

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, September 27, 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 September 27, 2022 be approved.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

*Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS

*Chair

Summer Programs for Students – Superintendents Fisher, Noble & Wachnuk

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, August 30, 2022 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

*SBO

Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Tender #2022-19 for Winter Maintenance Services to the contractors listed on the attached spreadsheet as outlined in bold and highlighted.

3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair
- a) **Audit Committee (AC)** *SBO
- Motion:
That the 2021/2022 External Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.
- b) **Governance Policy Updates** *Director
- i. Notice of Motion:
That the recommended changes as outlined in *Policy No. GOV-01: Vision, Mission, and Values* as amended be approved.
- ii. Notice Motion:
That the recommended changes as outlined in *Policy No. GOV-03: Role of the Board of Trustees* as amended be approved.
- c) **Governance By-Laws Update**
- Notice of Motion:
That the recommended changes as outlined in Governance By-Law 3: Organizational Meeting, point 3.1 as amended be approved.
- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. **2022-2023 School Year Update** *Director
2. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw** *SBO
- Motion:
That the Levying Education Taxes for 2023 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.
3. **Various Capital Projects Update** *SBO
4. **Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting** *Chair
- Motion:
That the board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Kuntsi and Student Trustee Trudeau at the OSTA Fall General Meeting October 20 to 23, 2022 in Toronto.
5. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
- Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the September 27, 2022 Board meeting.

6. **Director's Remarks** *Director
7. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Director
Student Trustee
8. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
9. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes June 1, 2022 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
PPM response to a letter created by board motion: 22-R72
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
Student Senate Meeting October 3, 2022 5:30 pm
Special Education Advisory Committee October 5, 2022 11:30 am
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting October 11, 2022 5:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting October 12, 2022 3:30 pm
Equity & Inclusion Committee October 13, 2022 4:00 pm
Parent Involvement Committee AGM October 18, 2022 7:00 pm
Board Meeting October 25, 2022 5:00 pm
First Nation Advisory Committee November 17, 2022 10:00 am
- I. **ADJOURNMENT** *Chair
- Motion:
That we do now adjourn at p.m.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), L. Debassige, D. Dewar, A. Gibson,
J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, , M. Stringer, Student Trustee Kuntsi,
Student Trustee Trudeau
Absent: D. Morrison, K. St. Jean
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, T. Hayes, N. Mousseau,
M. McKelvey

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

Chair Clement read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 22-R86, J.Hunda/L.Debassige

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 30, 2022 be approved.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Director Bourget administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Student Trustees Jocelyn Kuntsi and Darcy Trudeau and welcomed them to the board table.

Motion: 22-R87, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That Jocelyn Kuntsi (Manitoulin Secondary School) and Darcy Trudeau (Espanola High School) be appointed Student Trustees for the school year 2022-2023.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent
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

Motion: 22-R88, J.Kosmerly/A.Gibson

That the minutes of the Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 be approved.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL

3. **Continuation of Livestreaming Strategic Planning Committee Meetings**

Motion: 22-R89, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the Strategic Planning Committee meetings held in the Ernie Checkers Boardroom be live streamed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour

Linda Debassige: In-favour

Doreen Dewar: In-favour

Anita Gibson: In-favour

Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Dena Morrison: Absent

Kerrie St Jean: Absent

Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

4. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** NIL

5. **September School Reopening Update**

Director Bourget provided a detailed update on the 2022-2023 school year.

Director Bourget spoke about the upcoming professional development for staff, the leadership conference for Administration and that we were entering year one of our five year plan of the Board's Strategic Directions, which is available for viewing on the Board's website.

He shared information about the New Employee Orientation day that was held at Sudbury Secondary School for over 150 participants, and a new transition to work program for special needs students in partnership with Health Sciences North, City of Greater Sudbury and the March of Dimes.

Director Bourget provided a Covid update advising that our June protocols would flow to the start of school in September. There will be no mandatory masking, cohorting or distancing. Ministry provided masks will continue to be available to students along with Rapid Antigen tests upon request. Personal Protective Equipment will continue to be available to staff as well.

Trustees were given the opportunity ask questions and provide comments.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2022-2023 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians**

Director Bourget provided details about the publication as well as the School Calendar Card.

Director Bourget thanked Nicole Charette and Jennifer Battah-Chartrand for their outstanding efforts to produce the guide and reminded that these documents are available on the board website and will be distributed electronically through school communication channels the first week of school.

2. **2022-2023 Executive Council Portfolios and Family of Schools**

Director Bourget reviewed the 2022-2023 Executive Council distribution of schools and portfolios.

3. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution**

Motion: 22-R90, J.Hunda/D.Dewar

That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

4. **Easement – City of Greater Sudbury**

Motion: 22-R91, D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the Rainbow District School Board be granted a permanent easement for the purpose of installation and use of a storm sewer for Churchill Public School on part of Auger Avenue.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

5. **2022-2023 In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan**

Motion: 22-R92, J.Hunda/D.Dewar

That the 2022-2023 In-year deficit elimination plan be approved.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

6. OPSBA Fees

Motion: 22-R93, J.Kosmerly/A.Gibson

That the 2022/23 membership fees in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be approved.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

7. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 22-R94, D.Dewar/M.Stringer

That Trustee Dena Morrison and Trustee Kerrie St. Jean be granted a leave of absence from the August 30, 2022 Board meeting.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

8. Director's Remarks

Chair Clement, Trustees:

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer.

