

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, April 19, 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 April 19, 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, March 22, 2022 be approved.
2. **Masking Motion – Update – Notice of Motion** *Chair
- Motion:
That “*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Rainbow Schools all students grades 1-12 wear masks, and all Kindergarten students wear masks and/or face shields.*” be rescinded.
3. **2021-2022 School Year Update** *Director
4. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL *SBO
5. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair

- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. **Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Update** *SBO
2. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
- Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the April 19, 2022 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**
Parent Involvement Committee minutes Feb 8, 2022 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes March 2, 2022 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
Equity & Inclusion Education Committee April 27, 2022 4:00 pm
Student Senate Committee Meeting May 2, 2022 5:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting May 3, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Committee May 4, 2022 12:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting May 4, 2022 3:30 pm
Student Senate *Stand Up Speak Out* conference (Cambrian) May 5, 2022 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Parent Involvement Committee Meeting May 10, 2022 7:00 pm
Board Meeting May 17, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom
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, March 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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 (joined 5:21pm)
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: N. Cecchetto, P. Duncan, N. Mousseau, M. McKelvey

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

Chair Clement read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 22-R41, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 22, 2022 be approved as amended, the amendments being:

under Item **E. OLD BUSINESS, #3 Masking Motion – Update** –

“Motion:” be changed to “Notice of Motion” (That the Board rescind Motion: 20-R86.), and

under item **E. OLD BUSINESS, #4 Tenders/Requests for Proposal** –
the removal of Motion: b) Tender #2022-04 re: Lively ventilation.

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** NIL

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-R42, A.Gibson/J.Kosmerly**

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15 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) **Motion: 22-R43, D.Morrison/D.Dewar**

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, 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

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 Public Health updates including the lifting of the masking mandate, cohorting and distancing requirements in schools. He spoke on the new graduation requirement for online courses and the ability for students to opt-out.

For the 2022-2023 school year, a message was sent to all parents/guardians to make a decision for the entire year whether to register for the Virtual School or to attend in person.

The Lancer Dome reopened for community use on March 7th and the community use of schools will resume April 19th.

Director Bourget also mentioned the updated school screening tool and vaccination attestation will remain on the website along with the reopening guide which is being revised to reflect the recent changes. Letters were distributed to parents/guardians and posted on the board website for ease of reference.

Director Bourget advised that the Ministry would be introducing a new science and technology curriculum for Grades 1 to 8 and de-streaming the Grade 9 science course for the upcoming school year.

Director Bourget shared a few video presentations for both the virtual Kindergarten and Secondary Information nights, which parents/guardians can access online.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

3. **Masking Motion – Update**

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**

Notice of Motion: 22-R44, D.Morrison

That the Board rescind Motion: 20-R86.

4. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

a) Motion: 22-R45, D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That the Board award the contract for elevator inspection and maintenance services for the Rainbow District School Board–tender #2022-03 to Otis Canada Inc. for \$92,340.00.

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) Removed from agenda as per Motion: 22-R41

Motion:

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

- c) Motion: 22-R46, D.Dewar/M.Stringer

That the Board award the contract for Lockerby Composite School, classroom ventilation upgrades–tender #2022-05 to Mike Witherell Mechanical Ltd. for \$1,468,488.00.

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

- d) Motion: 22-R47, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Board award the contract for Espanola High School and A.B. Ellis Public School, renovation and ventilation-tender #2022-06 to Lignum Builders for \$2,040,000.00.

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

- e) Motion: 22-R48, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Algonquin Public School, ventilation–tender #2022-07 to Prosperi Co. Ltd. for \$517,500.00.

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

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

a) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Motion:22-R49, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

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.

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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Municipal Election 2022**

a) Motion: 22-R50, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

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.

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) Motion: 22-R51, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

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

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

c) **Motion: 22-R52, D.Morrison/D.Dewar**

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.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
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

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

Motion: 22-R53, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

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

All Trustees were approved to attend, but many were only interested in attending virtually not in person. Trustee Kosmerly advised she would confirm with OBSPA.

