

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, October 26, 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 October 26, 2021 be approved.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST *Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS *Chair

Environmental Education Committee – Superintendent Noble

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, September 28, 2021 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL *SBO

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees *Chair

4. 2021-2022 School Year Update *Director

F. NEW BUSINESS *Chair

1. Levying Education Taxes Bylaw *SBO

Motion:

That the Levying Education Taxes for 2022 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
- Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the October 26, 2021 Board meeting.
3. **Director’s Remarks** *Director
4. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Director
Student Trustee
5. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
6. **Chairperson’s Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Audit Committee minutes December 7, 2020 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Sept 15, 2021 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
OPSBA 2021-2022 Central Bargaining Invoice dated September 1, 2021
Oct. 14, 2021 letter to Minister Lecce RE: endorsement of Bill 172, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder)
Oct. 14, 2021 letter to Minister Lecce and Minister Elliott RE: amending the Immunization of School Pupils Act to include Covid-19 as a “designated disease”.
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
Student Senate Meeting November 1, 2021 5:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting November 2, 2021 5:00 pm
Special Education Advisory Committee November 3, 2021 12:00 pm
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee November 4, 2021 4:00 pm
Board Meeting November 16, 2021 5:00 pm
First Nation Advisory Committee November 18, 2021 10:00 am
Parent Involvement Committee December 14, 2021 7:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting January 5, 2022 3:30 pm
- 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, September 28, 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 M. Yao

Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill, C. Whitson

Others: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, M. McKelvey, N. Mousseau

Presenters: F. Yackman, A. Roy

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

Chair Dewar read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Chair Dewar continued:

Thursday, September 30, 2021 marks the very first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.

As Canadians, we continue to learn about this dark chapter in Canadian history and its devastating impact on generations of Indigenous people.

Let us join together in a quiet and respectful moment of silence as we acknowledge the unmarked graves in British Columbia and the unmarked graves that continue to be discovered across Canada.

As we reflect, let us reaffirm our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation through unity and new beginnings as our path forward for a brighter future.

(MOMENT OF SILENCE)

We now have an honour/drum song from Bryden Gwiss Kiwenzie who is from the Indigenous "Anishinaabe" community in Sudbury.

He will be singing the Unity Song with the Grandmother Hand Drum.

Bryden was nominated for the Best Hand Drum Album of the year at the 2017 Indigenous Music Awards and he has been performing with traditional drum circles since childhood.

Miigwetch to Hazel Fox-Recollet for arranging this recording for us.

(HONOUR/DRUM SONG)

We extend our thanks to Bryden Gwiss Kiwenzie. Miigwetch Bryden.

On Thursday, September 30th, staff and students in Rainbow Schools will observe a moment of silence to mark the very first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Together, we will reaffirm our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation through unity and new beginnings as our path forward for a brighter future.

Miigwech. Merci. Thank you.

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 21-R99, K.St.Jean/L.Debassige

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 28, 2021 be approved as amended, the amendment being the addition of 3 c) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) under OLD BUSINESS.

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

Fred Yackman (Co-chair of Save A.B. Ellis Committee and Director of Rainbow Community District Non-Profit Corporation) and Angela Roy provided trustees with an update on their vision for the future of the former A.B. Ellis PS building.

Trustees were provided with backup documents and had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions of the ten-minute presentation.

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

No meeting held. No report.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 21-R100, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 31, 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. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

a) Audit Committee (AC)

Motion: 21-R101, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the 2020/2021 External Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.

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

Motion: 21-R102, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the 2021/2022 Internal Audit Plan and the Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.

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) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Motion: 21-R103, M.Stringer/D.Morrison

That the Board write a letter asking the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health to consider amending the Immunization of School Pupils Act to include Covid-19 as a “designated disease”.

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: Opposed

Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– **Carried**

c) **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Motion: 21-R104, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the Special Education Advisory Committee recommends that Rainbow District School Board send a letter to the Minister of Education endorsing Bill 172, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder).

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**

4. **2021-2022 School Year Update**

Director of Education Bruce Bourget provided a detailed update on the 2021-2022 school year.

