

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, March 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**AGENDA
AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 22, 2022 be approved.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

*Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

*Chair

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

*Director

E. OLD BUSINESS

*Director

1. Previous Minutes

*Chair

a) Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15 2022 be approved.

b) Motion:

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 be approved.

2. 2021-2022 School Year Update

*Director

3. Masking Motion – Update

*Director

At the September 1, 2020 Regular Board meeting, the following motion was passed:

Motion: 20-R86, M.Stringer/J.Hunda

With reasonable exceptions, be it resolved that in Rainbow Schools all students grades 1-12 wear masks, and all Kindergarten students wear masks and/or face shields. – **Carried unanimously**

Motion:

That the Board rescind Motion: 20-R86.

4. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** *SBO

a) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for elevator inspection and maintenance services for the Rainbow District School Board–tender #2022-03 to _____ for \$_____.00.

b) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Lively District Secondary School, classroom ventilation upgrades–tender #2022-04 to _____ for \$_____.00.

c) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Lockerby Composite School, classroom ventilation upgrades–tender #2022-05 to _____ for \$_____.00.

d) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Espanola High School and A.B. Ellis Public School, renovation and ventilation-tender #2022-06 to _____ for \$_____.00.

e) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Algonquin Public School, ventilation–tender #2022-07 to _____ for \$_____.00.

5. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair

a) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Motion:

That Rainbow District School Board establish an Ad Hoc committee of Trustees to assist in a review of the Census questions to personalize them to the Rainbow District School Board.

F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair

1. **Municipal Election 2022** *SBO

a) Motion:

That in accordance with Section 4 (1) (b) Ontario Regulation 412/00 the Board does not designate any municipality within its jurisdiction as a low population municipality.

- b) Motion:
That in accordance with Ontario Regulation 412/00 that Appendix A shall form the report of the Determination and Distribution of trustees as required under Section 9 of the regulation and further, that, the municipality with the largest population in each Area and the school board election clerk as referred to in Section 8.1 being identified as follows:

Area 1 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 2 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 3 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 4 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 5 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 6 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
Area 7 – Clerk of The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Area 8 – Clerk of The Town of Espanola

- c) Motion:
That the vote by integrated internet and telephone services bylaw 2022-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.

2. **Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting** *Chair

Motion:
That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the 2022 OPSBA Annual General Meeting in Ottawa June 9 to 11, 2022.

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair

Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the March 22, 2022 Board meeting.

4. **Director's Remarks** *Director

5. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Director
Student Trustee

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
First Nation Advisory Committee minutes November 18, 2021 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

*Chair

Equity & Inclusion Education Committee March 24, 2022 4:00 pm

Student Senate Committee Meeting April 4, 2022 5:30 pm

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting April 5, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Committee April 6, 2022 12:00 pm

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting April 12, 2022 7:00 pm

Board Meeting April 19, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom

Environmental Education Committee Meeting May 4, 2022 3:30 pm

First Nation Advisory Committee May 19, 2022 10:00 am

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, February 15, 2022 at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Kosmerly,
D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student Trustee Yao,
J. Hunda (joined 5:23pm)
Absent: L. Debassige
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
J. Noble, K. Wachnuk, L. Fisher - Superintendents
N. Charette, C. Whitson, D. Peristeridis
Others: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, M. McKelvey, N.
Mousseau, T. Dewit, L. Kolari, E. Mack, N. Taylor

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

Chair Clement read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 22-R29 M.Stringer/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 15, 2022 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: Absent
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

Strategic Directions

The Director provided an update on the process and the proposed vision, mission, values and priorities for the Strategic Directions of the Board. He expressed his sincere gratitude to all stakeholders in the collaboration process. Once approved a communications campaign to share the plan with staff, students, parents/guardians and school communities will begin.

Trustees had the opportunity to comment and ask questions. Trustees expressed their appreciation for the Director's commitment to putting this together.

Motion: 22-R30 J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar

That the Vision, Mission, Values and Priorities of the Rainbow District School Board, as presented in Strategic Directions 2022-2027, be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: Absent
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

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

a) Motion: 22-R31 D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: Absent
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

2. **2021-2022 School Year Update**

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

Director Bourget shared COVID-19 data and information about the revised school screener. He spoke about survey results for the February option for remote or in-person learning and the announcement of the cancellation of winter OFSAA championships. He mentioned that high contact and extra-curricular sports, as well as music activities, were permitted to resume, and that school-based vaccination clinics would continue. The Director shared good news stories and updates of things happening in Rainbow Schools.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and were very thankful for the uplifting information in the presentation.