I look forward to working with you, Superintendents, administrators, staff, students, families, First Nations Chiefs and communities and all of our partners as we continue our journey together.

To begin, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Jocelyn Kuntsi and Darcy Trudeau, and tell you a bit more about our Student Trustees.

Jocelyn Kuntsi is enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major in Agriculture at Manitoulin Secondary School. This summer, she attended the SHAD Program on a full FIRST Robotics Scholarship. She served as Vice-Chair of the Student Senate in the 2021-2022 school year.

An all-round student, Jocelyn Kuntsi has been actively involved in her school community throughout high school. She will continue to serve in a variety of roles in Grade 12, including Co-Prime on Student Council, Manitoulin Metal Robotics Team Captain, SHARE/Go-Green Committee Member promoting social justice and environmental action, Senior Band Member on Baritone Saxophone, Volunteer Tutor, MSS Musical, Vocal Group, Talent Show Performers, Halloween for Hunger Organizer, Elementary School STEM Outreach, Battery Drive Organizer and Grade 8 Day Organizer. She will also contribute to the Burnswarf Theatre Players Company and Stratford Student Advisory Committee.

Darcy Trudeau is the Rainbow District School Board's first Indigenous Student Trustee. A Grade 12 student at Espanola High School, she is Anishinaabe/Ojibwe from Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation.

Engaged in school life, Darcy Trudeau values the importance of student participation, noting that extra-curricular activities enrich the school experience. She helped to organize the water walk that took place at Espanola High School last June. This past school year, she was the goalie for the Espanola High School girls' hockey team and played for the girls'/co-ed softball teams. In 2022-2023, she hopes to continue playing hockey and softball. She also plans to help organize cultural events at Espanola High School.

Darcy Trudeau has several goals as Indigenous Student Trustee. She plans to be an advocate for students, encourage more Indigenous students to be more involved in school and the community, foster more Indigenous representation, and organize Board-wide events.

Darcy says that "Involvement in school and school life is important to me because I believe that it shows that you are determined to make a difference in your school and it shows that you are a good role model/student. Being involved in the school will encourage more students to be involved throughout the school year."

According to Jocelyn, the key to success for students is giving them a reason to want to be at school, whether it's through the curriculum, friends, sports, the arts or other extra-curricular activities. "When students are part of shaping the school

culture, they can create events and clubs that make them feel invested in their school and, therefore, in their own education,” she says.

I couldn't agree more with both of our Student Trustees. Well said.

Jocelyn Kuntsi and Darcy Trudeau will co-chair the Student Senate this year which includes representatives from secondary schools across Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin. We look forward to working with you in your roles as Student Trustee.

Our amazing administrative teams have been hard at work preparing for the start of the school year. We are looking forward to the return of our students!

Our dedicated, caring staff will all be back this week for professional learning taking place on September 1st and 2nd in preparation for the start of the school year.

We can't wait to see our students and welcome all our families to Rainbow Schools.

As always, our schools will be safe and supportive places where students have fun while they learn.

We will continue to prioritize reconnecting, mental health and well-being, our teachers will engage with and support students to determine learning needs.

We have an incredible team of administrators, educators and support staff who will nurture student success.

As we know, public education prepares students to be active, confident, capable and contributing members of society.

Rainbow Schools play a critical role in the academic, social, emotional and physical development of children and young adults.

When students feel safe, supported, accepted, respected and connected in school and in their school community - when they have a sense of belonging - they are well on their way towards achieving their full potential.

On behalf of all of our staff, I would like to welcome our students and families to the 2022-2023 school year.

We also would like to welcome our newest school administrators, Travis Corbiere who will serve as Vice-Principal at Manitoulin Secondary School, Rachel Booker who will serve as Vice-Principal of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School and Caitlin Angeloff who will serve as Vice-Principal of Queen Elizabeth Public School, Robyn Best who will serve as Vice-Principal of Little Current Public

School and Sandy MacEwan who will serve as Vice-Principal of Northeastern Elementary School.

Some of our schools will welcome new Principals:

Brenda Carr at Valley View Public School
Christine Chisholm at Alexander Public School
Cori Pitre at Queen Elizabeth Public School
Dave St. Amour at the Rainbow Elementary and Secondary Virtual School
David Bertrim at Confederation Secondary School
Jodie Pakkala at Northeastern Elementary School
Kendra Mihell at A.B. Ellis Public School in Espanola
Kristina Rivard Gobbo at Lasalle Secondary School
Marty Punkari at Cecil Facer Secondary School
Melanie Bertrand at Espanola High School
Melissa Brandon at Central Manitoulin Public School
Nadia Berardelli at Jean Hanson Public School
Patrick Hopkin at Markstay Public School
Paula Mackey at Princess Anne Public School
Shelley Tamura at S. Geiger Public School
Maureen McNamara as Principal of Student Success
Pablo Gil-Alfau as Principal of Safe Schools, Human Rights, Anti-Bullying and Restart/O'Connor Park

Our administrators, like our staff, are excited to work with students and families in their respective schools and school communities.

