public School PRO grant project be approved." Moved by: Stacy Paajanen, Walden Public School Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School Carried

There is a potential for three more PRO Grant projects in 2020-2021. Superintendent Noble will advise schools that the deadline for PRO Grant applications has been extended to Thursday, February 18, 2021. Applications will be considered at the PIC meeting on February 23, 2021.

8. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, delivered the following communications report:

January 12 & 14: Kindergarten Virtual Information Nights in Rainbow Schools

Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host Kindergarten Virtual Information Nights for students starting school this fall. All parents/guardians and their children are invited to join schools online. Presentations will be available on school websites at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 for the English Program and Thursday, January 14, 2021 for the French Immersion Program. Schools offering English and French Immersion will post their presentations on Thursday, January 14, 2021. Staff will be available by phone, email or Google Meet to answer questions.

Parents were invited to be ambassadors for Rainbow Schools and share this information with any families who may have children ready to start school.

Tune in to Making the Transition – Finding your Way from Grade 8 to 9

Parents/guardians and students in Grades 7 and 8 are invited to tune in to a special presentation of "Making the Transition – Finding your way from Grade 8 to Grade 9".

The presentation, which will explore the changes, choices and challenges students face as they enter high school, will air on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 5 pm and Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 5 pm. (It also aired on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8 pm.)

The portion of the presentation that was produced by Rainbow District School Board – an overview of going from Grade 8 to 9 - will be available for viewing on rainbowschools.ca.

Rainbow District School Board has produced a Guide for Students and Parents called "Making the Transition – Finding your way from Grade 8 to Grade 9," with information about course codes, levels of study, timetables and tips. The guide can be accessed online. Printed copies are available by emailing info@rainbowschools.ca. Please provide your mailing address. Copies of the guide will be distributed to Grade 8 students when in-person learning resumes.

Rainbow secondary schools host virtual Information Nights for Grade 8 students

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to log on to rainbowschools.ca to access virtual information nights for Rainbow secondary schools. Sessions will be live or pre-recorded and accessible on school websites. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school they currently attend. Dates and times are posted on rainbowschools.ca.

2019-2020 Annual Report for Rainbow Schools now available online

Rainbow District School Board's Annual Report for the 2019-2020 school year is now available online at rainbowschools.ca.

The Annual Report provides an overview of key activities undertaken by Rainbow District School Board in the previous school year. It also offers an overview of the current Board budget.

As you know, the 2019-2020 school year began like any other but ended like no other. The annual report, therefore, offers an interesting perspective on teaching and learning

in Rainbow Schools before and during the pandemic. We also included a timeline on school closures and reopenings to mark the moment in history.

Strategic Planning Meetings and Board Meetings

A reminder that Strategic Planning Committee Meetings and regular meetings of the Board are livestreamed from rainbowschools.ca. Board meeting videos are also archived on the board website.

COVID-19 Updates

We would like to thank parents/guardians for their ongoing support as we continue to follow public health protocols to limit the spread of COVID-19. Updates are posted on rainbowschools.ca.

9. School Announcements

Bernadette Rémillard said Sudbury Secondary School celebrated the festive season with a number of activities. The school also hosted a virtual commencement for 2020 graduates. A virtual information night will be held on January 13, 2021. The Canadian Federation of University Women adopted families at the school, which was very much appreciated. The vocal music class participated in a CBC Music Class Challenge.

Cherie Daniels of Markstay Public School said families enjoyed watching Christmas concerts online. They are also looking at fundraising.

Andrea Therrien provided an update on behalf of Jean Hanson Public School. The school produced a video to celebrate its graduates which was very much appreciated by parents/guardians. Wellness Wednesdays continued with success. The school also hosted a virtual Christmas concert.

Ashley Malley of Redwood Acres Public School said the school hosted a number of spirit days as well as school-wide bingos that students enjoyed. Redwood Acres raised \$2,000 for the Edgar Burton Food Drive. For reaching goals, the Vice-Principal will dye her hair pink. Enrolment at the school continues to increase, which is good news.

Stacy Paajanen of Walden Public School said the school produced an impressive Christmas video that featured students and staff in all grades.