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

Motion: 22-R32 J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the Board award the contract for Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, stair replacement-tender #2022-02 to Reasbeck Construction Inc. for \$187,480.00.

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

4. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees**

a) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Motion: 22-R33 D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the Board allocate supplemental capital funding from the Proceeds of Disposition Reserve to complete the construction of the new JK-6 French Immersion elementary school in New Sudbury as recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee.

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) **Labour Relations Committee**

Motion: 22-R34 D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the Board expand the Labour Relations Committee to include the OPSBA Director as a member for the remainder of the year and to include on the Committee going forward at the December organizational meeting as recommended by the Labour Relations Committee.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: Abstain
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. **2022-2023 School Year Structure**

Motion: 22-R35 D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That the Board approve the 2022-2023 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools.

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

2. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Board Council Conference**

Motion: 22-R36 J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Yao at the Virtual OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference February 18 to 19, 2022.

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

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 22-R37 M.Stringer/D.Dewar

That Trustee Debassige be granted a leave of absence from the February 15, 2022 Board meeting.

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

4. **Director's Remarks**

The Ministry of Education has introduced a new graduation requirement.

Students who entered Grade 9 in 2020-2021 must earn two online learning credits to obtain their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). (*One secondary school credit completed in 2020-2021 during the period of remote learning from April to June 2021 has been deemed as “earned” towards the new graduation requirement*).

Grade 10 students will be invited to complete a survey during the week of February 28, 2022 to indicate their interest in taking an eLearning course in the 2022-2023 school year.

Parents/guardians and students may choose to not participate in online learning.

Students will be required to complete the “opt out” form in the survey.

Director Bourget continued, “I would like to thank all staff, volunteers, coaches and our athletic administrator Dave Makela for the extensive work being done to reschedule and organize opportunities for our students to learn and grow through participation in extracurricular activities!!

I would like to thank our students, staff, parents and guardians for their hard work, patience and resilience and wish everyone a safe and fun filled Family Day long weekend.”

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly attended the Northern Region Directors meeting In January. The next OPSBA Board of Directors meeting will be held February 25 & 26 via zoom. The OPSBA members website Northern Director tab will be updated to reflect current northern information. Trustee Kosmerly attended a Project Compass Steering Committee meeting and a final recommendation report was reviewed. Applications are open for the Public Property Assessment Network scholarship and details have been shared with all secondary principals.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao reported that Senators continue to plan for the upcoming local student conference. Student Trustee Yao thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to attend the OSTA conference this weekend.

6. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison stated that she wanted to clarify her position on e-learning.

7. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

Join Our Team

Rainbow District School Board is currently accepting applications for various teaching and non-teaching positions. To learn more, visit the Board’s website and click on Join Our Team.

Secondary Information Nights

Two more schools will host Virtual Open Houses:
Lasalle Secondary School on February 16th at 6:30 pm
Confederation Secondary School on February 17th at 6 pm

Students can register anytime by contacting their area Rainbow School.

We adopted our renewed Strategic Directions this evening.

Let me give you a few examples of how our vision, mission, values and priorities are coming to life in Rainbow Schools.

Students at Chelmsford Valley District Composite School Elementary made breathing beads for Bell Let’s Talk Day. With each exhale, students slide the beads down their bracelet, helping to regulate emotions and distract them when they feel overwhelmed.

Kindergarten students from R.L. Beattie celebrated Family Literacy Day with a virtual story read by members of the Sudbury Wolves.

Grade 2 students from MacLeod Public School learned about Chinese New Year - also known as the Lunar New Year.

Students at Little Current Public School have been busy making outdoor bird feeders.

The Grade 4 class at Cyril Varney Public School connected virtually with wildlife scientist Dr. Vanessa Pirotta to uncover the secrets of whales.

Students in the Grade 4/5 class at S. Geiger Public School paid a virtual visit to Killbear Provincial Park to learn about protecting snakes.

At C.R. Judd Public School, Grade 5 students mixed chemicals to see how they interact as part of their science experiment.

Grade 6 students at S. Geiger Public School learned about time in math class.