We can't wait to see you on September 6th.

I will close my comments with appreciation to our dedicated Board of Trustees. Your support and commitment to our students and staff is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do!!

9. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly reminded trustees that the first OPSBA Board of Directors meeting will be held in Toronto on September 30-October 1, 2022. She also shared that Rusty Hick, OPSBA Executive Director, announced that he is retiring later this year.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Trudeau shared that she was honoured to be the first Indigenous Student Trustee for the board and looks forward to this school year. Student Trustee Kuntsi shared that she was very honoured and excited to represent the students and is looking forward to collaborate with Student Trustee Trudeau in representing the student voice.

10. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustees welcomed our two new Student Trustees and shared their excitement in working with them this school year.

11. **Chairperson's Remarks**

It's a wonderful time of the year, as the first day of school will soon be upon us.

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are ready to get back into a routine.

On behalf of Trustees, I extend a warm welcome to all students and families as we get set to launch the 2022-2023 school year. I encourage everyone to become actively involved in their school community. When parents/guardians value education and take an interest in what's happening in their children's learning, it goes a long way in supporting student success. Parental involvement improves student achievement.

Our youngest learners kicked off the school year with Kindergarten Camp on August 24th. The five-day program ran for three hours per day at a number of Rainbow elementary schools. As Director Bourget mentioned, children starting school became familiar with their surroundings and met some of their classmates, which will make the transition to school that much smoother. So I extend a special welcome to our youngest learners - the class of 2036.

For families who have not already done so, there is still time to register. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the Rainbow school in their area as soon as possible, given that the countdown to classes is on. We are one week away.

IMPORTANT DATES

I would like to welcome all staff to another exciting school year. Our teachers and support staff make Rainbow Schools great places to be. Our schools have been humming for the past week and everyone is ready to go.

Staff will participate in Professional Learning on September 1st and 2nd that will focus on priorities that we have established as a Board. Our employees, through their work, bring our vision, mission, and values to life each and every day. They are exceptional role models for young people and we appreciate all that they do on behalf of students.

Labour Day will take place on Monday, September 5th.
The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6th.
There is no early dismissal for students.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Thursday, September 15th, as Rainbow District School Board marks its 15th annual “Stand Up Against Bullying Day”. We invite everyone in the community to join us and wear pink on September 15th.

The great philosopher Aristotle once said:

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

I am proud to be part of a school board where we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts.

To staff, students and families: Enjoy the school year!

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate meeting September 12, 2022 5:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting September 13, 2022 5:00 pm
Special Education Advisory Committee September 14, 2022 11:30 am
Environmental Education Committee Meeting September 14, 2022 3:30 pm
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Board Meeting September 27, 2022 5:00 pm
Parent Involvement Committee AGM October 18, 2022 7:00 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 22-R95, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That we do now adjourn at 6:34 p.m. – **Carried.**

**BOARD POLICY No. GOV-01**

Adopted	March 25, 2014
Last Revised	September 27, 2016 May 23, 2018
Review Date	
Board Motion	18-R79

VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

1. RATIONALE

This governance policy has been developed to identify the Board's vision, to describe the role the Board sees itself fulfilling, and to state the values that Rainbow District School Board embraces. This policy also sets out Board priorities for the district.

This policy is a public statement of the intent and governing principles of the Board.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Rainbow District School Board's purpose is to exemplify and promote the following vision, mission and values:

VISION

We are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts.

MISSION

~~We bring learning to life, enabling students to fulfill their aspirations.~~

Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

VALUES

- ~~Honesty~~
- ~~Respect~~
- ~~Empathy~~
- ~~Responsibility~~
- ~~Integrity~~
- ~~Courtesy~~
- ~~Resilience~~
- ~~Acceptance~~

- ~~•—Courage~~
- ~~•—Co-operation~~
- Humility
- Bravery
- Honesty
- Wisdom
- Truth
- Respect
- Love
- Resilience
- Equity
- Community

2.2 Rainbow District School Board has ~~two~~ **six** priorities that guide the work of the Board:

BOARD PRIORITIES

~~Reaching minds.~~

- ~~• Provide authentic and engaging learning opportunities~~
- ~~• Set high expectations and create excitement for learning~~
- ~~• Support students to reach their potential~~
- ~~• Foster 21st century skills and competencies~~
- ~~• Deepen literacy and numeracy skills~~

~~Touching hearts.~~

- ~~• Nurture physical, mental, social and emotional well-being~~
- ~~• Forge strong relationships and build resiliency~~
- ~~• Honour diversity and enhance cultural understanding~~
- ~~• Value student, staff, parent/guardian and partner voice~~
- ~~• Celebrate student, staff, school and system success~~

- Student Success and Achievement
- Truth and Reconciliation
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Mental Health and Well-Being
- Environmental Education and Sustainability
- Equity and Inclusive Education

2.3 Rainbow District School Board's logo message appears on Board publications:

Reaching minds. Touching hearts.