Director Bourget spoke about the positive start to the 2021-2022 school year, annual Wear Pink Day, COVID-19 information and data from Public Health Sudbury and District, Ontario’s vaccination passport, staff attestations, educational video provided by the Ministry of Education, vaccination attestation data, the school screening tool used daily by students, updates to the Reopening Guide for Rainbow Schools, messaging to staff, messaging parents/guardians, Rapid Antigen Testing and recent COVID cases in Rainbow Schools. Director Bourget shared the process that is

followed by Board Staff once Public Health Sudbury and Districts notifies of a confirmed case.

Director Bourget shared information about the Parent Involvement Committee featured speaker Dr. Michael Ungar, a leading authority on resilience. Dr. Ungar will be speaking at the October 19, 2021 PIC meeting.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Various Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Bazinet introduced Nathalie Mousseau, Manager of Facilities, who provided details and photos of numerous projects that have been completed in the last fiscal year, noting that over \$16 million has been spent on Rainbow Schools (this does not include work done at the new FI Elementary School in New Sudbury or the revitalization of Churchill PS).

Trustees were appreciative of the informative presentation.

2. OSTA-AECO Fees

Motion: 21-R105, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the 2021/22 membership fees in the Ontario Student Trustees' Association 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: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

3. Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting

Motion: 21-R106, J.Hunda/M.Stringer

That the board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Yao at the OSTA Fall General Meeting November 4 to 7, 2021 in Toronto.

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: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour
– **Carried**

4. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution**

Motion: 21-R107, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and 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: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– **Carried**

5. **Requests for Leave of Absence** NIL

6. **Director's Remarks**

Let me begin by acknowledging our staff and students on a successful return to school and thanking our families for their ongoing support. We prioritized safety, mental health, wellness and belonging - which provide a strong foundation for learning - and are now moving forward with assessments to provide interventions for students who require support. Interventions supplement the good teaching practices that occur in our classrooms daily. Of course, literacy and numeracy remains a priority as these skills are essential for success in all subject areas.

Mental health and well-being will continue to be a focus throughout the school year. Just today, we met with school administrators to review the focus for the professional learning day on October 25th. Staff will receive more resources to support a culture of well-being and wellness as we continue to create a sense of safety, calm, self, connectedness and hope for all students.

As Chair Dewar indicated at the start of the meeting, on Thursday we recognize the very first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. On this day, our staff and students will wear orange, and continue to learn about residential schools and their impact on generations of Indigenous people. Orange shirt day began in 2013 under the vision of Phyllis Webstad who had her orange shirt taken away from her when she entered residential school. It is a recognition that Every Child Matters. When we wear orange, we honour the Residential School survivors and their families and remember the children who did not come home.

I encourage all students and staff to wear an orange shirt to show we care and to acknowledge our past as we work together on Truth and Reconciliation in Rainbow

Schools. Our schools have planned many ways to mark this day with meaning. We will post information on the board website. Here at the Centre for Education, our very own Hazel Fox-Recollet has planned a sunrise ceremony to bring us together to honour the day. Everyone is welcome to join us at 408 Wembley Drive.

I would like to express my gratitude to our facilities staff for their outstanding work in making our schools safe and inviting places to work and learn. We recognize the importance of the essential work you do each day and night to support our schools.

From September 18 to 26, we celebrated National Coaches week in Ontario. Thank you to our staff and volunteers who give their time and expertise to create valuable opportunities for our students to learn and grow through sport. We have heard that the resumption of school athletics have had a tremendously positive impact on the mental and physical well-being of our students. Congratulations to Colin Ward of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Colin was recognized with the School Sport Award by the Coaches Association of Ontario.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to our school administration and all staff for their dedication and commitment to student learning and well-being. Each day you work with heart, pride and determination to support our students and our communities. You exemplify what reaching minds and touching hearts is all about. Thank you for being difference makers!

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement advised that he attended a virtual OPSBA Directors meeting on Saturday, September 25. He recommended that trustees read the summary which is available on the OPSBA website.

Trustee Kosmerly, in her role as alternate OPSBA Director and Northern Representative on OPSBA's Project Compass, spoke about a survey that will be shared in October, followed by consultation in November and a focus group meeting in December (via Zoom).