Allison Andlar of R.L. Beattie Public School said the bust a move movement at R.L. Beattie has been successful. Classes celebrate theme weeks to promote school spirit. Incentives were provided for students to raise funds for the Food Bank. The total amount raised grew daily and the school made an impressive donation on behalf of its students, staff and parents/guardians.

Angelina Kasunich of Lockerby Composite School said Lockerby hosted a successful virtual Open House in December that received positive feedback. Parents enjoyed participating in the 2020 virtual graduation ceremony. She indicated that the Google Meet platform has enabled more parents to participate in meetings.

12. Adjournment at 8:32 pm

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School Seconded by: Dawn Graham, Confederation Secondary School

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7 pm Via Google Meet

Topic: Specialist High Skills Majors - Red Seal



MINUTES OF THE

FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education

Google Hangout/Teleconference Thursday, February 18, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Carlene Assinewai, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

Kelly-Lee Assinewe, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

Beatrice Debassige, Wahnapitae First Nation Robert Pitfield, Wahnapitae First Nation Valerie O'Leary, M'Chigeeng First Nation

Margaret Stringer, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board Doreen Dewar, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board

Linda Debassige, First Nation Trustee, Rainbow District School

Board

Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District

School Board

Nicole Nicolas-Bayer, Vice Principal Manitoulin Secondary School

Rainbow District School Board

Norm Blaseg, Director of Education, Rainbow District School

Board

Absent Kim Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

With Regrets: Lois Lambert, Dokis First Nation

Members Absent: Stephanie Roy, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute

Marilyn Nicholls, Wahnapitae First Nation Brian McGregor, Sheguindah First Nation Anna-Marie Abitong, Sagamok Anishnawbek Claudette Fournier, Sagamok Anishsawbek Janice Cada, Sheshegwaning First Nation

Chief Shinning Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation Danielle Nakoochee, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

Recording Minutes: Dawn London, Rainbow District School Board

1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting began at 10:15a.m. Quorum was met. Kelly-Lee Assinewe said a few opening words.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: L. Debassige/V. O'Leary

That the agenda for the regular First Nations Advisory Committee meeting of February 18, 2021 be approved. — **Carried**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: L. Debassige/M. Stringer

That the minutes of the Regular FNAC Meeting held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 be approved. – **Carried**

4. **COVID 19 UPDATES**

Director Blaseg discussed the Ministry of Educations decision to engage in a surveillance testing program. Meaning two of our schools (260 students) will be Covid tested by Public Health each week. A 3rd party mobile unit was hired to do the testing.

March Break moved from March 15th to 19th to April 12th to 16th.

April 19th PD day has been moved to March 19th.

5. ONLINE LEARNING UPDATES

Director Blaseg provided stats on remote learning verse online learning. There have been very slight changes in numbers throughout this school year.

The next pivot point for online/remote learning will be April 20th, parents/students will have the option to remain remote, continue with online learning or switch.

6. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION: A COMMITMENT TO ACTION UPDATES

Nicole Nicolas-Bayer outlined that the focus for the 2020/2021 school year will be Race Relations Reconciliation and Healing Strategies. A sub committee will be formed to look

at what strategies already exist within the Board and to build a First Nations, Inuit, Metis student survey.

7. INDIGENOUS BOARD ACTION PLAN

Principal Dokis discussed the Ministry's Board Action plan. She informed FNAC members where and how the money is allocated and how it is divided into four categories; Using Data, Supporting Students, Supporting Educators and Engagement and Awareness Building.

Action Item: Principal Dokis will send out an invite for members that would like to join a working group meeting for the Board Action Plan.

8. ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

FNAC members will have until March 5th to review the 2019-2020 Annual Report and report any errors or concerns to Principal Dokis.

Action Item: Principal Dokis will send out a reminder email to FNAC members regarding the review of the Annual Report.

9. COMMUNITY UPDATES

Kelly-Lee Assinewe reports two graduates at N'Swakamok.