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

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

4. **Director's Remarks**

Director Bourget hoped everyone enjoyed their March Break.

With the recent Provincial changes, Director Bourget expressed the need for respect for choice across all areas of the Board.

Director Bourget mentioned enrolment predictions for the 2022-2023 school year are currently underway, which marks the beginning of the staffing process for next year.

Director Bourget thanked all trustees, parents, staff and students for their resilience, hard work, patience and respect during these difficult times and was hopeful that the best part of the year is yet to come.

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly attended the virtual meeting of the Board of Directors in February and shared meeting notes with Trustees. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in person in Toronto on April 29 & 30. The OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held on June 9 to 11. OPSBA is hosting a virtual Labour Relations and Human Resources symposium on April 28, 2022.

Motion: 22-R54, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of Chair Clement, Trustee Debassige, Trustee Dewar, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Kosmerly, Trustee Morrison, Trustee Stringer at the virtual Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium on April 28, 2022.

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

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao reported that the Student Senate continues to prepare for the upcoming Student conference and is meeting next Monday to finalize ideas.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Stringer shared her concerns over the removal of mask mandates within schools and encouraged following the advice of Dr. Sutcliffe to continue wearing masks in indoor public settings.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Earth Hour 2022

Staff, students and families are invited to turn off their lights for Earth Hour on Saturday, March 26th at 8:30 pm in a demonstration of global support for action against climate change.

As we adopted the new Strategic Directions last month, here are a few ways our vision, mission, values and priorities are coming to life in Rainbow Schools.

Team "MacLeod On a Mission" rallied together to collect an impressive \$15,740 for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser. Congratulations!

Kindergarten students from R.L. Beattie Public School are growing plants from seed to harvest right in their classroom with a system called Nutritower. It's a vertical hydroponic gardening structure that grows plants without soil.

In the spirit of friendly competition, students from Levack Public School tested their skills in curling, hockey, snowball throw, and tug-of-war during the school's Winter Olympics.

On March 2nd, Monetville Public School staff and students celebrated legendary children's author Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Grade 4 students from Cyril Varney Public School paid a virtual visit to the Toronto Zoo to learn about wetland conservation.

Grade 6/7 students from Levack Public School are learning how some First Nations communities in Ontario have Boil Water Advisories. Students will finalize the unit with a sacred water day assembly this week.

Professional dancer, choreographer and alumna Mitchell Jackson met virtually with dance students from Sudbury Secondary School. Students earned a certification towards their Specialist High Skills Major in Arts and Culture.

McKerrow artist, Roselynn Andress, donated art to Espanola High School. The art focuses on the strong and important message - 'stop bullying.'

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School students Harley French, Grade 11, and Jacob Bolton, Grade 12, earned first place in the Harvard Student Agencies' Wolves of

Wall Street Challenge – the world’s first global stock market competition for youth.

Lasalle Secondary School students in the Specialist High Skills Major in Sports visited the Simulation Lab at Health Sciences North to practise CPR, ultrasounds, inserting IVs, and crisis intervention.

Four students from Rainbow Schools have been accepted into the prestigious Shad Canada Program to take part in labs, seminars and hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics and entrepreneurship this summer.

IMPORTANT DATES

The next Strategic Planning Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 5th.

The upcoming Parent Involvement Committee Meeting is set for April 12th at 6:30 pm.

And a friendly reminder that schools are closed for Good Friday on April 15th and Easter Monday on April 18th. Our next board meeting will be the day following, on Tuesday, April 19th.