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao was thankful for his smooth transition back into the classroom. He shared that he and his friends are very happy to return to face-to-face learning.

Student Trustee Yao spoke about the success of the first Student Senate meeting, which was an in-person meeting. He looks forward to the October Student Senate Meeting.

8. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Kosmerly asked fellow trustees to complete an eight question survey on the OPSBA website prior to November 30, 2021.

Trustee Morrison spoke of the children that she sees that are happy to be back in schools with their friends and thanked staff for reaching out to reconnect.

Trustee Hunda also thanked hardworking staff for their efforts in the re-entry into school for students.

9. **Chairperson's Remarks**

I'm not sure if this is unique to me and my "seasoned" friends but we are having difficulty understanding where the province of Ontario and the Ministry of Education stands with helping us battle Covid 19.

W. Edwards Deming, a statistician, professor, author, and lecturer said "In God we trust, all others bring data".

Well, we collect data – lots and lots of data. School boards collect data as directed by the Ministry so that the Ministry can share the data.

Health units collect data but cannot share all their data with school boards. However, school boards will be sharing their data with Health Units.

Students who are eligible to receive the vaccine are not required to share that they are vaccinated in order to attend school but they do need to prove they are vaccinated if they want to get into a restaurant.

Everyone needs to show proof of vaccination to eat in a restaurant but the employees who cook and/or serve do not need proof of vaccination.

The Ministry requires that school boards collect data in the form of attestations that will lead to school boards collecting more data to track employees who attest that they are not vaccinated.

The Ministry then requires school boards to collect data on the rapid testing that the Ministry required boards to have collected through attestations.

And to think that I still have to look up the data on the who, why, where and how Covid 19 is spread.....

American economist, Gregg Thaler, said "Contact data ages like fish not wine...it gets worse as it gets older, not better."

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes May 5, 2021 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes June 2, 2021 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting October 4, 2021 5:30 pm
Special Education Advisory Committee October 6, 2021 12:00 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting October 12, 2021 5:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting October 13, 2021 3:30 pm
Parent Involvement Committee AGM October 19, 2021 7:00 pm Virtual Event
Board Meeting October 26, 2021 5:00 pm
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee November 4, 2021 4:00 pm
First Nation Advisory Committee November 18, 2021 10:00 am

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 21-R108, D.Morrison/B.Clement
That we now adjourn at 7:30 p.m. – **Carried.**

Unofficial

Rainbow District School Board
BY-LAW NUMBER 2021-02

Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the *Education Act* (the “*Act*”) requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the *Act*;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 257.12(1) of the *Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

The rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2022 are hereby levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the *Act*.

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY ENACTED IN OPEN BOARD MEETING THIS 26th DAY OF October, 2021.

Chair

Secretary

**Audit Committee
Official Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2020 at 3:00 PM
held electronically via Google Meet
from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury**

Present:

Trustees: D. Morrison, J. Hunda, M. Stringer

External Audit Committee Members: F. Cinotti
A. Lukezic

Officials: N. Blaseg, Director
D. Bazinet, Superintendent of Business
K. Kozman, Manager of Finance

Others: D. D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner (KPMG)
Y. de la Morandiere, Assistant Manager of Finance
D. Dewar, Ex-Officio
A. Gibson, Trustee
H. Thirkill, recording secretary

Director Blaseg to complete roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: F.Cinotti/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Audit Committee meeting of December 7, 2020 be approved. – **carried**

2. **Preliminary Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** NIL

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: J.Hunda/F.Cinotti

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of September 22, 2020 be approved. – **carried**

4. **2019/2020 Financial Statements**

D. D'Angelo provided a detailed review of the financial statements.

Motion: F.Cinotti/A.Lukezic

That the 2019/2020 Financial Statements be recommended to the Board for approval. - **carried**

Audit Committee members left the google meet to sign into another google meet to allow the members to ask questions of the external auditor.

Audit Committee members then returned to the original google meet to continue the meeting.