10. NEW BUSINESS NIL

11. CLOSING

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7 pm Via Google Meet

Attendance Sudbury site:

Allison Andlar, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Jennifer Del Papa, Parent, C.R. Judd Public School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Tricia Hatfield, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School; Dan Koziar, Principal, Princess Anne Public School; Melanie Bertrand, Vice-Principal, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Sara Pidgen, ETFO representative; Rebecca Coughlin, Parent, Lansdowne Public School, Angelina Kasunich, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Kerry Loken, parent, Alexander Public School; Steffany Bourque, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Sara Kitlar-Pothier, Parent, Churchill Public School; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Heather Gaffney, Principal of Student Success; Jody Jakubo, Specialist High Skills Major/Co-operative Education Coordinator; Lesley Fisher, Principal of Program; Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools; Doreen Dewar, Board Chair; David Kitching, Information Services.

Manitoulin Site:

Nicole Abotosssaway, Parent, Little Current Public School

Call to Order: 7 pm

1. Welcome

Chair Allison Andlar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Self-Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held via Google Meet.

3. Specialist High Skills Major - Red Seal Presentation
Presenters: Heather Gaffney - Principal of Student Success
Jody Jakubo - Specialist High Skills Major/Co-operative Education Coordinator

In this overview of the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) - Red Seal Pathway for Grades 11 and 12, presenters provided a snapshot of the SHSM pathway, current program offerings, Board and Ministry enrolment data, the requirements for achieving a

Red Seal, and the outcomes for students. As an example, the Construction SHSM was highlighted, showing the associated courses, sector-specific training, mandatory and optional certifications, experiential learning opportunities and the Co-operative Education component. Statistics showed a higher graduation rate and credit achievement rate for college and workplace students who complete the SHSM program.

4. Discussion based on presentation

PIC members had an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. Parents talked about the SHSM programs their children were registered in throughout the high schools, and the benefits of so many transferable skills. Parents suggested that students who graduated with the SHSM Red Seal share their post-secondary experiences with students considering the SHSM pathway. Trustee Kosmerly wondered what the most popular SHSM was in Rainbow Schools. The presenters responded that the most popular was the Health and Wellness SHSM, which aligns with provincial data. Parents asked how information about SHSM was shared with students, and what the requirements were. SHSM leads and guidance counsellors play an important role in ensuring students receive information about the programs. All students have to do is indicate their interest in My Blueprint, or tell their guidance counselor they are interested in order to begin planning. Allison Andlar indicated that she was part of a provincial discussion about how to increase enrolment in trades programs. The presenters explained that there is expansion funding available for SHSM programs that are related to the trades. Information will be shared with Grade 7 and 8 students as they plan their secondary pathways.

5. Approval of Agenda

That the agenda for the meeting on February 23, 2021 be approved.

Moved by: Jennifer Del Papa, C.R. Judd Public School

Seconded by: Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School

Carried

6. Approval of Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting held January 5th, 2021 be approved.

Moved by: Jennifer Del Papa, C.R. Judd Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School

Carried

7. Review and Selection of 2020-21 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Three more PRO Grant proposals were presented.

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School will host a Mental Wellness event for parents, highlighting resiliency, community resources and well-being. This will be a virtual event, hosted by a panel of community members. Participants will have a choice of sessions to participate in, via Zoom presentations. To support this initiative, positive messaging will be added to high traffic areas in the school.

C.R. Judd Public School

C.R. Judd Public School will offer cross-cultural awareness training which will give parents, students and teachers enhanced knowledge and skills to further support the understanding of cultures other than their own. The training will foster collaborative and productive interactions and relationships. This project will further support the Truth and Reconciliation Commitment to Action Plan in Rainbow Schools.

Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Chelmsford Valley District Composite School will create school signs that will be changed every two weeks from March until the end of the year. The signs will be displayed on the highway in front of the school. They will include positive messages that pull the community together and create a sense of hope and belonging. They will include images of their own students and help to connect parents to the school during a time when they can't join us on the other side of the doors due to the pandemic.

After considering the applications, the following motions were subsequently presented:

That the Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School PRO Project be approved.

