

**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 Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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<b>AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS</b>
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**Roll Call**

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

\*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 29, 2022 be approved.

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

\*Chair

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

\*Chair

1. New Sudbury Capital Projects Update – Superintendent Bazinet
2. Summer Programs – Superintendents (Fisher, Noble & Wachnuk)
3. Outgoing Student Trustee Michael Yao – Director Bourget

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

\*Director

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Previous Minutes**

\*Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 be approved.

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

\*Director

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

\*SBO

a) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Waste Disposal and Recycling Services—tender #2022-12 to \_\_\_\_\_ for \$\_\_\_\_\_.00.

- b) Motion:  
That the Board award the contract for Redwood Public School, site redevelopment-phase 1-tender #2022-15 to \_\_\_\_\_ for \$\_\_\_\_\_.00.
- c) Motion:  
That the Board award the contract for Redwood Public School, window replacement-tender #2022-16 to \_\_\_\_\_ for \$\_\_\_\_\_.00.

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

a) **2022/2023 Budget** \*SBO

Motion:  
That the Rainbow District School Board 2022/2023 budget be approved.

b) **Audit Committee**

Motion:  
That the 2022-2023 Internal Audit Plan and Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.

F. **NEW BUSINESS** \*Chair

1. **Short Term Borrowing Bylaw** \*SBO

Motion:  
That the short term borrowing bylaw 2022-02 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence** \*Chair

Motion:  
That \_\_\_\_\_ be granted a leave of absence from the May 17, 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**

First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) minutes February 17, 2022 (official)

Audit Committee minutes May 2, 2022 (official)

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes May 4, 2022 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

June 14, 2022 letter to Chair Allan Tam, York Region District School Board

RE: Passing of Student Trustee

June 24, 2022 letter to Premier Ford, Minister of Education, Minister of

Health and Minister of Children, Community and Social Services

RE: Changes to the provision of health support services in schools.

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

\*Chair

Board Meeting August 30, 2022 5:00 pm

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting September 13, 2022 5:00 pm

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

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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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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**

## RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD- MULTIYEAR INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

JUNE 2022

### 2020-2021

<b>Audit</b>	Risk Assessment update	Privacy; educational applications	Follow Up
<b>Area</b>	All areas	IT	
<b>Rationale</b>		Horizontal audit, relevant	Ongoing
<b>Result</b>		Final Report	
<b>Notes</b>	Carried Forward to 21/22		as management action plans are due

### 2021/2022

<b>Audit</b>	Risk Assessment update	IT Security	Follow Up
<b>Area</b>	All areas	Information Technology	
<b>Rationale</b>			Ongoing
<b>Result</b>	Final Report		
<b>Notes</b>		Deferred to due to ECNO related work	as management action plans are due

### 2022/2023

<b>Audit</b>	AODA Gap Analysis	Succession Planning	Follow Up
<b>Area</b>	Facilities	Staff recruiting and Retention	
<b>Rationale</b>	Compliance with 2025	High Impact	Ongoing
<b>Result</b>			
<b>Notes</b>	Area expert consultancy	Scope to be determined	as management action plans are due

### 2023/2024

<b>Audit</b>	Attendance Management	IT Security	Follow Up
<b>Area</b>	Human Resources	Information Technology	
<b>Rationale</b>	High Impact; Delivery of Service	High Impact, Independent Assurance	Ongoing
<b>Result</b>			
<b>Notes</b>	Scope to be determined		as management action plans are due

2024/2025

<b>Audit</b>	Business Continuity Risk Assessment	TBD	Follow Up
<b>Area</b>	Business Continuity	Any area	
<b>Rationale</b>	Lack of formal plan, new employee awareness	Review risk assessment results and choose area aligned with current environment	ongoing
<b>Result</b>			
<b>Notes</b>			as management action plans are due

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**BY-LAW NUMBER: 2022-02**

A BY-LAW authorizing the Rainbow District School Board (the “Board”) to borrow money pursuant to the provisions of section 247 of the Education Act (the “Act”) for the raising of funds to finance certain permanent improvements as more particularly described in this By-Law.

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Board has authorized the permanent improvements under the:  
School Condition Improvement Funding Program - \$11,321,682 and School Consolidation Capital Funding - \$3,605,648
- B. The Board wishes to apply to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (“CIBC”) for a short term capital loan through the purchase of Bankers Acceptance for the purpose of financing the permanent improvements;
- C. The total cost of the projects is within the Board’s Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

- 1. The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer of the Board are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow \$14,927,330 for permanent improvements in accordance with the Act, plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the CIBC and consistent with the short term borrowing direction provided by the Ministry of Education.
- 2. The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer are authorized for and on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver all such other documents and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary to give full effect to this By-Law.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a By-Law of the Rainbow District School Board in the Province of Ontario, duly passed a meeting of the Board and that this By-Law is in full and effect.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2022.

