

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, May 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

Roll Call

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA *Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 17, 2022 be approved.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST *Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS *Chair

1. 2022 Board Award Recipients – Director Bourget
2. Student Senate – Superintendent Noble

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

E. OLD BUSINESS *Director

1. Previous Minutes *Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals *SBO

a) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Larchwood Public School, roof replacement, sitework and interior renovations-tender #2022-08 to _____ for \$ _____00.

b) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Confederation Secondary School, sitework-tender #2022-09 to _____ for \$ _____00.

- c) Motion:
That the Board award the contract for Northeastern Elementary School, parking lot renovations-tender #2022-10 to _____ for \$ _____00.

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

- a) **Special Education Plan 2022-2023** *Director

Motion:

That the Special Education Plan 2022-2023 as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) be approved.

- b) **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Motion:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee recommends that Rainbow District School Board write a letter to the Minister of Education, Minister of Health, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Premier expressing deep concern regarding changes to the provision of health support services in school settings as proposed in Policy/Program Memorandum 81.

F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair

1. **Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee** * SBO

Motion:

That the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee bylaw 2022-02 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.

2. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Annual General Meeting** *Chair

Motion:

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Yao and the incoming Student Trustees Jocelyn Kuntsi and Darcy Trudeau at the 2022 OSTA Annual General Meeting May 26 to 29, 2022 in Toronto.

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

Motion:

That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the May 17, 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**

Audit Committee minutes September 21, 2021 (official)

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes April 6, 2022 (official)

Parent Involvement Committee minutes April 12, 2022 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Elementary and Secondary Graduation dates

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair

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

Special Education Advisory Committee June 1, 2022 12:00 pm

Student Senate Committee Meeting June 6, 2022 5:30 pm

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting June 7, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Meeting June 28, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. **ADJOURNMENT** *Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at p.m.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

held electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda,
J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, M. Stringer, Student Trustee Yao
Absent: L. Debassige, K. St. Jean
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
J. Noble, L. Fisher, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, C. Whitson, D. Peristeridis
Others: D. D'Angelo, S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes,
M. McKelvey

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.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 22-R61, A.Gibson/M.Stringer

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of May 3, 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: In-favour

Dena Morrison: In-favour

Kerrie St Jean: Absent

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-R62, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda**

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 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: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour*

– Carried

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

Audit Committee

i) **Audit Committee Annual Report**

Trustee Morrison, Chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2020-2021 Audit Committee Report to the Ministry of Education

ii) **2020/21 Financial Statements**

Superintendent Bazinet introduced Derek D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner from KPMG, who presented the consolidated financial statements from the 2020-2021 school year and answered questions from trustee.

Motion: 22-R63, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the 2020/21 Financial Statements 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: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour*

Kerrie St Jean: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour
– **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 22-R64, J.Kosmerly/M.Stringer

That Trustee Debassige and Trustee St.Jean be granted a leave of absence from the May 3, 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: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– **Carried**

2. Director's Remarks

Director Bourget thanked our schools, Finance department, Manager Nancy Cecchetto and Superintendent of Business for all of the hard work in finalizing the financial statements during the challenges of a change over to Aspen, and for the continued work on the 2021-2022 school year financials.

Director Bourget pointed out that with June approaching, so are graduations which are being planned as in-person celebrations and Trustees can look forward to receiving invitations to attend.

There has been a lot of hard work on the provincial census and Director Bourget thanked Superintendent Noble, trustees and staff for the ongoing work.

He reminded that at our next meeting, we will be sharing a presentation to celebrate this year's Board award winners.

3. Other Items

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly shared that she attended the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting on April 29 and 30th. At the meeting, OPSBA board's new vision, mission and values was approved. The Board of Directors also approved the OPSBA operating budget for 2022-23, noting that membership dues for school boards will not increase next year. The Board also approved 10 of the recommendations that came from the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion audit. The OPSBA AGM is on June 9-11 in Ottawa where elections will be held for

executive and regional positions. At this meeting there will be 6 member board resolutions brought forward for approval. Trustee Kosmerly will be in discussions with trustees for their input into these motions. OPSBA is not providing virtual options for hybrid meetings, at this time, due to costs.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao reported that the Stand Up Speak Out conference is this Thursday at Cambrian College Amphitheatre. Senators have been working very hard in preparation for this in-person conference. The Student Senate has also been working on an initiative that fights for menstrual equity and against period poverty. High schools in Sudbury hosted donation drives and collected a total of 846 period products that will be given to the Sudbury Women’s Centre. Manitoulin Secondary School hosted their own separate events and they will donate to their local centre and to the school’s wellness locker.

4. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Hunda affirmed how hard the student senators have worked and extended an invitation to trustees to join the conference. Trustee Hunda attended a reading picnic at Princess Anne Public School and wanted to thank the staff for the hard work they did during the education week activities.

5. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

As part of the A.B. Ellis Public School Speaker Series

The A.B. Ellis School Council will present “Reading Makes Kids Smart” with local author Paul Toffanelo on May 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm. This online presentation is the second of three in a Speaker Series being presented by the school with a Parents Reaching Out Grant. The link to register is available on the A.B. Ellis website. Everyone is welcome.

Kindergarten Orientation

Throughout this month, Rainbow elementary schools will host in person Kindergarten Orientation sessions for children starting school this fall and their parents/guardians. This is an opportunity for families to meet educators, tour the school, visit the Kindergarten classroom, connect with classmates, and get excited about starting school this fall. A list of dates and times is posted on the board website.

Here are a few ways our vision, mission, values and priorities are coming to life in Rainbow Schools.

Kindergarten students from Chelmsford Valley District Composite School learned about egg incubation and hatching.

Students in Grades 1 to 6 took part in R.L. Beattie Public School’s first-ever chess tournament.

Grade 3 students from Cyril Varney Public School raised \$520 for Bizzy Bea's Charity through a book sale. This charity provides food for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Canadian women's olympic gold medalist Rebecca Johnston surprised Kindergarten students at MacLeod Public School with a visit before returning to Calgary.

Students from Monetville Public School took a virtual trip to Fanshawe Village to learn about winter life for early settlers, and how important partnerships with First Nations people are to their survival.

All students from Lansdowne Public School joined together in a virtual sing-along of 'Music is Our Medicine' on Music Monday.

Art students from Espanola High School have donated pieces of "neurological art" for auction. Half of the proceeds will support student artists, and the other half will go to charity. Art is available for viewing and bidding on the school's Facebook page.

Grade 10 science students from Lo-Ellen Park applied their knowledge of covalent chemical bonds to make tie-dye shirts in class.

Staff and students from Lockerby Composite School raised \$15,000 for Health Sciences North in support of pediatric cancer care in the north.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rainbow Schools are hosting events for Education Week and Children's Mental Health Week, which started yesterday.

On Thursday, May 5th at 7 pm, parents/guardians can tune in to Parenting for Positive Mental Health presented by Amanda Lamb, Director of the Centre for Family Initiatives at the Pine River Institute. Visit rainbowschools.ca to register.

The final Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of the school year is on May 10 at 7 pm.

The next Board Meeting will take place on May 17, 2022.

The agenda includes an introduction to this year's Board Award recipients. We welcome this opportunity to recognize the valued contributions of our employees and our community partners.

For the piece on Education Week and Children's Mental Health Week I will be using a quote from Fred Rogers everyone knows him from Mr. Rogers neighborhood.

"Anything that's human is mentionable and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary."

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

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
Equity & Inclusion Education Committee May 12, 2022 4:00 pm
Board Meeting (& Awards) May 17, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee May 19, 2022 10:00 am
Student Senate Committee Meeting June 6, 2022 5:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting June 7, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 22-R65, D.Dewar/J.Hunda
That we do now adjourn at 5:56 p.m. – **Carried**