Moved by: Jennifer Del Papa, C.R. Judd Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School

That the Chelmsford Valley District Composite School PRO Project be approved.

Moved by: Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School

That the C.R. Judd Public School PRO Project be approved. Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School Seconded by: Natasha Delaney, Jean Hanson Public School

Allison Andlar indicated that the approval of these projects fulfills the allotment of Parents Reaching Out Grants for the 2020-2021 school year.

8. Communications Report

Judy Noble provided the Communications Report on behalf of Nicole Charette who was called away due to COVID-19.

Based on the current forecast for COVID-19, a decision has been made to plan virtual graduations for both Grade 8 and Grade 12 students in June 2021. A letter was sent to parents/guardians on February 19, 2021.

The March Break (March 15 to 19, 2021) has been postponed. An April Break has been scheduled from April 12-16, 2021. The PA Day scheduled for April 19, 2021 has been cancelled. The PA Day will occur on March 19, 2021.

A joint letter from the local Medical Officer of Health and Directors of Education was sent to parents/guardians on February 23, 2021 and posted on rainbowschools.ca. Superintendent Noble urged parents/guardians to read the letter carefully as it outlines updated symptom screening tool and isolation requirements in light of the variants of concern which are highly contagious.

Kevin Cameron was originally scheduled to speak about Violent Threat Risk Assessment at the April PIC Meeting. Due to the delay in the March Break, the presentation has been rescheduled to June 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

The next PIC meeting will be held on May 11, 2021 to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Parents will have an opportunity to suggest topics for presentations.

9. School Announcements

Dan Koziar of Princess Anne Public School highlighted a number of great things happening from students making Valentine's Day cards for the residents at Finlandia Village, to a school wide BINGO, to staff and students finding new and interesting ways to celebrate holidays, achievements, and school life in a COVID-friendly way.

Bernadette Rémillard of Sudbury Secondary School indicated that a student in the Civics Class participated in a round table discussion with Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Virtual Arts auditions will be held on February 26, 2021, students in the Construction Technology Class built outdoor benches for the Walden Fitness Trails, and Sudbury Secondary School's virtual open house was held on February 13, 2021.

Angelina Kasunich of Lockerby Composite School said the Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive was impacted by COVID-19. As a result, the school has held different activities to fundraise, such as selling masks. Lockerby publishes a weekly newsletter where news, accomplishments and events are highlighted. Future students will have an opportunity to engage in a personalized session to plan their Viking experience next year.

Jennifer Del Papa of C.R. Judd Public School said the character trait in January focused on honesty. A number of other events occurred, including spirit days, letters to troops for Valentine's Day, Public Health presentations about health and safety during COVID-19, Bell Let's Talk Day, Science North virtual workshops, and successful fundraising via Delta Bingo and the sale of pizza kits.

Natasha Delaney of Jean Hanson Public School said Wellness Wednesdays were made possible thanks to a grant from the Sudbury Wolves and United Way. These virtual evening sessions focused on yoga, Indigineous music, mindfulness, visual communication tools and other activities. Prizes were awarded to participants. Wellness Wednesdays were well received and greatly appreciated. Jean Hanson Public School thanks the Sudbury Wolves and United Way for their support.

Steffany Bourque of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School said the school created community food boxes for families in need for Valentine's Day.

Allison Andlar of R.L. Beattie Public School indicated that although the Kindergarten Information Night was virtual, it generated high interest and registrations for the upcoming school year. The outdoor classroom is still being used, despite the snow. Grade 6 students had the opportunity to explore virtual information nights as they plan next steps. R.L. Beattie's Kindness Ninjas continue to challenge the school community to do good things.

Melanie Bertrand of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School said COVID-19 has presented new opportunities to do things differently. For example, instead of arranging candygrams on Valentine's Day, the Student Council covered every homeroom door with hearts so that each student could see their name on a Valentine when they entered class. One of the Grade 10 history classes learned about WWI trenches by digging snow trenches then writing letters home from the perspective of a soldier from the trenches. Student Council partnered with Lockerby Composite School to support St. Andrew's collection of warm sweaters for the homeless. The Hot Potato Initiative raised money for the Samaritan Centre through participation in the Coldest Night of the Year walk. Lo-Ellen Park's virtual open house was held on February 17, 2021. The link is available on the school website which can be accessed at rainbowschools.ca. For more

events, visit the school's weekly newsletter on the school website and social media channels.

