

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 23, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (Chair), B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Hunda,
M. Stringer, Student Trustee Yao
Absent: L. Debassige, D. Dewar, J. Kosmerly, K. St. Jean
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, S. Ackroyd,
N. Cecchetto, M. Jago
Others: A. Orford, P. Potvin, C. Ward, D. Wiwchar, A. Balfe,
J. Barney, O. Dobson, M. Green, M. Green, R. Joiner,
M. Kasunich, B. Pennie, S. Rice

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/A.Gibson

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for November 23, 2021 be approved. - **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **OFSSA Champions**

Principal David Wiwchar introduced Manitoulin Secondary Schools' Junior Girls Cross Country Running team coach, Alison Orford. Coach Orford added that retired teacher Gerry Holliday also coached these girls. Coach Orford spoke about the girls amazing experience at OFSSA in Peterborough last month and how excited they are to be the best in the province. The girls expressed their pride in this tremendous achievement.

Team members included: Maren Kasunich, Mackenzie Green, Morgan Green, Annie Balfe, Xara Mara and Brodie Pennie.

Principal Pamela Potvin introduced Lo-Ellen Park Secondary Schools' Junior Boys Cross Country Running coach Colin Ward. Coach Ward spoke about how proud he is of the Junior Boys' OFSAA Cross Country Running team and how all of their hard work and dedication to the sport has paid off.

Team members included: Jacob Barney, Nolan Kuhlberg, Russell Joiner, Sam Rice, Owen Dobson. The boys spoke briefly about their experience and how happy they were to have had this opportunity to compete at the provincial level.

Trustees had the opportunity to express their pride to the coaches and athletes and to thank coaches and staff for their commitment to student athletes.

2. Mental Health Program Plan

Mary Jago, Mental Health Lead, provided trustees with data gathered from the recent Mental Health Survey completed by staff, parents/caregivers and students. She spoke about the Board Action Plan for Mental Health; shared current data on mental health in Rainbow Schools; and then highlighted some new programs that are being implemented by her team throughout Rainbow Schools.

Trustees recognized the challenges due to the number of students coming forward and asking for help. Mary advised that there are long wait lists for students to access services from community partners. Mary's team is doing what they can to fill this gap for these students who are requesting help.

Trustees had the opportunity to comment, ask questions and thank Mary Jago for this important information about engaging and supporting students in Rainbow Schools.

D. OLD BUSINESS

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Motion: A.Gibson/M.Stringer

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on November 2, 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 Gibson suggested that the information coming from Public Health is confusing and suggested that other Public Health units are providing a simple graphic.

Student Trustee Yao asked about gender neutral washrooms. Superintendent Bazinet advised that facilities department staff are currently assessing our schools.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

January 11, 2022

February 1, 2022

March 1, 2022

April 5, 2022

May 3, 2022

June 7, 2022

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: A.Gibson/B.Clement

That the meeting be adjourned (6:22 pm). - **Carried**