Title:	Special Education Plan 2022-2023
Contact:	Kathy Wachnuk
Date Submitted:	May 17, 2022
Mandate	Under the <i>Education Act</i> , Regulation 306 requires the Board submit a Special Education Plan for the school year 2022/2023. As part of this process, a Special Education budget must be developed.
Background	<p>A review of special education programs and services is conducted on an annual basis.</p> <p>The Special Education Advisory Committee, principals, special education staff, and parents (177 responses) were invited to participate in the annual review. Their input is reflected in the Special Education Budget 2022-2023.</p> <p>In anticipation of the submission of the Special Education Plan by July 31, the Special Education Budget for 2022-2023 has been prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Education policy document <i>Standards for School Board Plans for Special Education</i>.</p> <p>The Special Education Budget 2022-2023 reflects programs and services for 1231 elementary and 858 secondary exceptional students, excluding Section 23 students.</p> <p>The Special Education Budget 2022-2023 amendments (see following page) are reflected in the Special Education Plan which is available on the board website.</p>
Recommendation	That the Special Education Plan 2022-2023 as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) be approved.

Rainbow District School Board
Special Education Budget 2022-2023
Report to the Board
May 2022

Amendments

A total of 206 (Full Time Equivalent) special education teachers have been allocated for 2022-2023. This includes 104 Resource Teachers, 79 Intensive Support Program Teachers (this includes Section 23 teachers), and 12 Itinerant Teachers. This number represents an increase of 32 teachers from 2021-2022.

The number of (Full Time Equivalent) Educational Assistants is 204. This number includes Educational Assistants in Section 23 Programs. The number of of Communicative Disorder Assistants remains at 6.

Please note:

These allocations include section 23 teachers and educational assistants.

Further details to staffing for special education in elementary and secondary schools are included in the “Special Education Programs and Services”, Section 8 and 11 of the Special Education Plan (available on the board website).

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

By-law Number (2022-02)

Being a by-law to establish a Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee in accordance with Sections 81 and 81.1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

AND WHEREAS section 81.1(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 2006, as amended requires the municipality to establish a Compliance Audit Committee;

AND WHEREAS this By-law hereto complies with Section 270 of the Municipal Act, 2001 with respect to the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that it is accountable to the public for its actions and the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that its actions are transparent to the public;

NOW THEREFORE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Compliance Audit Committee of the Greater City of Sudbury shall be adopted as the Compliance Audit Committee of the Rainbow District School Board for the election of Trustees in the 2022 Municipal Election conducted by the City of Greater Sudbury for Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
2. The Compliance Audit Committee of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands shall be adopted as the Compliance Audit Committee of the Rainbow District School Board for the election of Trustees in the 2022 Municipal Election conducted by the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands for Area 7.
3. The Compliance Audit Committee of the Town of Espanola shall be adopted as the Compliance Audit Committee of the Rainbow District School Board for the election of Trustees in the 2022 Municipal Election conducted by the Town of Espanola for Area 8.
4. 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

**Audit Committee Meeting
Official Minutes
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM
Held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
and electronically via Google Meet**

Present:

Trustees: J. Hunda, D. Morrison, M. Stringer

External Audit Committee Members: F. Cinotti

Regrets: A. Lukezic

Officials: B. Bourget – Director
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
N. Cecchetto – Manager of Finance

Others: D. D'Angelo – Lead Audit Engagement Partner (KPMG)
M. Dodge – Regional Internal Audit Manager (RIAM)
Y. de la Morandiere – Assistant Manager of Finance
H. Thirkill – recording secretary

Director Bourget completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Audit Committee Meeting via Google Meet.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Audit Committee meeting of September 21, 2021 be approved. – **carried**

2. **Preliminary Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** NIL

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: D.Morrison/F.Cinotti

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of December 7, 2020 be approved. – **carried**

4. **Election of Chair Audit Committees**

The Director called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Audit Committee.

J. Hunda nominated D. Morrison

- a) Motion: D.Morrison/F.Cinotti
That nominations be closed. – **carried**

Chair Morrison accepted the nomination.

- b) Motion: J.Hunda/F.Cinotti
That Dena Morrison be acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board's Audit Committee. – **carried**

5. **2020/2021 External Audit Plan – Report from KPMG**

Motion: J.Hunda/F.Cinotti

That the 2020/2021 External Audit Plan be recommended to the Board for approval. – **carried**

6. **Regional Internal Audit Mandate**

RIAM Dodge reviewed the report that was included in the back up. Updated signatures were required.