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Chair

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Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE  
FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education  
Google Hangout/Teleconference  
Thursday, February 17, 2022  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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**Members Present:**

Mark Gibeault, Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute  
Kelly-Lee Assinewe, N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre  
Martin Bayer, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Beatrice Debassige, Wahnapiatae First Nation  
Stephen Nahwegahbow, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Claudette Fournier, Sagamok Anishnawbek  
Valerie O'Leary, M'Chigeeng First Nation  
Bob Pitfield, Wahnapiatae First Nation  
Margaret Stringer, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board  
Doreen Dewar, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board  
Bob Clement, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board  
Kerrie St. Jean, Trustee, Rainbow District School Board  
Linda Debassige, First Nation Trustee, Rainbow District School Board  
Pablo Gil-Alfau, Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District School Board  
Timothy Nadjiwon, Vice Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District School Board  
Bruce Bourget, Director of Education, Rainbow District School Board

**Guests:**

Judy Noble, Superintendent of Schools, Rainbow District School Board  
Kel Esquimaux, Observer, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

**Absent with Regrets:**

Anna-Marie Abitong, Sagamok Anishnawbek  
Lois Lambert, Dokis First Nation  
Marilyn Nicholls, Wahnapiatae First Nation  
Kathy Dokis, Principal of Indigenous Education, Rainbow District School Board

**Absent:**

Janice Cada, Sheshegwaning First Nation  
Chief Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation

Brian McGregor, Sheguiandah First Nation  
Danielle Nakoochee, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation  
Kim Nootchtai, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

**Recording Minutes:** Raegan Windover, Rainbow District School Board

**1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting began at 10:05 a.m. Quorum was met. Hazel Fox-Recollet gave a few opening words. Introduction of members was done.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: V. O’Leary/M. Bayer

That the agenda for the regular First Nations Advisory Committee meeting of February 17, 2022 be approved. – **Carried**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: V. O’Leary/M. Bayer

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

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

**Action Item:** Director Bourget to follow up with Principal Dokis regarding an update on the Human Rights policy.

**5. Ministry of Education – Student Census**

Superintendent Noble provided a presentation on the Draft Identity-Based Data Census.

Ongoing consultations are taking place to ensure the questions are proposed in a respectful and appropriate context.

The census will be completed voluntarily. The census is not anonymous; student information will remain private and confidential. The goal of the census is to better understand our student population and their experience in our schools and the education system as a whole. The data will help determine which groups are experiencing disadvantages and how we can address systematic barriers.

The Ministry requires that the census for JK-8 be completed by the parents/guardians on behalf of their child. Students in grades 9-12 are required to complete the census themselves.

Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions and to provide feedback.

**Action Item:** Superintendent Noble to arrange a consultation with N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre.

## **6. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Director Bourget gave a presentation on the Strategic Directions 2022-2027.

**Action Item:** Director Bourget to provide copies of the presentation.

Feedback from Chiefs and Community Partners was obtained through direct consultations, email correspondence, and survey results. Consultations continue to occur.

Director Bourget had the opportunity to meet with Elders to discuss the values and priorities. Both Elders supported the incorporation of the Seven Grandfather Teachings in addition to Resilience, Equity, and Community. Special caution will be taken when braiding these values together.

Approximately 80% of the survey respondents indicated that the Vision statement should remain the same. The Mission statement has undergone some changes after further discussions.

The decision was made to reduce the number of priorities in order to put more time and energy towards them. The priorities selected were consistently discussed amongst the different groups that were surveyed.

## **7. STAFFING UPDATE**

With the new addition of Principal Gil-Alfau and Vice-Principal Nadjiwon we can move forward with our priorities. In collaboration with First Nations and different groups we can work towards supporting FNMI students.

## **8. ANNUAL REPORT**

The Annual Report is a key tool utilized to monitor our progress and student success. The last few sections of the 2020-2021 report are currently being worked on.

## **9. INDIGENOUS BOARD ACTION PLAN**

Sections of the Board Action Plan tie into the Truth and Reconciliation: Commitment to Action. These items include curriculum development, student learning opportunities, and race relations.