In keeping with Dr. Seuss, “You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child”

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
First Nation Advisory Committee minutes November 18, 2021 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes February 2, 2022 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Motion: 22-R55, D.Morrison/K.St.Jean
That we do now adjourn at 6:36p.m. - **Carried**

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7 pm
Via Google Meet**

Attendance

Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Sara Kitlar-Pothier, Parent, Churchill Public School; Ashley Malley, Parent, Redwood Acres Public School; Angelina Kasunich, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Kim Plexman, Parent, Algonquin Road Public School; Christina Zacerkowny, Parent, Walden Public School; Shari Diaz, Parent, Walden Public School; Sarah Timony, Parent, Walden Public School; Meredith Coulas, Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) representative; Danielle Aubrey, Parent, Confederation Secondary School; Sean Sennanyana, Parent, Princess Anne Public School; Shannon Ketchabaw, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Sandra St. Martin, Parent, Markstay Public School; Shelley Tamura, Principal, Central Manitoulin Public School; Steff Bourque, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Judy Kosmerly, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Anita Gibson, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board; Bob Clement, Chair, Rainbow District School Board; Lesley Fisher, Superintendent of Schools; Sheila James, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Espanola High School; Susan Cousineau, Principal, Redwood Acres Public School; Cori Pitre, Principal, S. Geiger Public School; Judy Noble, Superintendent; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

Regrets: Tricia Hatfield, Parent, Cyril Varney Public School

Call to order 7 pm

1. Welcome from PIC Chair Natasha Delaney

Natasha Delaney welcomed everyone to the PIC Meeting.

2. Self Introduction of PIC Members

PIC members and guests introduced themselves.

3. Presentations: **School Climate Survey Results by Principal Cori Pitre
 Student Census Consultation by Superintendent Judy Noble**

Principal Cori Pitre presented the results of the School Climate Survey administered in June 2021 during the remote learning period. Part of Ontario's Equity Action Plan, the survey provides valuable data about the system to glean a better understanding of who we serve and make data informed decisions. The survey, which was voluntary and anonymous, was completed by students in Grades 4 to 6 and Grades 7 to 12. Survey questions focused on demographics, perceptions of safety and well-being at school, and equity, inclusion and diversity. In presenting the most recent results, Principal Pitre highlighted some initiatives that have been implemented based on school climate survey data, including professional learning on March 11, 2022. Topics will include anti-semitism, allyship, anti-racism, unconscious bias, and dealing directly with language cards, to name a few.

Superintendent Judy Noble provided an overview of the draft Student Census that will be administered in September 2022 to parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 and students in Grades 9 to 12. After sharing background on the Ministry mandated Census, Superintendent Noble guided PIC members through the proposed survey questions and invited them to provide input. While the Student Census will be voluntary, unlike the School Climate Survey, it will not be anonymous. Superintendent Noble stressed, however, that the identity-based data set will be used in aggregate form only along with student achievement data sets like credits earned and graduation rates. The goal is to gain a better understanding of how groups of students are doing on a system-wide basis in order to address any barriers or gaps to success. The data will be used to inform decision making when allocating resources. Superintendent Noble said schools will be asked to share the draft Student Census with their respective School Councils to seek input and build understanding. A high level of participation will ensure that the board has good baseline data. Respondents will be able to skip any questions they do not wish to answer.

4. Discussion based on presentation

PIC members asked questions throughout both presentations. They wanted to ensure that surveys are offered to all students through electronic and alternative formats. Some parents expressed surprise about the intrusive nature of the questions in the identity-based Student Census. Instead of dividing us by asking identity-based questions, why not focus on kindness and empathy? Others indicated that the Census will provide measurable data to highlight areas of need in order to allocate resources and seek additional support for students. PIC members provided input into the Census questions and responses.

5. Approval of Agenda

“That the agenda for the PIC meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 be approved.”

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School

Seconded by: Sheila James, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Carried

6. Approval of Minutes

“That the minutes of the PIC meeting held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 be approved.”

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School

Seconded by: Meredith Coulas, ETFO representative

Carried

7. Review of School Council PRO Grant Applications

An additional three Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant applications were received, reviewed and subsequently approved. A total of eight applications have been approved to date. The Board has received funding for a total of nine projects. One more project may be considered for the current school year.