Wisdom keeper Wayne Southwind was presented with a piece of art that caught his eye during one of his many visits to Espanola High School. The art - a swimming turtle by student Mya White - was framed and gifted to him for his commitment to the school.

Monthly Charger Character Awards were presented to students at Confederation Secondary School in recognition of attendance, effort, kindness, behaviour and academics.

And please take note of the following dates:

Family Day

A friendly reminder that schools are closed on Monday, February 21st for Family Day.

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

The next Strategic Planning Committee Meeting will take place March 1st. Meetings are livestreamed. The link will be posted on the Board website.

Professional Activity Day

A note to families that there is a Professional Activity Day on Friday, March 11th. There will be no school for students on that day.

Mid-Winter Break

And something staff and students must really be looking forward to... this year's Mid-Winter Break will take place from March 14th to 18th.

In keeping with Black History Month, the quote of the day,

“No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Parent Involvement Committee minutes Jan 4, 2022 (official)

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes Jan 5, 2022 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

First Nation Advisory Committee February 17, 2022 10:00 am

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting March 1, 2022 5:00 pm

Special Education Advisory Committee March 2, 2022 12:00 pm

Environmental Education Committee Meeting March 2, 2022 3:30 pm

Student Senate Meeting March 7, 2022 5:30 pm

Board Meeting March 22, 2022 5:00 pm

Equity & Inclusion Education Committee March 24, 2022 4:00 pm

Parent Involvement Committee April 12, 2022 7:00 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 22-R38 D.Dewar/D.Morrison

That we do now adjourn at 6:50 p.m. - **Carried**

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

held electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkers Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:05 PM

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), L. Debassige, D. Dewar , A. Gibson,
J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer,
Student Trustee Yao
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents
N. Charette, C. Whitson
Others: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, M. McKelvey

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

Chair Clement read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 22-R39 D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of March 8, 2022 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

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. Revitalization of A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School - Update

Superintendent Bazinet provided an update on the revitalization of A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School.

He reported that the Board has received Ministry of Education approval to proceed with the final phase of school renewal in Espanola. The Ministry of Education is

providing \$2.7 million to remove the former A.B. Ellis Public School building and repurpose the site on Park Street.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

D. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 22-R40 D.Dewar/D.Morrison

That we do now adjourn at 5:18 p.m. - **Carried**

Unofficial

**Rainbow District School Board
2022 Trustee Distribution
In Accordance with O. Reg 412/00**

Appendix A

Area	Name of Municipality/ Municipal Ward	Electoral Group Population	Electoral Quotient	Trustee Distribution
Area 1	Greater Sudbury Wards 1 & 2	15,858	1.27	1
Area 2	Greater Sudbury Wards 3 & 4, and the Unorganized Townships of Cartier, Cascaden, Foy, Hart, Harty, Hess, Moncrieff, Shining Tree and Trill	11,559	0.92	1
Area 3	Greater Sudbury Wards 5 & 6	11,504	0.92	1
Area 4	Greater Sudbury Wards 7 & 8, and the Municipalities of French River, Killarney, Markstay-Warren, St. Charles, and the Unorganized Townships of Burwash, Cox, Davis, Eden, Hawley, Hendrie, Henry, Janes, Laura, Loughrin, Secord, Servos, Street and Tilton.	16,209	1.29	1
Area 5	Greater Sudbury Wards 9 & 10	17,850	1.42	1
Area 6	Greater Sudbury Wards 11 & 12	14,469	1.15	1
Area 7	The Towns of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Gore Bay. The Townships of Assiginack, Barrie Island, Billings, Burpee and Mills, Central Manitoulin, Cockburn Island, Gordon, Tehkumah, and Manitoulin Locality Education.	6,764	0.54	1
Area 8	The Town of Espanola and the Townships of Baldwin, Nairn & Hyman, Sables-Spanish Rivers and Espanola Locality Education.	6,062	0.48	1
	Total	100,275		8

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

By-law Number (2022-01)

Being a by-law to authorize voting by integrated internet and telephone services for the 2022 Municipal Election and the entering into of an agreement with Scytl Canada Inc. to provide integrated internet and telephone voting services.