7. **Northeastern Ontario Region 2020/2021 Annual Audit Report**

RIAM Dodge reviewed the report that was included in the back up.

RIAM Dodge highlighted the deferred revenue interest earned on unspent Internal Audit funds that was allocated as this was questioned at the Audit Committee Meeting held on September 22, 2020.

8. **Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan**

Motion: F.Cinotti/M.Stringer

That the 2021/2022 Internal Audit Plan and the Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be recommended to the Board for approval. – **carried**

9. **Audit Committee Self-Assessment Questionnaire**

Committee members discussed.

10. **Evaluation of Regional Internal Audit Team Performance**

Committee members discussed.

11. **Evaluation of External Auditors Performance**

Committee members discussed.

12. **Future Meetings**

January 2022.

Superintended Bazinet explained there is a delay in completing yearend as the new Student Information System, Aspen, requires some adjustments. This may cause a two-month delay. Ministry was contacted for guidance.

14. **Adjournment**

Motion: J.Hunda/F.Cinotti

That we now adjourn 4:00 p.m. - **carried**

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

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Time: 12:00 PM

Virtual meeting via Google Meet Video Conferencing

Present:

SEAC Members:

Lauri Christison	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury (Alternate)
Natasha Delaney (Vice-Chair)	Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter
Shelly Laronde	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Julia Ritchie	Northern Ontario Autism Alliance / Ontario Autism Coalition
Cereena Rows	FASD
Margaret Stringer	Trustee (Alternate)

Staff:

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

Regrets:

Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
Linda Debassige	Trustee
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Robert Silvestri	NOARC

Other:

Andrea Therrien	Vice Principal at Jean Hanson Public School
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Absent:

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

Superintendent Wachnuk read the mission statement aloud.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: J. Ritchie

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of April 6, 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: J. Ritchie

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of March 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: N. Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Stringer

That the SEAC approve the leaves of absence of J. Contini, Trustee Debassige, Trustee Kosmerly and R. Silvestri from the April 6, 2022 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk has received and reviewed the 177 Special Education Surveys that were submitted by parents.

Superintendent Wachnuk explained that additional virtual Intensive Support classrooms and/or Special Education staff will be required. They are needed to accommodate the increased number of students with special education needs attending school virtually during the 2022-23 school year.

Superintendent Wachnuk reminded the SEAC that the proposed 2022-2023 Special Education Budget along with the proposed 2022-2023 Special Education Staffing will be presented at the May 4, 2022 SEAC meeting.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald explained that a Rainbow Literacy Intervention Task Force has recently been created. Appropriate benchmarks, screening tools, interventions and assessments will be developed for Kindergarten to grade 2 students in Regular and French Immersion Programs. Program and Special Education staff will work as a team to support all students.

Principal McDonald provided an overview of the Entry To School Program for children who are registered in the Ontario Autism Program. Child & Community Resources (CCR) is the lead agency. Ten eligible Rainbow preschoolers will participate beginning in April for half-days at Child Care and EarlyON Sites. For six months, the children will receive services through various community partners (Wordplay, Children's Treatment Centre, ABA Northern Services and Mariani and Associates). In September, Rainbow staff will work collaboratively with the involved community partners to ensure a smooth transition into school.

12.0 Board Report

No updates to report and SEAC members did not have questions.

13.0 Chairperson's Remarks

W. Larouche acknowledged and commended Rainbow DSB for its ongoing strength and vision for student success. Many of the *Right To Read* recommendations reflect current practices and programming. Upcoming changes in assessments and identifications are anticipated.

14.0 Association Reports

Cereena Rows: FASD

Urgent response services in the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) were launched on April 1, 2022. Eligible children and youth who are experiencing a specific, urgent need can now access support through the Children's Community Network (CCN).

Lauri Christison: Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

On March 21, Member of Parliament, Viviane Lapointe acknowledged the Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury and shared a message of support. Furthermore, in the House of Commons, she delivered a statement and publicly acknowledged Down Syndrome Day.

