

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, November 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

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

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/D.Dewar

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

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

School Bus Seatbelt Pilot Project and New Tablet System

Renee Boucher, Executive Director with the Sudbury Student Services Consortium provided trustees with informative presentations about the Transport Canada Pilot Project and the new technology available to drivers through the use of tablets and a routing/GPS system.

Renee Boucher spoke about the three buses that have been received from Transport Canada equipped with three-point seat belts and five-point harnesses for the pilot project.

She explained that there is a driver, a monitor and an observer, funded by Transport Canada, on each of the three buses to collect data for this pilot project. The pilot project will continue until the end of this school year. Observations will help determine whether legislation should be changed around the use of seatbelts on buses

Trustees had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Renee Boucher spoke about the new tablet systems that have been installed on every school bus. Every driver was provided with a QR Code which will load his/her route information into the tablet.

Drivers are getting familiar with the new system. There is potential for student tracking and a parent application with this software. The consortium will conduct a pilot program to test the software and expects that by September 2022, this system will be in place for all students on all bus routes.

Trustees thanked Renee Boucher for her presentation as well as for all the hard work that has been done during the last two years with transporting students to Rainbow Schools during the pandemic.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion: B.Clement /J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on October 12, 2021 be approved. - **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS** NIL

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Athletics

Policy Review

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

Student Senate

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Kosmerly asked about trustees meeting with Director Bourget to discuss the Board's Strategic Directions 2022-2027. Director Bourget confirmed that the group will work together to review feedback and create a plan.

Trustee Gibson asked about the Accessibility Committee. Superintendent Bazinet responded a meeting is planned for early in 2022.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: B.Clement

That the meeting be adjourned (5:57 pm). - **Carried**