“That the PRO grant projects for R.L. Beattie Public School, A.B. Ellis Public School and Chelmsford Valley District Composite School be approved.”

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School
Seconded by: Sara Kitlar-Pothier, Churchill Public School
Carried

R.L. Beattie Public School will assist families to support students in the French Immersion program.
A.B. Ellis Public School will focus on literacy through virtual guest speakers who are authors.
Chelmsford Valley District Composite School will create video clips to share with families.

8. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, delivered the following communications report:

Strategic Directions 2022-2027

Director of Education Bruce Bourget met with stakeholders over the past few months to gather input for the Board's five-year strategic plan which defines its vision, mission, values and priorities. Meetings have also been held with the Ad Hoc Committee of Trustees.

A draft of Strategic Directions 2022-2027 will be presented to the Board on February 15, 2022. Board meetings are live streamed and archived. Links are posted on rainbowschools.ca prior to the start of the meeting.

Information Nights

Virtual secondary school information nights continue this month. Manitoulin Secondary School will post its presentation online on Thursday, February 10, 2022, followed by Lasalle Secondary School on Wednesday, February 16th and Confederation Secondary School on Thursday, February 17th. Presentations for all secondary schools can be accessed from school websites.

Presentations for Kindergarten are also available online on school websites. If you know families who have children ready to start school this fall, please invite them to register now.

Sweater Day

Rainbow District School Board is turning down the heat and inviting students and staff to wear a sweater on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Sweater Day raises awareness about renewable energy and encourages us to think about energy consumption and change our habits. Students will learn that even the smallest of gestures, like turning down the heat and wearing a sweater, can promote environmental sustainability.

Vaccination Clinics

More school-based vaccination clinics will be offered in the weeks to come. Only students whose parents have provided signed consent will be vaccinated at clinics during the school day.

Parents and the public will only have access to school based clinics when there is an exterior entrance to the gymnasium. No access to the rest of the school will be granted. When there is no separate entrance directly into the gymnasium, school clinics will not be open to the public or caregivers during the day. Public clinics at these locations will be open after school hours.

COVID Update

Parents/guardians will receive a letter on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 with updated guidance related to COVID-19. Please continue to use the COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care and follow the guidance.

9. School Announcements

Sara Kitlar-Pothier of Cyril Varney Public School highlighted a number of activities including a school-wide battleship game, Olympic Day, Sweater Day, winter carnival, Spirit Week and a mental health program delivered by a member of the Social Work team.

Shannon Ketchabaw of A.B. Ellis Public School said the school received a grant to support an outdoor classroom and held a fundraiser to build a Gaga Ball pit. She added that Grade 6 to 8 classes were reorganized as one teacher was reallocated to remote learning.

Bernadette Rémillard of Sudbury Secondary School said students were invited to send in a recording to audition for the Arts Education Program. Students wore blue and white to promote Bell Let's Talk Day and also enjoyed Spirit Week. Students participated in a Canada-wide outreach project to bring awareness to murdered and missing Indigenous Women.

Angelina Kasunich of Lockerby Composite School praised the school for its weekly newsletter which keeps everyone informed. The return to four periods per day in Semester 2 was well received. She also highlighted a number of school activities from Valentine's Day candy grams, to a study of the skeletal system and digested owl pellets in Biology, to Lockerby alumni completing college co-op placements, to blood work on mannequins in medical technology, to a study of the solar eclipse and to the resumption of more athletics.

Sheila James of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School shared that a new student who came from another board felt very welcome at CVDCS. The school continues to create a warm and welcoming learning environment for all.

Natasha Delaney of Jean Hanson Public School said another vaccination clinic was held at the school. The resource booklet for families is being well received. From pyjama day, to a Valentine's Day dance, funky socks and favourite hoodies, the school is creating a fun space for students. She said Jean Hanson Public School continues to go above and beyond to ensure student needs are met.