WHEREAS Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 provides that a municipal council may pass a by-law authorizing an alternative voting method;

AND WHEREAS council deems it appropriate and in the public interest to conduct the 2022 Municipal Election using a vote by integrated internet and telephone voting methods and to contract with Scytl Canada Inc. to provide election services;

NOW THEREFORE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The alternative voting method of "Integrated Internet and Telephone Voting Services" is hereby authorized for the 2022 Municipal Election for the following unorganized townships: Burwash, Cartier, Cascaden, Cox, Davis, Eden, Espanola Locality, Foy, Hart, Harty, Hendire, Henry, Hawley, Hess, Janes, Laura, Loughrin, Manitoulin Locality, Moncrieff, Secord, Servos, Shining Tree, Street, Tilton, and Trill.
2. A Voter Information Letter will be provided to every person who qualifies to be an elector. The Letter will be mailed to each qualified elector.
3. The Voter Information Letter shall consist of:
 - A voting instruction letter with unique voting credentials
 - Such other necessary material as the Returning Officer may determine
4. Voting Period shall be established on the following dates and times:

Friday, October 14, 2022 to Monday, October 24, 2022 to 8:00 p.m.
Services to be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week up until end of voting period.
5. Every elector has the responsibility of completing the ballots in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and the procedures authorized by this By-law and submitting their vote by Internet or Telephone Services on or before 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day.
6. No proxy voting provisions or advance voting provisions are applicable at Municipal Elections conducted in accordance with this by-law.

7. The Municipal Clerk shall prepare procedures and rules for the Vote by Integrated Internet and Telephone Voting Services for the municipal election and provide these procedures and rules to each candidate no later than September 1, 2022.
8. Any person, corporation or trade union guilty of corrupt practices or contravening the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or the procedures and rules as established in paragraph 8 of this by-law may be prosecuted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
10. The Secretary and Superintendent of Business are herewith authorized to sign the necessary agreement with ScytI Canada Inc. to provide Integrated Internet and Telephone Voting Services.
11. This By-law shall take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

By-law read a first and second time this _____ day of _____ 2022.

By-law read a third time and finally passed this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Chair

Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE
FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education
Google Hangout/Teleconference
Thursday, November 18, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

- Members Present:** Kim Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Mark Gibeault, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute
Kelly-Lee Assinewe, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Marilyn Nicholls, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Martin Bayer, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Lois Lambert, Dokis First Nation
Valerie O'Leary, M'Chigeeng First Nation
Beatrice Debassige, Wahnapiatae First Nation
Margaret Stringer, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Doreen Dewar, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District School Board
Bruce Bourget, Director of Education, Rainbow District School Board
- Absent with Regrets:** Bob Pitfield, Wahnapiatae First Nation
- Absent:** Linda Debassige, First Nation Trustee, Rainbow District School Board
Danielle Nakoochee, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation
Stephen Nahwegahbow, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Anna-Marie Abitong, Sagamok Anishnawbek
Claudette Fournier, Sagamok Anishnawbek
Janice Cada, Sheshegwaning First Nation
Chief Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation
Brian McGregor, Sheguiandah First Nation
- Recording Minutes:** Raegan Windover, Rainbow District School Board

1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting began at 10:03 a.m. Quorum was met. Hazel Fox-Recollet gave a few opening words. Introduction of members was done.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: L. Lambert/M. Gibeault

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: M. Bayer/M. Stringer

That the minutes of the Regular FNAC Meeting held on Monday, October 18, 2021 be approved. – **Carried**

4. BUSINESS ARISING

A successful candidate for the Vice-Principal for Indigenous Education at Manitoulin Secondary School has been selected. Currently in the process of shortlisting applicants for the TRC Advisory and Principal of Indigenous Education position. Director Bourget will provide an update to the FNAC Chair when the positions are finalized.

Director Bourget has reached out to Public Health to discuss the communication concerns from the last meeting and is waiting to receive direct contact information. Director Bourget will forward the contact information to the FNAC Chair.

The renewal of the ESA will start in the new calendar year when the positions are filled and finalized.

5. COVID-19 UPDATES

There is a steady flow of cases in the Sudbury area; details are updated regularly on the board website. It is evident that the protocols are proving to be effective, most school cases are coming from the community and are being contained.

The Ministry is in the process of initiating a take-home PCR test for students who are experiencing symptoms and sent home throughout the school day. We hope to see this rolled out in the next few weeks.