**Action Item:** Principal Dokis will discuss this topic further at the next meeting.

## **10. COMMUNITY UPDATES**      NIL

## **11. CLOSING**

**Action Item:** Principal Gil-Alfau and Vice-Principal Nadjiwon will connect with the committee to arrange a date in March to complete the agenda.

**FUTURE MEETINGS: TBD**  
**May 19, 2022 (10:00-12:00)**

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.

**Audit Committee  
Official Minutes  
Monday, May 2, 2022 at 3:00 PM  
held electronically via Google Meet  
from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury**

**Present:**

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

External Audit Committee Members: F. Cinotti

Absent: 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)  
Y. de la Morandiere, Assistant Manager of Finance  
B. Clement, Ex-Officio  
A. Gibson, Trustee  
C. Whitson, recording secretary

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: J.Hunda/M.Stringer

That the agenda for the Audit Committee meeting of May 2, 2022 be approved. – **carried**

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

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: F.Cinotti/J.Hunda

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

4. **2020/2021 Financial Statements**

D. D'Angelo provided a detailed review of the financial statements.

Motion: F.Cinotti/J.Hunda

That the 2020/2021 Financial Statements be recommended to the Board for approval. - **carried**

Board staff members left the google meet while the Audit Committee members stayed on the google meet to allow for questions of the external auditor.

Board staff members then returned to the original google meet to continue the meeting.

5. **2020/2021 Audit Committee Reports**

Motion: F.Cinotti/J.Hunda

That the 2020/2021 Audit Committee Reports be approved. - **carried**

6. **Future Meetings**

At the call of the Chair

7. **Adjournment**

Motion: M.Stringer/F.Cinotti

That we now adjourn 4:25 p.m. - **carried**

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

**Wednesday, May 4, 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
Shelly Laronde	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Wendy Larouche (Chair)	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Julia Ritchie	Northern Ontario Autism Alliance / Ontario Autism Coalition
Robert Silvestri	NOARC
Margaret Stringer	Trustee (Alternate)

**Staff:**

Nancy Cecchetto	Manager of Finance
Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
Joanne Taillon	Special Education Consultant
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent

**Regrets:**

Linda Debassige	Trustee
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**Other:**

Gillian Cacciotti	Special Education Coordinator
Doreen Dewar	Trustee

**Absent:**

Cereena Rows	FASD
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## **1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

W. Larouche welcomed all members to the meeting and introductions followed.

## **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: Trustee Kosmerly

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of May 4, 2022 be approved.

Motion carried.

## **5.0 Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest

## **6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

### **Motion 2:**

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Stringer

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of April 6, 2022 be approved.

Motion carried.

## **7.0 Business Arising**

No business arising

## **8.0 New Business**

### Special Education Budget 2022-2023

Nancy Cecchetto, Manager of Finance, highlighted the changes and shared the proposed special education revenue and expenditures for 2022-2023.

### **Motion 3:**

Moved by: J. Ritchie

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the SEAC recommend the proposed 2022-2023 special education budget be approved by the Board.

Motion carried.

Special Education Staffing 2022-2023

Superintendent Wachnuk shared the proposed special education staffing for 2022-2023 and highlighted changes.

**Motion 4:**

Moved by: J. Contini

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the SEAC recommend the proposed 2022-2023 special education staffing be approved by the Board.

Motion carried.

**9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence**

**Motion 5:**

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: R. Silvestri

That the SEAC approve the leave of absence of Trustee Debassige from the May 4, 2022 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

**10.0 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Wachnuk and Trustee Stringer explained the contents of Policy/Program Memorandum 81 (PPM 81) and shared concerns regarding changes to the provision of health support services in school settings.

**Motion 6:**

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That SEAC recommend 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.

Motion carried.

**11.0 Special Education Staff Report**

Principal McDonald shared that the Challenge Meet will be taking place on June 9, 2022. Choice Board activities and First Aid Training will be offered to Educational Assistants on the June 13, 2022 Professional Development day. Special Education Coordinator, Steven Marko will share a presentation about Project Search at the June SEAC meeting.

**12.0 Board Report**

Trustee Kosmerly shared that community use of schools is available again. Details about Education week and Mental Health week are available on the Board website. Mental Health Lead, Mary Jago is retiring and Sarah Jokinen will assume her responsibilities. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022.

### **13.0 Chairperson's Remarks**

No remarks

### **14.0 Association Reports**

#### Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual LDA conference will be held virtually on May 25, 2022. Additional details including the participating chapters and speakers will be shared via email.