5. **2019/2020 Audit Committee Reports**

Motion: J.Hunda/M.Stringer

That the 2019/2020 Audit Committee Reports be approved. - **carried**

6. **Future Meetings**

Spring 2021

7. **Adjournment**

Motion: J.Hunda/M.Stringer

That we now adjourn 4:18 p.m. - **carried**

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Time: 12:00 PM

Virtual meeting via Google Meet Video Conferencing

Present:

SEAC Members:

Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Shelly Laronde	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Julia Ritchie	CCR Parent Advisory/ Ontario Autism Coalition
Cereena Rows	FASD
Kerrie St. Jean	Trustee

Staff:

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

Regrets:

Robert Silvestri	NOARC
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Other:

Absent:

Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)	Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter
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1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W.Larouche welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and to the 2021-2022 school year.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

Trustee Kosmerly read the mission statement aloud.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: C.Rows

That the amended agenda for the SEAC meeting of September 15, 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 Meetings

Motion 2:

Moved by: J.Ritchie

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of May 5, 2021 be approved.

Motion carried.

Motion 3:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: J.Contini

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of June 2, 2021 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

No business arising

8.0 New Business

June correspondence addressed to SEAC included a letter to the Minister of Education from the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board endorsing Bill 172 to require all boards of Education in Ontario to develop policies and guidelines with respect to FASD.

Motion 4:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: C.Rows

That SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education endorsing Bill 172, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and that the letter be copied to the Ontario Public School Board Association, and to the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education.

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 5:

Moved by: Trustee St.Jean

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the SEAC approve the leave of absence of R.Silvestri from the September 15th, 2021 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk shared that Rainbow welcomed 13,317 students in September. Parent surveys and follow-up telephone calls assisted in determining each family's learning preference (in-person or remote).

This year, all elementary and secondary students who are learning remotely have been placed in virtual classrooms with designated teachers.

Remote learners who require special education resource support will receive it from their homeschool resource team. Special Education Coordinator Gillian Cacciotti is supporting the Remote School.

On-line learners requiring significant support have been placed in virtual Intensive Support Placements (ISP). There are two virtual elementary Intensive Support Placement (ISP) classrooms and one secondary. These classes are at cap.

All permanent and casual employees of Rainbow District School Board must submit a COVID-19 Vaccination Attestation.

Employees who are not double vaccinated will be required to participate in an educational session about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination. Rapid antigen testing will also be required for these employees twice weekly.

Currently, there is an outbreak at R.L.Beattie School that is also affecting bus routes.

Staff and students will wear pink on Thursday September 16th as Rainbow marks its 14th “Stand Up Against Bullying Day”.

Educators and support staff received professional development on September 1st and 2nd. They engaged with Dr. Michael Ungar, a leading authority on resiliency. Staff also reviewed the COVID-19 health and safety protocols for schools. On September 2nd, equity, inclusion and well-being were highlighted. Staff focussed on trauma awareness and building resiliency in classrooms.

Director Bourget has taken on the Mental Health portfolio. As a result, our Mental Health Lead, Mary Jago will now report directly to him.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald provided SEAC with information about the Special Education Summer Programs that took place remotely and in-person during the months of July and August.

Thirty-six Speech Language assessments were completed during the summer. Psychological Staff and Speech Language Pathologists are currently assessing students that were brought forward at June Intake. Special Education Consultants are supporting schools and preparing for the fall Identification Placement Review Committee (IPRC) meetings.

The Priorities and Partnership Fund (PPF) provides education funding for high impact initiatives that directly support students in the classroom. Rainbow has been approved for a Math Pilot and a Developmental Disabilities Pilot. Funding for the Math Pilot will support early intervention in Mathematics for students with Special Education needs in grades 4 to 6. Funding for the Developmental Disabilities Pilot will explore successful practices in transitioning students with developmental disabilities to the workplace through the use of an intensive job-placement (co-op) program.

12.0 Board Report

Trustees Kosmerly and St. Jean shared that trustees approved the appointment of Superintendent Bruce Bourget to the position of Director of Education at a special Board meeting held on August 3, 2021.

Grade 12 Lo-Ellen Park School student, Michael Yao, will serve as Student Trustee for the 2021-2022 school year.

The 2021-2022 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians contains helpful and important information. It is available online at rainbowschools.ca.