10. Adjournment

"That we do now adjourn."

Moved by: Sandra St. Martin, Markstay Public School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Via Google Meet

Topic: Outdoor Classrooms

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Time: 12:00 PM

Virtual meeting via Google Meet Video Conferencing

Present:

SEAC Members:

Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)	Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
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
Joanne Taillon	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent

Regrets:

Shelly Laronde	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Cereena Rows	FASD

Other:

Bob Clement	Chair
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Absent:

Linda Debassige	Trustee
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1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W. Larouche welcomed all members to the meeting.

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 agenda for the SEAC meeting of March 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: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of February 2, 2022 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

No business arising

8.0 New Business

No new business

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the SEAC approve the leaves of absence of S. Laronde and C. Rows from the March 2, 2022 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) has released its *Right to Read* inquiry report. It includes detailed findings and recommendations. Superintendent Wachnuk explained that gap closing at a young age will remain a priority as we review and/or make changes to early screenings, reading interventions, accommodations, assessments etc. Tools adopted will be evidence-based and will be shared with SEAC.

Details regarding a significant effort and plan to increase special education staff in schools will be shared at the May SEAC meeting.

Superintendent Wachnuk provided some background information about past and present Section Agreements that Rainbow holds with our community partners and how they assist in supporting a number of exceptional learners at various schools across the Board. A new Section Agreement with Compass (the Lead Agency for Child and Youth Mental Health Services in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin) is under review this school year. With Mental Health conditions on the rise, Director Bruce Bouget will be in contact with Executive Director of Compass, Linda Dugas, to discuss Section Agreement concerns and next steps.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Disabilities Pilot Project Update:

Principal McDonald announced that we are moving forward with Project Search at Rainbow. This Transition to Work Program is for students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in their last year of high school. Students will learn through a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on career training at work site locations. Community partners have been secured. The main objective is to prepare students for employment that is integrated, competitive and for a minimum of 16 hours per week. A video link with additional information will be shared with SEAC via email.

12.0 Board Report

Trustee Kosmerly shared that the Board of Trustees has approved the Vision statement along with the changes to the Mission statement, Values and Priorities.

13.0 Chairperson's Remarks

W. Larouche encouraged SEAC members to review the Special Education Plan and share any questions or comments.

14.0 Association Reports

Julie Contini: Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day. The available *Celebration Package* is a resource that focuses on awareness, acceptance and celebrating Down Syndrome in the classroom and the community. Julie hopes that the information can be shared with teachers in Rainbow Schools.

Julia Ritchie: Northern Ontario Autism Alliance / Ontario Autism Coalition

The Northern Ontario Autism Alliance hosted a Sensory Fun Day at the Westmount Playground during the Family Day Weekend. Alongside parents and guardians, the children played on the equipment and painted in the snow with food colouring.

Natasha Delaney: Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter

April 2 is World Autism Day. The community is encouraged to begin celebrating by entering the Design Your Flag Contest for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. More information is available at: <https://www.autismontario.com/programs-services/world-autism-day>

Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

The community will be encouraged to round up their bill at local Giant Tiger stores during the March break. The April 7, 2022 Awards Dinner will be held virtually again this year. The Coaching graduation is also being planned and the hope is that this service will return to in-person next school year.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

January 13, 2022 letter from the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board regarding Online Learning Supports and Universal Design for Learning in provincial online learning resources and the platforms used to access these resources.

-Acknowledged as correspondence received

February 11, 2022 letter from the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board regarding at school nursing support.

-Acknowledged as correspondence received

February 25, 2022 letter from the Durham District School Board regarding concerns about the timeline for consultation and implementation of the PPM No. 81.

-Acknowledged as correspondence received as we await more information

February 8, 2022 letter from Conseil Scolaire Catholique Nouvelon regarding the revision on the PPM No.81.

-Acknowledged as correspondence received as we await more information

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

None

17.0 Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday April 6, 2022 at noon.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

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