3. BOARD EXPECTATIONS

Board Governance By-Laws and Policies, Administrative Procedures established by the Director of Education and all Board activities must be consistent with the Board's vision, mission and values.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Legal:

Education Act, S. 169.1 Duties and Powers of Boards

Board:

Board Governance Policies
Administrative Procedures

**BOARD POLICY No. GOV-03**

Adopted	March 25, 2014
Last Revised	May 23, 2018
Review Date	
Board Motion	18-R80

ROLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (hereinafter referred to as “ the Board”)

RATIONALE

This governance policy describes the Board’s major areas of responsibility and supports effective board decision-making. Together with Board Policy Role of the Director of Education, this policy clarifies the distinction between the Board of Trustees’ responsibility to govern and the Director’s executive and administrative duties.

POLICY: AREAS OF BOARD RESPONSIBILITY**ACCOUNTABILITY FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING**

- Make decisions that reflect Rainbow District School Board’s focus on student achievement and its mission of ~~bringing learning to life, enabling students to fulfill their aspirations~~ **preparing students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.**
- Promote and foster a culture of equity and inclusion
- Ensure that an appropriate educational program is available for all students in Rainbow schools.
- Promote clear, consistent expectations that focus on successful outcomes for all students.
- Rainbow District School Board recognizes and appreciates the cultural and individual differences inherent within the children of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples and will encourage these students to become active participants within their own educational processes and valued contributors to the enrichment of other students.
- The Board will embed First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives, traditions, and culture in curriculum content areas.
- The Board provides the opportunity for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and their parents to voluntarily self-identify to improve learning outcomes.
- Approve and ensure measures are in place that promotes student well-being.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

- Act in accordance with the *Education Act*, Regulations, and other statutory requirements to ensure the implementation of provincial standards and policies.
- Provide advice to the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association, including advice regarding the regional and local implications of new policy recommendations.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE COMMUNITY

- Make decisions that reflect Rainbow District School Board's vision, mission, values, and priorities as reflected in Strategic Directions.
- Make decisions that represent the interests of the entire Rainbow district.
- Ensure effective stewardship of the Board's resources.
- Establish processes that provide the First Nation Advisory Committee, the Special Education Advisory Committee, the Parent Involvement Committee and School Councils with opportunities for input according to their role.
- The Board is committed to building partnerships and effective working relationships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities and organizations and to developing teaching strategies and resources to support the success of these students.
- Consult and engage with the staff, parents, students, and supporters of the Board on the Board's multi-year strategic directions.
- Provide reports that describe district results in accordance with provincial policy.
- Develop processes to receive and hear appeals in accordance with appropriate statutes and Board policy.
- Model a culture that reflects the Board's Code of Conduct.

SYSTEM LEADERSHIP

- Provide overall direction for the district by establishing the Board vision, mission, values, and priorities as reflected in Strategic Directions.
- Develop and approve a multi-year plan aimed at achieving the Board's goals.
- Include annual system priorities and expected outcomes in the Board plan.
- Annually approve the Board plan in public session for district distribution.
- Annually use the Board plan to drive the budget process.
- Annually review the Board plan with the Director of Education.
- Annually evaluate the effectiveness of Rainbow District School Board in relation to the Board plan.
- Monitor progress toward the improvement of student achievement and well-being.
- Ensure that reports on implementation of the Board plan are brought to the attention of supporters and employees of the Board.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND REVIEW

- Develop governance policies and by-laws that outline how the Board and district will successfully function, and that promote the Board's goals.
- Ensure that a rationale statement is developed for all new policies prior to development.
- Review Board policies regularly to ensure that they continue to reflect the desired purpose and impact.
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of Board policies, directions, and priorities and the efficiency of the implementation of these policies.
- Hold the Director of Education responsible for the implementation and review of Board policies.

DIRECTOR/BOARD RELATIONS

- Select the Director of Education.
- Provide the Director with a clear job description and corporate direction.
- Delegate administrative authority and responsibility to the Director through Board policy, subject to the provisions and restrictions of the *Education Act* and Regulations.

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- Monitor and evaluate the performance of the Director in meeting the director's duties under the *Act*, including related policies, guidelines, and regulations as well as duties under the multi-year plan and any other duties assigned by the Board.
 - Promote the professional growth of the Director in providing quality district leadership.
 - Ensure ongoing capacity building and succession planning for key positions.
 - At least once a year at the director's request, provide the Director with an opportunity to meet alone with the Board in closed session.
 - Promote a positive working relationship with the Director of Education.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Ensure that a budget development process is in place.
- Based on the Board's strategic plan and other provincial directions, annually approve the budget to ensure that financial resources are allocated to achieve the desired results.
- Ensure regular financial reporting to the Board.
- Monitor the adequacy, reliability, and integrity of financial and statistical information and data gathering activities.
- Approve as per legislation all student accommodation plans and other planning documents that drive budget decisions.
- Establish an Audit Committee to ensure that the district is compliant with provincial audit regulations and that the district has in place appropriate accountability processes.
- Set parameters for collective bargaining and ratify Memoranda of Agreements with all bargaining units and non-union groups.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Conduct a self-assessment of the Board's effectiveness and performance on a regular basis.
- Develop an annual plan for both collective and individual trustee development by increasing knowledge of the trustee role, Board processes, issues, and the Board vision, mission, values and priorities.
- Use the expertise of the Director of Education and provincial organizations to help develop and support the trustees' professional development plan.
- Seek opportunities to network with other school boards.