13.0 Chairperson’s Remarks

W. Larouche hopes that Director Bourget will join a future SEAC meeting.

The SEAC Circular was shared with members earlier this week via email.

14.0 Association Reports

Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

Virtual work continues including the Coaching Program with Laurentian University. We will also be hosting an October event in partnership with Cambrian College.

Julia Ritchie: CCR Parent Advisory/ Ontario Autism Coalition

We continue to advocate for the children and keep pressure on the government for the 600-family pilot project.

Julie Contini: Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

We continue to help families engage. The Sudbury Awareness Walk will be held virtually again this year.

Kerrie St.Jean: Blind and Low Vision

The Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Standards Development Committee has released their drafted recommendations in developing accessibility standards in education. Community feedback can be provided to ensure that the proposed standards include the voices of people who are blind, partially sighted or deafblind.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

The correspondence sent to W.Larouche regarding Michael Jacques will be shared with SEAC members via email.

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

-Reading Intervention (Lexia, Empower, LLI)

17.0 Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday October 6, 2021 at noon.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.



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	<p align="center">2021-2022 Central Bargaining</p> <p align="center">September 01, 2021 to August 31, 2022</p> <p>* Employer Bargaining Agent Fees under <i>SBCBA</i></p>		\$56,180.61
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Ontario Public School Boards' Association		HST @ 13%	\$7,303.48
		Total	\$63,484.09

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October 14, 2021

Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
Mowat Block,
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Sent via email to Minister.edu@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Lecce:

At their regular meeting on September 28, 2021, Rainbow District School Board Trustees approved the following motion:

Motion: 21-R104, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the Special Education Advisory Committee recommends that Rainbow District School Board send a letter to the Minister of Education endorsing Bill 172, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder).

Carried unanimously

Members of the Rainbow District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) spoke passionately about the need to recognize Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) at the SEAC meeting on September 15, 2021.

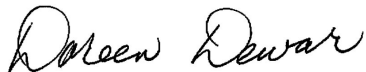
The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health defines FASD as a lifelong disability that affects the brain and body of individuals who were exposed to alcohol in the womb. The impacts and effects of FASD vary from mild to severe and may include learning disabilities; impaired memory, reasoning and language comprehension and expression; impulsivity and poor judgement; inappropriate social behavior; and poor emotion regulation.

While there is no cure, research has shown that early and appropriate supports, such as special education and behavior programs, can have a positive impact. For this reason, Rainbow District School Board Trustees are united in their support of Bill 172, which, when combined with additional necessary resources, is intended to improve the educational outcomes and experiences of students with FASD.

Most importantly, it requires Teachers' Colleges and Early Childhood Education programs to include training on this disorder.

Children and adults with FASD require a safety net and supports in the health, education and social services sectors. This legislation will benefit students with FASD, leading to a greater quality of life and a greater quality of life for some results in a greater quality of life for all.

Sincerely,



Doreen Dewar
Chair

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Dear Minister Lecce and Minister Elliott:

At their regular meeting on September 28, 2021, Rainbow District School Board Trustees approved the following motion:

Motion: 21-R103, M.Stringer/D.Morrison

That the Board write a letter asking the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health to consider amending the Immunization of School Pupils Act to include Covid-19 as a “designated disease”.

Carried


While there is currently no approved vaccine for children under 12, we understand that a vaccine is imminent making this motion both timely and relevant. When COVID-19 cases rise in the community, they inevitably make their way into our schools. The variants of concern, which are more transmissible, increase the risk of infection.

Our students and staff have been living and learning with COVID-19 for more than a year and half, spanning three school years. The shift from in-person to remote learning, and the need to self-isolate when cohorts are dismissed by Public Health, has led to constant interruptions. For many students, especially our most vulnerable populations, these interruptions result in learning loss and a detrimental impact on mental health and well-being.

In approving this motion, Rainbow District School Board joins its voice with other school boards in the Province who are advocating that vaccination for COVID-19 be mandatory to attend school in Ontario. Medical Officers of Health have clearly stated that mandatory vaccination is another layer of protection to ensure the safety of staff, students, families and the communities that we serve. It will also go a long way in bringing the pandemic to a much-anticipated end.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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