Shelly Laronde: N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

All staff have now returned to the office and on-site programming is set to begin. Drum socials are scheduled for Monday nights. There will be a guest speaker at the May 7, 2022 Child/Youth Empowerment Day.

Julia Ritchie: Northern Ontario Autism Alliance / Ontario Autism Coalition

Ontario Autism Program (OAP) Mental Health supports were launched this month. Even with the elections approaching, children remain stuck on long and growing waitlists due to cuts and delays to the Conservative's Ontario Autism Program. An Ontario Liberal Government says it will invest in children with Autism and their families.

Natasha Delaney: Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter

Each year, Autism Ontario awards scholarships to outstanding students entering their first year of a post-secondary program across Ontario. The online applications are open until April 30, 2022 and the links are available at the autismontario.com website. The April newsletter from Autism Ontario will be shared with SEAC via email.

Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

Tomorrow's Award Dinner and Silent Auction will be held virtually again this year. Algonquin Special Education Teacher, Diane Denniston, will receive the Outstanding Educator Award.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

February 18, 2022 letter from Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board outlining concerns about the changes to the provincial protocols for COVID-19 within Ontario Schools.

-Acknowledged as correspondence addressed to SEAC

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 May 4, 2022 at noon. The June SEAC meeting will also be held virtually. Moving forward, a hybrid model will be discussed and may be considered.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 12:54 PM.

OFFICIAL

**Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 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; Shannon Ketchabaw, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Denis Plouffe, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Lesley Fisher, Superintendent of Schools; Sheila James, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Nadia Berardelli, Principal, Markstay Public School; Bridget Erwin, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Julie Kelly, Kindergarten Consultant, Rainbow District School Board; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

Regrets:

Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Espanola High School; Meredith Coulas, ETFO representative; Trustee Judy Kosmerly and Steff Bourque, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

Call to order 7 pm

1. Welcome from PIC Chair Natasha Delaney

Natasha Delaney welcomed everyone to the PIC Meeting.

2. Introductions

The Chair invited new participants to introduce themselves.

3. Presentations: Outdoor Classrooms by Kindergarten Consultant Julie Kelly

Julie Kelly focused on the benefits of bringing children outdoors, how teachers support outdoor learning, authentic interactions, different perspectives of outdoor learning and what the research says. Children build relationships in the outdoors, with each other and the natural world. Educators build on those relationships both outdoors and inside the classroom. In the outdoors, children wonder, ask questions, inquire, explore, notice, name, research, seek and connect. They create, invent, imagine, discover, build, forage and move. This fosters love, empathy, compassion, communication, conversation, deeper thinking, mental health and well-being, and a desire to care for the land. Through adventure, children take risks. Adventure also fosters independence, creativity, imagination and self-regulation skills.

The presentation, which was shared with PIC members and posted on the board website, included links to Outdoor Learning in the Kindergarten Curriculum, Pilot Projects on Outdoor Play, the Children's Outdoor Charter of Ontario, the Junction Creek project funded by the Canada Healthy Community Initiative as well as numerous resources. Through dynamic visuals, Julie Kelly presented different perspectives on outdoor learning - question/inquiry/research, ecological, artistic, Indigenous, mindfulness and gross motor - with examples. The research confirms that outdoor learning, which invites children to use their natural curiosity to test theories through active engagement, builds a solid foundation for later learning. Playing together, being outdoors, learning from each other, having fun, and enjoying childhood itself enhances quality of life and provides memorable experiences. This has a positive impact on student achievement and well-being.

4. Discussion based on presentation

PIC members enjoyed the presentation and expressed positive feedback for outdoor learning. Parents said they look forward to sharing the presentation with their respective School Councils and thanked Julie Kelly for including links to learn more.

5. Approval of Agenda

“That the agenda for the PIC meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 be approved.”

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School
Seconded by: Ashley Malley, Redwood Acres Public School
Carried

6. Approval of Minutes

“That the minutes of the PIC meeting held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 be approved.”