Staff who are unvaccinated must complete rapid testing three times a week to increase safety precautions around asymptomatic individuals. Our staff vaccination rate has increased by two percent, totalling 94%; the remaining 6% comply with weekly rapid testing. Individuals who chose not to complete rapid testing are not working; these individuals are mainly occasional staff.

We expect to receive an update on vaccine approvals for children ages 5-11 on Friday. Public Health is prepared for this approval; vaccinations may become available by the end of the month.

Vaccination policies can be found on the Rainbow District School Board website.

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Director Bourget gave an overview presentation on the Strategic Directions for 2022-2027. A copy of the presentation will be provided to all FNAC members.

Director Bourget will provide the FNAC Chair with the link for the Strategic Directions Survey once the meeting has been adjourned. Members are encouraged to give feedback and suggestions by completing the online survey.

Meetings with FNAC members, school councils, and board members will begin in December. Director Bourget will present the draft plan to the Board at the Strategic Planning Meeting on January 25, 2022.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS

Principal Dokis will move this topic to the next agenda as Sagamok members are absent.

8. CULTURAL COMPETENCY/RACISM

FNAC Chair continues to hear about racism occurring within the schools.

Race relations is an important item in the TRC plan that we are committed to addressing. Staff are currently participating in Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism training. Additional training opportunities are being explored.

9. COMMUNITY UPDATES NIL

10. CLOSING

FUTURE MEETINGS: February 17, 2022 (10:00-12:00)
May 19, 2022 (10:00-12:00)

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

OFFICIAL

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

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Time: 12:00 PM

Virtual meeting via Google Meet Video Conferencing

Present:

SEAC Members:

Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
Linda Debassige	Trustee
Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)	Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Shelly Laronde	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Julia Ritchie	Northern Ontario Autism Alliance / Ontario Autism Coalition
Robert Silvestri	NOARC

Staff:

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

Regrets:

Cereena Rows	FASD
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Other:

Bob Clement	Chair
Doreen Dewar	Trustee

Absent:

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W. Larouche welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. Introductions were made.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

N. Delaney read the mission statement aloud.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: R. Silvestri

That the amended agenda for the SEAC meeting of February 2, 2022 be approved.
Motion carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest

6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of January 5, 2022 be approved.
Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

No business arising

8.0 New Business

Superintendent Noble shared a presentation and consulted with the group on the content of the Draft Identity-Based Census. The importance of the data and the anticipated outcomes were explained. All sample questions were reviewed and feedback was provided. An opportunity for further feedback will be arranged.

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: R. Silvestri

That the SEAC approve the leave of absence of C. Rows from the February 2, 2022 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk explained that one additional virtual Intensive Support classroom will be created. This is to accommodate the increased number of students with special educational needs pivoting from in-person to remote learning from February-June 2022.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald provided details about the upcoming Professional Development Day and thanked Robert Silvestri and Cereena Rows for their participation and presentations.

The Special Education team is currently preparing for the next Admission Review Demission (ARD) committee meeting, Preschool Transition meetings and the February Intake.

Disabilities Pilot Project Update:

Principal McDonald met with the Ministry of Education to provide updates on Project Search in Rainbow. Additional information will be provided at the March SEAC meeting.

12.0 Board Report

Trustee Morrison was acclaimed Chair and Trustee Debassige was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for 2022.

Trustee Kosmerly also reported that the property at 1545 Gary Avenue (Cyril Varney Public School) will be declared surplus as of June 30, 2022.

13.0 Chairperson's Remarks

W. Larouche thanked all SEAC members for their interest and feedback during today's Draft Identity-Based Census discussion.

14.0 Association Reports

Cereena Rows: FASD

The next FASD Wellness retreat will be held virtually on February 23, 2022 from 11:30am-1:00pm. Registered Dietitian and guest speaker Andrea Fennell will be sharing tips on how to manage stress, improve digestive health and how to optimize sleep and hormone health. Information and the Zoom link have been shared with SEAC via email.

Natasha Delaney: Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter

The February Newsletter for Autism Ontario was shared with SEAC members via email. It highlights upcoming social learning opportunities, workshops and updated resources to assist through COVID-19. For more information visit autismontario.com

Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

The LDAO SEAC Circular and attachments (PPM 81 Draft and discussion questions, a Memo on Online Learning Graduation, MACSE Communication) have been shared with SEAC members via email.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

Deferred

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

Deferred

17.0 Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday March 2, 2022 at noon.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2:14 PM.