Chair Dewar commented that she is forever grateful for the efforts of staff and parents/guardians who support schools.

Adjournment at 8:10 pm

That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Melanie Bertrand, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School

Seconded by: Judy Noble, Centre for Education

Carried

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7 pm Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury Via Google Meet

Topic: Planning Meeting for the 2021-2022 school year



----- Forwarded message ------

From: Christine Caveen < christinecaveen@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 3, 2021 at 4:16 PM

Subject: LU greenspace

Hello,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury in regards to the possible sale of the Laurentian University greenspace as part of the university's restructuration process. As you know, this green space is widely used and loved by many in the community. As well, students from all over Greater Sudbury (and beyond) benefit greatly from being able to access this area for training and competing for track events as well as cross-country running and skiing. Many southend schools have easy access to this space for educational purposes in ecology and outdoor education.

Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury has put out a call for action to the community in an attempt to prevent the sale of this beautiful space in the heart of the city. We are asking community groups and individuals to speak out and communicate in writing their support for the conservation of this area to the CCAA monitor, City Council and LU President and Board of Governors. I would like to point out that it is very important for the Monitor to hear from the community. This will provide the monitor and judge with the necessary information to evaluate public interest upon making their decision and recommendations. As well, it is very important that our city councillors know how important this space is to the community.

You will find enclosed the information pertaining to this issue as well as all contact information. I truly hope that the Rainbow School Board will accept to make its concerns known on this important issue. One of our school boards has already communicated with all three entities; we sincerely hope that we can get all four school boards to express their concerns.

Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Christine Caveen
Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury

Information for groups with a connection to the LU greenspace & trails.

At this time, we recommend the following three actions in support of the LU greenspace and trails: (i) Write the Monitor; (ii) Write the President and the Chair of the Board of Governors of LU; (iii) Write City Council.

1) Write the Monitor of LU under the CCAA restructuring proceedings. Note that CCAA objectives include maximizing value for creditors and also **protecting the public interest**. The appointed Monitor is Ernst & Young Inc. The Primary contact for the Monitor is: Sharon Hamilton, LaurentianUniversity.Monitor@ca.ey.com; 1-888-338-1766, 1-416-943-3057.

We recommend that you include the following information in your letter:

- -Request to be notified of any real estate sales being conducted during the CCAA proceedings for LU.
- -Briefly introduce your group and your interest in the LU greenspace and trails.
- -The public interest of maintaining the LU land as a natural greenspace and trail system accessible to the public (from the perspective of your group). If you have information available such as the number of people involved in your activities or using the trails, public events or programming, etc, that would be good information to include.
- -Public contributions to the LU greenspace and trails. E.g. grants or funds obtained for developing or maintaining trails, volunteer time, etc.

The Monitor and judge will then have that information at hand during decisions about the real estate review and any real estate sales through the CCAA process.

2) Write the President and the Board of Governors of Laurentian University. They will be making decisions about what LU assets to review to determine if they can be 'monetized.' Therefore, they should hear from you that the LU greenspace and trails should not be sold to private interests and must remain a natural area protected by the public. You might like to simply adapt your letter to the Monitor to share the same relevant information.

Contact: President of Laurentian University, Dr. Robert Haché, president@laurentian.ca
Chair, Board of Governors of Laurentian University, Claude Lacroix, clacroix@sudburylaw.com

3) Write Greater Sudbury City Council. Let them know that the LU greenspace and trails are too important to the community to lose and that you are looking to their leadership to do everything possible to make sure that does not happen. Give your group's perspective on the importance of the area to the community, and the community contributions to the area, such as trail development.

You can find the e-mails to reach all of Council at http://liveablesudbury.org/contact_your_councillor.

We would appreciate receiving copies of your letters (bcc clsudbury@live.com) so that we can capture a full picture of the community value.