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

7. Communications Report

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

Earth Day - April 22, 2022

This Month's Environmental Challenge focuses on Earth Day on Friday, April 22, 2022. Schools have been invited to invest in our planet "shkagamikwe". EcoSchools will host a special Earth Day live-streamed event with Severn Cullis-Suzuki, Executive Director of the David Suzuki Foundation on Thursday, April 21, 2022 for schools that sign up to complete a community clean-up this year. Schools have also received Indigenous Education resources for Earth Day.

Virtual Presentation with Kevin J. Cameron on April 26 at 6:30 pm

The expert who led the crisis response following the 1999 school shooting in Taber, Alberta – just eight days after the Columbine school shooting – will deliver a special presentation for the community on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. This not-to-be missed virtual event with Kevin J. Cameron, Executive Director of the North American Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response, is being hosted by the Violence Threat Risk Assessment Steering Committee.

The Violence Threat Risk Assessment Steering Committee brings community partners together to provide a collaborative response to a person of concern's threat making behaviours. The goal is to keep the community safe by intervening before a violent incident occurs.

A dynamic speaker, Kevin Cameron will build on the lessons learned from Frank DeAngelis, retired principal of Columbine High School, who was in Sudbury on Monday, April 11, 2022 to share his experience. Participants will gain insight into how a collaborative response to complex events, such as trauma or serious violence, better serves the overall community.

Parenting for Positive Mental Health focus of webinar on May 5th at 7 pm

Rainbow District School Board invites parents/guardians to join a webinar on Parenting for Positive Mental Health on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 7 pm to 8 pm. Part of Children's Mental Health Week in Rainbow Schools, the webinar will be presented by Amanda Lamb, Director of the Centre for Family Initiatives at the Pine River Institute.

All caring adults are welcome to register at the following link: bit.ly/pineparentpresentation

With a focus on attunement, connection and setting limits, the webinar will help parents/guardians understand their children's behaviours and development in order to respond with intention and promote mental wellness and growth. Participants will gain an understanding of their parenting style and the challenges parents/guardians face when children push back.

Located near Shelburne, Ontario, Pine River Institute helps adolescents struggling with addictive behaviours and other mental health issues. As Director of the Centre for Family Initiatives, Amanda Lamb brings a deep commitment to the well-being of youth and their families through empathy, acceptance, compassion, positive communication and relationships. She hopes that by educating and supporting families early on, they can foster greater resilience and sustain their mental wellness through difficult times, including life transitions.

Education Week May 2 to 6, 2022

Rainbow Schools will celebrate Education Week from May 2 to 6, 2022. A list of activities will be posted on the board website - rainbowschools.ca

LDA Virtual Parent Conference

The Learning Disabilities Association will present a free virtual conference for parents on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. For information, please contact the Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury.

8. School Announcements

Bernadette Rémillard of Sudbury Secondary School said the School Council reviewed the identity based Census questions and provided input. Sudbury Secondary School held a yellow and blue day for Ukraine. A number of school activities were highlighted, including winter carnival, spirit week, dress drive for prom, a dance workshop and concert band virtual conductor. Transition students also published their own books.

Sara Kitlar-Pothier of Churchill Public School said an in-person Kindergarten Orientation/Registration session will take place on May 3, 2022 at 6 pm during Education Week. Grade 9 and 10 SHAL students at Lasalle Secondary School organized a play day for Churchill students. Students are participating in track and field. Students are enjoying a number of extra-curricular activities and are excited for the return to normalcy.

Shannon Ketchabaw of A.B. Ellis Public School said the school raised over \$1,000 in support of Ukraine. She also outlined the schedule of three online speakers being presented by the school with a Parents Reaching Out Grant, including "Growing Up Autistic and Being Okay" with local author Blake Priddle on April 21, "Reading Makes Kids Smart" with local author Paul Toffanelo on May 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm and an Ottawa author on June 15, 2022. The School Council also reviewed the Census questions and updated the principal profile.

Ashley Malley of Redwood Acres Public School commended Principal Mark Patterson and Director of Education Bruce Bourget for being on site to respond to an incident of graffiti that occurred over a weekend. Facilities staff worked into the night and early morning to clean up the graffiti before students arrived for

classes on Monday. A local contractor was also on site. She added that everyone is “just loving normal”, including a return to field trips.

