

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE 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 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm

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

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order and advised that the meeting was being live-streamed.

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

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Hunda/M.Stringer

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for March 1, 2022 be approved. – **Carried Unanimously**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Student Census – Voluntary Demographic Data Gathering

Superintendent Judy Noble shared a presentation on the Ministry of Education initiative regarding the Identity-Based Census in Rainbow Schools. She noted that all school boards in Ontario are required to administer a census.

Superintendent Noble has begun consultations with both internal and external stakeholders. She is requesting the creation of an Ad Hoc committee of Trustees to review the Census questions and responses and to provide input to the Census Steering Committee.

The Ministry states the purpose of the Census is to gather demographic data to address system gaps. The Census identifies students but is voluntary. The information collected is private and confidential with the goal of determining specific areas of need for resource allocation and additional supports. The results will serve as a benchmark and will allow the Board to directly track and measure the impact of improvements.

For students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, the Census will be sent to parents/guardians to complete on behalf of the student. Grade 9 to 12 students will complete on their own.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

Motion: K.St.Jean/J.Hunda

That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend 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. – **Carried Unanimously**

Chair Morrison requested that Superintendent Noble send an invitation to all Trustees regarding an Ad Hoc committee meeting.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion: K.St.Jean/D.Dewar

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on February 1, 2022 be approved. – **Carried Unanimously**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

Interim Report

Superintendent Bazinet provided an Interim Report containing data related to employee absenteeism over the past several years. It included sick leave statistics, supply teacher costs and an Interim Financial Report of salaries.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Athletics

Policy Review

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

Student Senate

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Clement advised there would be a Special In-Camera meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 4:30pm, followed by a Special Board meeting at 5:00pm.

Trustee Morrison expressed her sorrow over the conflict in Ukraine with the words: "Slava Ukraini".

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

April 5, 2022

May 3, 2022

June 7, 2022

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: B.Clement/K.St.Jean

That the meeting be adjourned 5:47pm. – **Carried**