

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

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda,
J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer,
Student Trustee Yao (joined 5:21pm)
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, P. Duncan, T. Hayes, N. Mousseau,
M. McKelvey, J. Kuntsi

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-R66, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 17, 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: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. 2022 Board Award Recipients – Director Bourget

In lieu of in-person hosting of Rainbow District School Board's annual Awards Event, Director Bourget honoured the dedicated employees and valued community partners who make Rainbow Schools great places to be for 2022.

Director Bourget recognized those employees with 25 and 35 years of service, awards for outstanding contribution to the co-curricular program, community partnership awards, Go Green Globe awards, Awards for Excellence, the Barbara Konarek Memorial Award and the William N. Roman Teacher of the Year Award.

Each of the Award winners will be acknowledged in a commemorative booklet.

Director Bourget thanked all for their contribution to Rainbow Schools.

2. Student Senate – Superintendent Noble

Superintendent Noble introduced Student Trustee Michael Yao and incoming Student Trustee Jocelyn Kuntsi who provided an overview of the senate activities for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student Trustee Yao acknowledged the current senate members and the hard work they put in over the year for the various events including the Stand Up Speak Out Conference.

Superintendent Noble discussed the revisions to the Administrative Procedures for Student Trustee and Student Senate Committee to align with Ontario Regulation 7/07.

Student Trustee Yao mentioned that applications for the 2022-2023 student senate were sent to schools last week.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

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**

Motion: 22-R67, D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, 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: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour*

– Carried

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

a) Motion: 22-R68, D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That the Board award the contract for Larchwood Public School, roof replacement, sitework and interior renovations-tender #2022-08 to Build North Construction for \$1,348,745.00.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

b) Motion: 22-R69, J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar

That the Board award the contract for Confederation Secondary School, sitework-tender #2022-09 to Interpaving Limited for \$1,120,000.00.

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

c) Motion: 22-R70, D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That the Board award the contract for Northeastern Elementary School, parking lot renovations-tender #2022-10 to Pioneer Construction Inc. for \$1,049,228.00.

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

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

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

Motion: 22-R71, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the Special Education Plan 2022-2023 as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) 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: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

b) **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Motion: 22-R72, M.Stringer/J.Kosmerly

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.

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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee**

Motion: 22-R73, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee bylaw 2022-02 as

attached be deemed to have been read three times and 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: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

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

Motion: 22-R74, J.Hunda/D.Dewar

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.

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-R75, M.Stringer/J.Kosmerly

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

Director Bourget congratulated the Student Senate for all the hard work in putting together a wonderful event. He thanked Superintendent Noble and all trustees involved for their guidance and mentorship over the year.

Director Bourget shared some updates on work being done at the Board level. Work continues on our new student information system and we are piloting a parent portal at one of our secondary schools to begin in June with potential expansion to all schools in the fall. We are also working with Information Services and our Data Team on acquiring a program called Compass for Success, with the intended outcome of improving our capability to retrieve and collect data for improved student achievement.

The Director shared that the Board is expecting an additional 171 HEPA units for a total of 1591 that will be deployed in all teaching areas across the board.

Director Bourget reminded trustees of the upcoming Retirement Dinner on May 31st. We currently have approximately 60 confirmed retirees plus guests attending, with calls going out to those we have not heard from. A big thank you to the Communications team of Nicole Charette and Jen Battah for all the hard work in putting this event together.

With graduations upcoming, Director Bourget shared that with health and safety still a priority, he reminded participants to continue to screen. Masks, sanitizer and additional HEPA units will be made available at the ceremonies.

The Board has received over 210 Kindergarten Camp registrations to date, and the Director thanked Superintendent Fisher and her team for all of the hard work. He also mentioned that we currently have 424 Elementary and 99 Secondary students receiving tutoring supports.

Director Bourget concluded by thanking everyone for their dedication, hard work and optimism and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable May long weekend.

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly shared that Cathy Abraham was acclaimed as the OPSBA President for a 2 year term and that there are 4 trustees in the running for First Vice President and 5 trustees for Second Vice President. She also shared that there are still some positions open on the OPDSBA executive if any Trustees are interested in putting their name forward. Trustee Kosmerly reminded that the OPSABA AGM is on June 9-11, 2022 in Ottawa.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao expressed his appreciation on the Board approving himself and the 2 incoming Student Trustees to attend the upcoming OSTA AGM in Toronto.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison thanked all the board award winners for their contributions to Rainbow Schools and the students.

Trustee Kosmerly shared that she attended Redwood Acres last week and read to grade 1 students. She expressed how grateful she was that Trustees can now visit schools and hopes all Trustees can take the time.

Trustee Hunda welcomed spring and hoped all Trustees were feeling rejuvenated and taking the opportunity to visit schools and attend events. She shared that she attended the Princess Anne track meet and said how nice it was to see how happy the kids were after 2 years.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to all recipients of the 2022 Board Awards. Your work is exemplary and most appreciated.

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation continues as Rainbow elementary schools host in person sessions for children starting school this fall and their parents/guardians. A list of dates and times is available on the board website.

Schulich Leader

Tyler Smith, a Grade 12 student in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, has earned a \$100,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship to study Engineering at McMaster University. Outstanding!

Free to Be Me

Rainbow District School Board will host a two-day symposium aimed at creating and enhancing school-based supports for students who are lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, questioning and two-spirited (LGTBQ2S) as well as students with friends and family members in these communities. Since its inception in 2009, Embrace Diversity: Free to Be Me has expanded to include poverty, race, culture and disabilities. The conference will take place at Cambrian College on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 for Grades 9 to 12 and Thursday, May 19, 2022 for Grades 7 and 8.

Now, let's take a look at a few ways our vision, mission, values and priorities are coming to life in Rainbow Schools.

Kindergarten students from Cyril Varney Public School used building blocks to learn about famous buildings.

Families joined students at Princess Anne Public School for some math game fun.

C.R. Judd Public School students had an amazing day of learning at Westbank First Nation Education Centre.

Members of the Onaping Falls Royal Canadian Legion visited Levack Public School to honour the winners of the Legion's Poster and Literacy Contest. Congratulations to all!

Students from Adamsdale Public School enjoyed outdoor reading with their families during an outdoor "Book-Nic."

Monetville Public School students from Grades 4 to 8 spent the day playing cooperative games at the Lasalle Dome.

Students in Grade 5/6 at CVDCS participated in a two-day coding workshop, and met virtually with Google Software Developers. They practised using code to create their own animated music and sound designs.

The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs garnered top honours in tennis during the North Shore Secondary Sports Association competition, placing first in every category.

Sudbury Secondary School dance students participated in the View Dance Challenge in North Bay and placed high gold in all five pieces including student choreography. Congratulations!

IMPORTANT DATES

Just a friendly reminder that schools are closed for Victoria Day on May 23, 2022.

The Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on June 7, 2022 will be a Special Board Meeting.

Schools will be closed to students for a PD Day on June 13, 2022.

The regular Board Meeting will take place on June 28, 2022.

Today is International Day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia.

Today's quote "Homosexuality is regarded as shameful by barbarians and by those who live under despotic governments just as philosophy is regarded as shameful by them, because it is apparently not in the interest of such rulers to have great ideas engendered in their subjects, or powerful friendships or passionate love - all of which homosexuality is particularly apt to produce."

~ Plato

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

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

Motion: 22-R76, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That we do now adjourn at 7:07p.m. – **Carried**

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