Bridget Erwin of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School said the School Council updated the principal profile and provided input on the Census questions. The school hosted a NEO Kids fundraiser. Equity and inclusion is the focus of special presentations being supported by a Parents Reaching Out grant. The school is preparing for their Grade 12 graduation which will be held in person at Cambrian College.

Natasha Delaney of Jean Hanson Public School said the School Council also reviewed the Census questions and the principal profile. With the mask mandate now lifted, students are swimming again. A garden is being planted to provide extra food for lunches.

10. Adjournment

“That we do now adjourn.”

Moved by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School

Seconded by: Ashley Malley, Redwood Acres Public School

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Via Google Meet

Topic: Planning Meeting for the 2022-2023 School Year

ELEMENTARY GRADUATION DATES 2022

TRUSTEES	SCHOOLS	GRADUATION (DATE/TIME)
Anita Gibson (Area 2)	CVDCS (Grade 8)	Monday, June 27 @ 6:00 PM
	Lansdowne	Thursday, June 23 @ 6:00 PM @ SSS Auditorium
	Levack	Thursday, June 23 @ 6:00 PM
Bob Clement (Area 8)	A.B. Ellis	Monday June 20 @ 6:00 PM @ EHS Gym
	S. Geiger	Thursday, June 23 @ 6:30 PM
Doreen Dewar (Area 5)	Alexander	Wednesday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM
	Algonquin	Monday, June 27 @ 6:00 PM
	Lo-Ellen (Grade 8)	Tuesday, June 28 @ 7:00 PM
	MacLeod	Tuesday, June 28 @ 6:00 PM
Linda Debassige	First Nations system wide	
Judy Hunda (Area 6)		
Margaret Stringer (Area 7)	Assiginack	Thursday, June 23 @ 6:00 PM
	Central Manitoulin	Wednesday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM
	Little Current	Monday, June 27 @ 6:00 PM
	CC McLean	Monday, June 27 @ 6:30 PM
Judy Kosmerly (Area 3)	Confederation (Grade 8)	Thursday, June 23 @ 7:00 PM
	Valley View	Tuesday, June 21 @ 6:30 PM
Dena Morrison (Area 4)	CR Judd	Monday, June 20 @ 7:00 PM
	Lasalle (Grade 8)	Monday, June 27 @ 6:00 PM
	Markstay	Thursday, June 23 @ 6:30 PM
	Monetville	Monday, June 20 @ 2:15 PM
	Northeastern Elem	Thursday, June 23 @ 6:00 PM
Kerrie St. Jean (Area 1)	Copper Cliff	Monday, June 27 @ 6:00 PM
	Jean Hanson	Wednesday, June 22 @ 12:30 PM
	RH Murray	Monday, June 27 @ 6:00 PM
	Princess Anne	Tuesday, June 28 @ 6:00 PM @ SSS Auditorium
	Lively (Elem)	Thursday, June 23 @ 6:30 PM

Stepping up:

Adamsdale

Monday, June 27 @ 10:00 am

Carl Nesbitt

Thursday, June 23 @ 6:00 pm

Cyril Varney

Thursday, June 23 @ 6:30 pm

Churchill

Monday, June 20 @ 6:00 pm

Larchwood

Thursday, June 23 @ 6:00 pm

Queen Elizabeth

Thursday, June 27 @ 12:00 pm

R.L. Beattie

Thursday, June 23 @ 1:00 pm

Walden

Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 pm

GRADUATION DATES 2022

SECONDARY	DATE & TIME
BARRYDOWNE COLLEGE	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm Cambrian College Amphitheatre
CHELMSFORD VDCS	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm
CONFEDERATION	Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm
ESPANOLA	Thursday June 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm
LASALLE	Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm Cambrian College Amphitheatre
LIVELY	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm
LOCKERBY	Thursday June 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm Fraser Auditorium at Laurentian University
LO-ELLEN PARK	Thursday June 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm Cambrian College Amphitheatre
MANITOULIN	Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm
SUDBURY SECONDARY ADULT DAY SCHOOL N'SWAKAMOK	Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm @ Sheridan Auditorium Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm @ Adult Ed School Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 10:30 am @ N'Swakamok