#### Robert Silvestri: NOARC

A free Accessible College Transition (ACT) course is being offered by NOARC through Cambrian College. This 8-week course is open to students over 16 years of age who are planning to attend any college or university and who have a learning exceptionality or mental health challenge. The registration deadline is June 17, 2022. An information flyer will be shared via email.

#### Natasha Delaney: Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter

Application for the 2022 One to One Summer Support Worker reimbursement will be available beginning on May 6, 2022. Autism Ontario has recently moved from chapters to 7 regions. Sudbury is part of the North Region. The website reflects the change. The May Autism Ontario Newsletter will be shared via email.

### **15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC**

2022 02 09 letter from Upper Grand District School Board re: PPM 81  
-Deferred to next meeting

2022 04 05 letter from York Catholic District School Board re: SIP  
-Deferred to next meeting

### **16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests**

-Right To Read Report

### **17.0 Next Meeting Date**

The next SEAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday June 1, 2022 at noon.

### **18.0 Adjournment**

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 2:02 PM.



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June 14, 2022

Chair Allan Tam  
York Region District School Board  
60 Wellington Street West  
Aurora, ON L4G 3H2

Chair Allan Tam:

Rainbow District School Board was saddened to learn about the recent passing of Student Trustee Munira Chakera.

Our thoughts are with the York Region District School Board as well as the staff and students of Stouffville District Secondary School who are grieving this tremendous loss. We extend our sympathy to the Board and the school community.

We also have Munira's family in our minds and hearts during this most difficult time.

Please extend our deepest condolences to the family on behalf of members of the Board, including Student Trustee Michael Yao, as well as the staff and students of Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

Student trustees are leaders in their schools and school districts who bring a much valued perspective to the board table. They also have an impact provincially.

Like you, we value student voice.

With her positive presence, inspired leadership and valued contribution, may Munira serve as a shining example for the young people who will follow in her footsteps. And may it comfort you and Munira's family to know that we are thinking of you.

Sincerely,

Bob Clement  
Chair



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June 24, 2022

**RE: Policy/Program Memorandum 81  
Request for More Extensive Consultations**

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
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Legislative Building  
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email to [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable Stephen Lecce  
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Mowat Block  
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Honourable Sylvia Jones  
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Honourable Merrilee Fullerton  
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
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Sent via email to [MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca](mailto:MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Premier Doug Ford and Ministers Lecce, Jones and Fullerton:

At the regular meeting of Rainbow District School Board held on May 17, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the following motion:

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

*That the Special Education Advisory Committee requests 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. - Carried Unanimously*

With this motion, Rainbow District School Board urges the Ministries of Education, Health, and Children, Community and Social Services to engage in more extensive consultations with all partners in the provision of health support services in school settings *prior to* implementing any changes to PPM 81.

As the largest school board in Northern Ontario, Rainbow District School Board serves more than 2,000 students who have a designated exceptionality. PPM 81 is an important tri-ministerial agreement because it articulates the Province's commitment to ensuring students with special needs receive the support required to benefit from an educational program.

Any changes to the current model of service delivery will have a significant impact on students, families, schools, school personnel, and school boards and must be considered with the overall safety and well-being of students first and foremost. Prioritizing students means recognizing and respecting the roles and responsibilities of educators, school support staff, and health care providers as trained professionals in their respective fields. School staff are not trained to perform medical procedures which creates health and safety risks for students.

It is essential that medical professionals be recruited and supervised by qualified health practitioners in accordance with their standards of care regardless of where the service is being provided. A clear delineation and expectation of *who does what - how, when and where* is fundamental to student safety and well-being.

For this reason, we add our voice to the voice of our colleagues at the Halton District School Board who wrote to the Minister of Education earlier this year indicating that "As this PPM covers vital day-to-day and life-saving services to students, it deserves a fulsome discussion and analysis of the impacts that these changes will have on affected students, families, educators, support staff, and the school community as a whole." We share deep concerns about PPM 81 in its current format.

School boards are responsible for the delivery of the curriculum as prescribed by the Ministry of Education. School boards should not be responsible for the delivery of health support services that have traditionally been provided by medical practitioners who have the training, the skills, the knowledge, the tools, the expertise, the experience and the ongoing professional development to support their work.

In Rainbow Schools, our mission reflects our broader commitment to the communities that we serve - *Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.* In our mission, we acknowledge that partnerships are essential to ensuring students achieve their full potential. Students must have their needs met in order to learn.

Thank you, in advance, for addressing our concerns. We look forward to participating in meaningful consultations on PPM 81 before any changes are considered or implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Clement', with a stylized, flowing script.

Bob Clement  
Chair

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