POLITICAL ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION

- Develop and maintain positive and effective relations with officials in the Ministry of Education at central and regional offices, members of provincial parliament, and counterparts in municipal government.
- Advocate for the interests of Rainbow District School Board with the Ministry of Education and other provincial and municipal officials as appropriate.

RECOGNITION

- Develop mechanisms to ensure that Rainbow District School Board recognizes students and student achievement.
- Develop mechanisms to ensure that Rainbow District School Board recognizes the achievements of the staff, volunteers, and community members.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Legal: *Education Act, S. 169.1; S. 170 Duties and Powers of Boards*

Board: Board Governance Policies
Strategic Directions for Rainbow Schools

3. Governance By-Law 3: Organizational Meeting

- 3.1. The annual organizational meeting of the Board in a municipal election year will be ~~held on the first Monday in December.~~ **as per the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.**
- 3.1.1. In a non-election year, the Organizational and Regular meetings of the Board will be combined at the December meeting.
- 3.2. At such meetings at the appointed time, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order.
- 3.3. At the annual organizational meeting of the Board in a municipal election year, the Secretary will call the meeting to order and read the election returns as certified by the Clerks of the Municipalities. These Clerks act as Returning Officers for the election of Trustees of Rainbow District School Board.
- 3.3.1. The Secretary shall certify that the members have met all procedural requirements and are eligible to take office.
- 3.4. The First Nations' representative shall be appointed as a member of the Board by recorded motion.
- 3.5. Prior to taking office, members will make a declaration as referred to in the *Education Act* and take an Oath of Allegiance as referred to in the *Education Act*.
- 3.6. With the Secretary presiding, or in his/her absence, a temporary Chairperson chosen by open vote of the Board, the Board shall proceed to elect a Chairperson by secret ballot for the ensuing year.
- 3.6.1. The Secretary or temporary Chairperson shall name the scrutineers.
- 3.6.2. The Secretary or temporary Chairperson shall call for nominations and seconders for the position of Chairperson.
- 3.6.3. Of those nominated and agreeing to allow their names to stand for election, the member receiving a clear majority of the votes cast by all members present shall be declared elected. The count shall not be declared. If no member receives a clear majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, the scrutineers will announce the result. The name receiving the fewest votes will be dropped and balloting will continue until a majority of votes are in favour of one person. If the final two candidates receive an equal number of votes, the drawing of lots will fill the position.

- 3.6.4. The person declared Chairperson shall take the Chair at once and preside over the meeting.
- 3.7. The Board shall elect a Vice-Chairperson and the procedure will be as for the election of the Chairperson.
- 3.8. Membership on the various Board Standing Committees shall be determined immediately following the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. If required, members shall be chosen by secret ballot.
- 3.8.1. Board Standing Committees shall consist of the Accessibility Planning Committee, Audit Committee, Environmental Committee, Equity and Inclusive Education Committee, First Nations Advisory Committee, Labour Relations Committee, Parental Involvement Committee, School Year Structure Committee, Special Education Advisory Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Student Senate, Supervised Alternative Learning Committee.
- 3.8.2. Board Standing Committees shall be defined as per Appendix A.
- 3.9. The Board shall elect its representative(s) to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA).
- 3.10. The Chairperson shall direct the scrutineers to destroy any and all ballots used during the elections by recorded motion.

Rainbow District School Board
BY-LAW NUMBER 2022-03

Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the *Education Act* (the “*Act*”) requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 257.12 of the *Act*;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 257.12(1) of the *Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

The rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2023 are hereby levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 257.7 of the *Act*.

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY ENACTED IN OPEN BOARD MEETING THIS
27th DAY OF September, 2022.

Chair

Secretary



Conference Agenda

Fall General Meeting

October 20–23, 2022

**Marriott Downtown,
CF Toronto Eaton Centre,
525 Bay St, Toronto**

Thursday, October 20



6:00pm - 8:00pm

Registration

8:00pm - 9:00pm

Welcome to OSTA-AECO's FGM 2022

- Land acknowledgement of traditional territory - *Working group chairs*
- Introduction to OSTA-AECO and team building activities - *Steffen Zylstra, Operations Coordinator, and Communications Working Group*

10:00pm - 12:00am

Check in with Board of Directors

Friday, October 21

8:15am - 9:00am

Breakfast

9:00am - 9:30am

Opening ceremonies

- Roll Call - *Tabarak Al-Delaimi, Professional Development Coordinator*
- Land acknowledgement - *Working group chairs*
- Presidential address – *Aisha Mahmoud, President*
- CEO Address – *Declan Amaral, CEO*

