

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held electronically via Google Meet
from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student Trustee Yao

Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents

Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, C. Whitson, M. McKelvey, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, A. Conley, M. Jago, D. Koziar, B. Managhan, C. McDonald, D. Squarzolo, D. St. Amour, C. Wilson

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

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

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for September 14, 2021 be approved. - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Summer Programs for Students

A detailed presentation was provided to trustees highlighting events from the seven different summer programs that were offered to students during July and August. Three special education programs were offered as well as a mental health support, kindergarten camp, the elementary grade 1 to 8 program and the secondary program.

Presenters included:

- David Squarzolo, Principal of the Special Education Summer Intervention Program
- Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
- Brien Managhan, Manager of Applied Behaviour Analysis Services
- Mary Jago, RDSB Mental Health Lead
- Ashleigh Conley, Principal of Kindergarten Camp
- Carrie Wilson, Principal of the CODE Summer Learning Program
- David St. Amour, Principal of the Secondary Summer Learning Program

Presenters acknowledged the dedicated staff who made these summer programs such a success for students, both enjoyable and educational.

Trustees had the opportunity to comment and ask questions. They also shared their appreciation for the informative presentation.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion: D.Dewar/L.Debassige

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on May 4, 2021 be approved. - **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS** NIL

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Athletics

Poverty

Policy Review

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

School Bus Seatbelt Pilot Project

Student Senate

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Dewar provided information about including the student trustee in poll votes for the duration of our electronic meetings. She said this provides an additional opportunity for our valued student voice to be heard and it encourages full participation in our Board meetings at a time when we're unable to meet face to face.

Trustee Stringer spoke in favour of sending a letter to the Ministers of Education and Health requesting an amendment to the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

Motion: M.Stringer/L.Debassige

That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health to ask that the Immunization of School Pupils Act be amended to include Covid-19 as a "designated disease". - **Carried**

Trustees discussed Covid-19 vaccinations.

Trustee St. Jean asked about the process to have an Indigenous Student Trustee join the board table.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

October 12, 2021
November 2, 2021
November 23, 2021
January 11, 2022
February 1, 2022
March 1, 2022
April 5, 2022
May 3, 2022
June 7, 2022

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the meeting be adjourned (6:26 pm). - **Carried**