9:30am - 10:15am

OSTA-AECO's Vision 2022-2023

- President, *Aisha Mahmoud*
- Catholic Board President, *Stephanie DeCastro*
- Public Board Council President, *Tiya Patel*

10:15am - 11:15 am

Keynote speaker: *Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education*

11:15am - 11:30am

Networking break



11:30am - 12:30pm

Board council breakouts:

Public Board Council, Catholic Board Council

12:30pm - 1:15pm

Lunch

1:15pm - 2:15pm

Guest speaker: *Robyn Michaud-Turgeon, Indigenous education consultant, author, and lecturer at Western University*

2:15pm - 3:15pm

Working group breakout session

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Introduction to student trustee policy - Board of Directors

4:15pm - 4:30pm

Networking break

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Guest speaker: *School Mental Health Ontario*

5:30pm - 5:45pm

Group photo - Taylor Novosedlik, Media Design Coordinator

5:45pm - 6:00pm

Closing remarks - Tabarak Al-Delaimi, Professional Development Coordinator

6:00pm

End of conference day one

8:30pm - 10:00pm

Nighttime activity

10:00pm - 12:00am

Check in with Board of Directors

Saturday, October 22



8:30am - 9:15am	Breakfast
9:15am - 9:30am	Opening ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll call - <i>Tabarak Al-Delaimi, Professional Development Coordinator</i>• Land acknowledgement of traditional territory - <i>Working group chairs</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Working group breakouts
10:30am - 11:30am	Executive Council Coordinator updates & question period
11:30am - 12:30pm	Guest speaker: <i>Ontario Physical and Health Education Association</i>
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm - 2:15pm	Board room etiquette session - <i>Board of Directors</i>
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Mock board room meeting - <i>Executive Council</i>
3:15pm - 3:30pm	Networking break
3:30pm - 4:15pm	Communication session - <i>Taylor Novosedlik, Media Design Coordinator and Naomi Musa, Public Affairs Coordinator</i>
4:15pm - 5:00pm	Introduction to Alumni Mentorship Outreach Committee - <i>Harleen Arora, Director</i>

5:00pm - 5:30pm

Understanding school board finances
- *Board of Directors*



5:30pm - 5:45pm

Closing remarks - *Tabarak Al-Delaimi, Professional Development Coordinator*

5:45pm

End of conference day two

10:00pm - 12:00am

Check in with Board of Directors

Sunday, October 23

10:00am - 11:00am

Catholic board mass

10:00am - 11:00am

Public board breakfast

12:00pm

Hotel check-out and departure

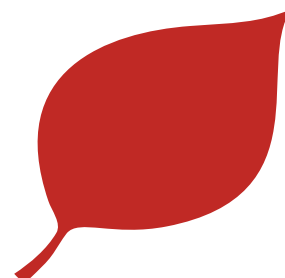
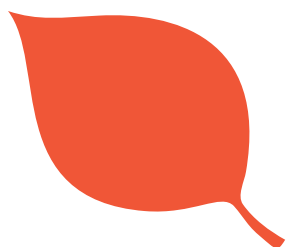
Fall General Meeting 2022

Registration Package



October 20–23, 2021

**Marriott Downtown,
CF Toronto Eaton Centre,
525 Bay St, Toronto, ON
M5G 2L2**



A Letter from the OSTA-AECO Executive Council

Dear Directors of Education, Chairs, and fellow Trustees,

On behalf of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO), we are pleased to extend an invitation to student trustees across the province for our first conference of the academic year, our Fall General Meeting (FGM). The FGM will be taking place at the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre hotel in Toronto from Thursday, October 20, 2022, to Sunday, October 23, 2022. OSTA-AECO's FGM will help student trustees build the fundamental skills required to be successful in their positions. With knowledgeable keynote speakers, round table discussions, and seminars explaining boardroom etiquette, this conference is an excellent way for student trustees to learn more about their position alongside like-minded individuals, and network with fellow student trustees from across the province. A portion of this conference will also be spent familiarizing student trustees with OSTA-AECO as an organization, and the structure of Ontario's education system. Student trustees will have the opportunity to meet with OSTA-AECO's partners, connect with student trustee alumni mentors and work within their respective board councils.

The FGM will develop partnerships and connections between student trustees across the province to allow for further collaboration and diversity in promoting student advocacy. OSTA-AECO places great emphasis on the importance of supporting student trustees throughout their terms by providing the tools, resources, and professional development they need to succeed. The FGM will be an important transitional aid for your student trustee(s), and we are confident that they will immensely benefit from their participation. Attached you will find the conference information package and preliminary agenda. Please take the time to review this information and register by the specified date.

We are aware of the impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had on student trustees across the province. We will continue to keep the safety and well-being of student trustees as our number one priority. As we move through these unprecedented times together, our Board of Directors will continue to monitor the circumstances and make informed decisions using expert recommendations.

On behalf of OSTA-AECO, we would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and for continuing to foster student voice within your board. We hope to see your student trustee(s) in October.

Yours in Education,



Aisha Mahmoud,
President

Aisha Mahmoud



Tiya Patel,
PBC President

Tiya Patel



Stephanie DeCastro,
CBC President

Stephanie DeCastro

OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting 2022

Date: Thursday October 20, 2022, to Sunday, October 23, 2022

Location: Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre
525 Bay St, Toronto, ON M5G 2L2

Accommodations:

Accommodations for each delegate and school board will be booked within OSTA-AECO's room block with the conference hotel upon completion of the online registration form (see below). Hotel reservation details will be sent a week prior to the conference. A block of rooms has been reserved under our group rate and student trustees are strongly encouraged to stay at the hotel where the conference is taking place for supervision purposes.

Registration:

Pre-Conference Registration for our upcoming conference is now available online. Please note that registration fees below are based on the date of registration and the membership status of the school board within the organization. Only student trustees who are registered for the conference will be eligible to attend.

Fall General Meeting 2022 Details	
Room Rates:	All guest rooms include a high-speed internet connection and are priced at: \$242/night for single occupancy \$242/night for double occupancy
Deadline:	October 7, 2022 Please note that after this date room rates and availability will no longer be guaranteed.
Ticket Type	Price (per student)
Early Bird Member Board Deadline: September 21, 2022	\$477.00
Early Bird Non-Member Board Deadline: September 21, 2022	\$551.00
Member Board	\$527.00
Non-Member Board	\$601.00
Reservations and Registration:	To reserve accommodations and register for the conference, please fill out the following FGM registration form: https://forms.office.com/r/nTRaduYj24

Payment Methods

OSTA-AECO is introducing a brand-new payment method for our conferences after consulting with our school board partners. Please visit ostaae.co/lhzkkoe to complete payment.

Payment Instructions

1. Open the payment link: OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting (link <https://shop.osta-aeco.org/products/osta-aeco-fall-general-meeting>)
2. Select member or non-member classification with or without hotel rooms, followed by quantity of tickets for amount of student trustees in attendance, and then select "add to cart." If you are a member board registering 2 student trustees but only require 1 hotel room, select 1 ticket as Member Early Bird hotel room and Member Early Bird no hotel room. If you need 2 hotel rooms, select 2 tickets at Member Early Bird Hotel Room (the cost of a single and double occupancy room is the same). Next, head to your cart and select "check out". Please note, that only early bird pricing will be available until October 7th and regular prices will become available October 8th.
3. Enter contact information of designated contact at the school board (i.e. Board Services) followed by payment information for registration
4. Upon completing payment, please select the "complete registration" button next to each purchased ticket to submit identifying information for each of the student trustees you are registering. If you are registering more than one student trustee, you will need to click "complete registration" for each ticket being purchased
5. Fill out the name, email address, and school board for each student trustee and click "save details"
6. After entering student trustee information and clicking save details for each of the purchased tickets, you will then be able to download a PDF ticket with a QR code. **Please send each ticket to the respective student trustees they are assigned to; this is required for admission to the conference and for nightly check-in.**

For any questions regarding payments, please email amal.qayum@osta-aeco.org.

On-Site Conference Registration

When student trustees arrive at the conference on the Thursday evening, they must register in-person.

Prior to registering, each student trustee must have filled out the Student Trustee FGM form and agreed to the code of conduct (this form will be sent directly to student trustees once they are registered by their

school boards). Student trustees may be denied registration to the conference if this form is not completed and submitted prior to conference arrival.

Date and time of on-site registration: Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 pm

Conference Logistics

Agenda: A copy of the preliminary agenda has been attached in this email.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch will be provided during conference hours. *Please note all other meals are the responsibility of the individual delegate and the board.

Dress Code: Business casual attire

Student Trustee Checklist:

Complete online registration

School Board Checklist:

Complete online registration

Complete and submit the invoice received

Oversight and Supervision

Oversight and supervision safety is a primary concern at conferences. OSTA-AECO's Board of Directors is responsible for the supervision and safety of all attendees. All student trustees are required to complete check-in with the Board between 10:00pm and 12:00am each evening of the conference. Once check-in has been completed, student trustees are to return to their hotel rooms to rest for the next conference day. In the case that an attendee has not completed check-in, the student trustee will be contacted via the cellular number provided. If we are unable to reach the student trustee directly, members of the Board will contact the student trustee's parent/guardian, and the Director of Education, as outlined in the Student Trustee Code of Conduct that each student trustee signs prior to attending conferences. All Directors are required to have verified criminal record checks with vulnerable sector screening, in addition to having a level of first aid and mental health training.

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We encourage our Board partners to contact us with any inquiries, questions, and/or feedback.

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

Wednesday, June 1, 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
Cereena Rows	FASD
Robert Silvestri	NOARC

Staff:

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

Other:

Doreen Dewar	Trustee
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Regrets:

Julia Ritchie	Northern Ontario Autism Alliance / Ontario Autism Coalition
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Absent:

Linda Debassige	Trustee
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1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W. Larouche welcomed all members to the meeting.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

N. Delaney read the mission statement aloud.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: Trustee Kosmerly

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of June 1, 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: R. Silvestri

That the amended minutes of the SEAC meeting of May 4, 2022 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

No business arising

8.0 New Business

Project Search Presentation by Steven Marko

Steven Marko explained how Rainbow gathered information about Project Search and identified Health Sciences North and The March of Dimes Canada as community partners. An overview of the Developmental Disabilities Pilot was provided along with the

next steps. A teacher has been hired and 12 student applications have been received. The Skills Day for potential student candidates is scheduled for June 2, 2022.

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 3:

Moved by: Trustee Kosmerly

Seconded by: R. Silvestri

That the SEAC approve the leave of absence of J. Ritchie from the June 1, 2022 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk shared that SEAC member Dr. Robert Silvestri recently received a RDSB Community Partnership Award. Nicole Charette is drafting a letter based on SEAC's motion regarding Policy/Program Memorandum 81 (PPM 81). The Challenge Meet is scheduled for June 9 and SEAC members are welcome to attend. Since September, area school boards, police partners and victim services have been developing an anti-sex trafficking protocol. It will be shared with the Directors of Education of area school boards in the fall. A new System Principal position has been posted internally. First Nations and human rights components will be part of the portfolio along with safe schools, anti-bullying and wellness initiatives. As per SEAC's request, a Right to Read presentation will be scheduled in September or October of the new school year.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald shared that First Aid Training will be offered to Educational Assistants on the June 13, 2022 Professional Activity day.

12.0 Board Report

Trustee Kosmerly shared that the Special Education plan for 2022-23 was approved at the May 17, 2022 Board meeting. Trustees attended the recent in-person Retirement Dinner celebration. Board retirees for the last three school years were in attendance and recognised.

13.0 Chairperson's Remarks

W.Larouche congratulated Dr. Robert Silvestri on his award and also thanked SEAC members for their contributions during the 2021-2022 school year.

14.0 Association Reports

Shelly Laronde: N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

Sue Roque is now the Jordan's Principal Service Coordinator at KINA. She can assist with applications and can be reached at sroque@kgcfs.org or by telephone at 705 370-2100 ext. 2482. June 21, 2022 is National Indigenous Peoples Day and a mini Pow Wow is being held at Bell Park. The N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre is organising an Indian Taco Sale on June 23. The following Taco Sale is scheduled for September 29, 2022. More information about the mini Pow Wow and the Taco Sale will be shared with SEAC via email.

Natasha Delaney: Autism Ontario – Sudbury Chapter

The new Service Navigator for Sudbury, Manitoulin and Algoma District is Annie MacDonald. She can be reached at annie@autismontario.com or by telephone at 1-800-472-7789 ext. 246. The June Newsletter from Autism Ontario will be shared with SEAC members 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.

Julie Contini: Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

Summer events may be limited due to COVID and plans for the annual walk are being discussed. Excitement for Project Search is building.

Cereena Rows: FASD

Mindfulness and FASD presentations are wrapping up. During the summer months, new presentation material will be created for the fall.

Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury will be offering transition scholarships to two students identified with learning disabilities. The registration form can be found at www.ldasudbury.ca and the deadline to apply is June 15, 2022. The LDAS June 2022 News Bulletin will be shared with SEAC via email.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

2022 02 09 letter from Upper Grand District School Board re: PPM 81
-Acknowledged as correspondence addressed to SEAC.

2022 04 05 letter from York Catholic District School Board re: SIP
-Acknowledged as correspondence addressed to SEAC.

2022 05 04 Letter from Kawartha Pine Ridge re: PPM 81
-Acknowledged as correspondence addressed to SEAC.

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- Right To Read Report in September or October
- Alternative and Provincial Report Cards

17.0 Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC meeting will be held virtually on September 14, 2022 at noon.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:14 PM.

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From: **SSFSD ADMO (EDU)** <SSFSD-ADMO@ontario.ca>

Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 12:52 PM

Subject: Policy/Program Memorandum 81 (PPM 81)

To: clemenb@rainbowschools.ca <clemenb@rainbowschools.ca>

Mr. Bob Clement
Chair, Rainbow District School Board
[408 Wembley Drive](#)
[Sudbury, ON P3E 1P2](#)

clemenb@rainbowschools.ca

Dear Mr. Clement,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Policy/Program Memorandum 81 (PPM 81). I am pleased to respond.

Earlier this year, the ministries of Education (EDU), Health (MOH) and Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) have been meeting with key partners and stakeholders across the province to inform the review of PPM 81. We have heard, loud and clear, that there are concerns with the draft revised PPM in its current form. We have also heard about where opportunities may exist to strengthen supports for students who require access to health and rehabilitation supports in order to attend and be successful in school.

I want to assure you that the teams at EDU, MOH and MCCSS are reviewing all feedback closely and that it will inform our next steps. With the revised PPM 81, we want to ensure that we have a strong framework in place that supports collaboration between school boards, health professionals and community-based service providers to promote the best possible outcomes for students.

Thank you again for writing and for your valuable input.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Clayton La Touche
Assistant Deputy Minister
Student Support and Field Services Division