

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, September 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda,
J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, M. Stringer, Student Trustee Kuntsi,
Student Trustee Trudeau
Absent: L. Debassige, K. St. Jean
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, D. Peristeridis, C. Whitson
Others: S. Ackroyd, D. St. Amour, A. Conley, N. Cecchetto, K. Dokis,
R. Duffy, P. Gil-Alfau, T. Hayes, S. Jokinen, D. Kitching,
D. Koziar, K. MacKenzie, B. Managhan, C. McDonald,
M. McNamara, N. Mousseau, T. Nadjiwon, J. Vallier,
C. Wilson

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-R96, J. Kosmerly/M. Stringer

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 27, 2022 be approved.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Summer Programs for Students

A detailed presentation was provided to trustees highlighting events from the eight different summer programs that were offered to students during July and August. Three special education programs were offered as well as a mental health support, kindergarten camp, the elementary grade 1 to 8 program, a program for newcomers and the secondary program.

Presenters included:

- Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
- Brien Managhan, Manager of Applied Behaviour Analysis Services
- Sarah Jokinen, RDSB Mental Health Lead
- Ashleigh Conley, Principal of Kindergarten Camp
- Kate MacKenzie, Vice Principal of Kindergarten Camp
- Carrie Wilson, Principal of the CODE Summer Learning Program
- Richard Duffy, Site Lead of the Intermediate CODE Summer Learning Program
- Pablo Gil-Alfau and Tim Nadjiwon, Program for Indigenous Learners
- Dan Koziar, Program for Newcomers
- David St. Amour, Principal of the Secondary Summer Learning Program

Presenters acknowledged the dedicated staff who made these summer programs such a success for students, while being enjoyable and educational.

Trustees shared their appreciation for the informative presentation and had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

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-R97, D.Dewar/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 be approved, as amended, with the amendment being, F.4. motion to read *That the Rainbow District School Board support a request for 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: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour*

– Carried

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 22-R98, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

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.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

a) Audit Committee (AC)

Motion: 22-R99, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the 2021/2022 External Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

b) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Governance Policy Updates

- i. Notice of Motion: 22-R100, J.Kosmerly
That the recommended changes as outlined in *Policy No. GOV-01: Vision, Mission, and Values* as amended be approved.
- ii. Notice Motion: 22-R101, D.Dewar
That the recommended changes as outlined in *Policy No. GOV-03: Role of the Board of Trustees* as amended be approved.

Governance By-Laws Update

Notice of Motion: 22-R102, D.Morrison
That the recommended changes as outlined in *Governance By-Law 3: Organizational Meeting*, point 3.1 as amended be approved.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2022-2023 School Year Update**

Director Bourget shared an update for the 2022-2023 school year.

Director Bourget thanked our administrators, teachers, support staff, students and families for their engagement and ensuring a smooth transition throughout September.

He shared that the board is in its first year of implementing the Strategic Directions by highlighting initiatives in each of our six priority areas.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

2. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw**

Motion: 122-R103, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly
That the Levying Education Taxes for 2023 bylaw 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: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

3. **Various Capital Projects Update**

Nathalie Mousseau, Manager of Facility Services, presented a slideshow of photos with updates on the various completed and ongoing construction projects over the past fiscal year.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

4. **Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA-AECO) Fall General Meeting**

Motion: 22-R104, M.Stringer/J.Hunda

That the board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Kuntsi and Student Trustee Trudeau at the OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting October 20 to 23, 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: Absent
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

5. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 22-R105, J.Kosmerly/M.Stringer

That Trustee Debassige and Trustee St. Jean be granted leaves of absence from the September 27, 2022 Board meeting.

Poll vote

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

– Carried

6. **Director's Remarks**

Let me begin by sharing my sincere appreciation of our wonderful teachers and educational support staff for their outstanding work to get our school year off to a great start. I would like to commend our students on a successful return to school and thank our families for their ongoing support.

Enrolment Update...(prior to the count date)

Secondary: Current – 4652 Predicted - 4616 predicted - up 36

Elementary: Current – 9229 Predicted - 8886 predicted - up 344

Additional staffing in place.

Community Use / Dome Bookings are being granted. Considerable interest.

Executive Council School Visits - Visiting schools to connect with staff and students.

Athletics are in full swing. Schools clubs, band, drama and activities are happening and our students are benefiting from the return to normal.

Cyril Varney - received permission from the Ministry of Education to list on the open market

I would like to express my gratitude to our facilities staff for their outstanding work in making our schools safe and inviting places to work and learn. We recognize the importance of the essential work you do each day and night to support our schools.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Chief Shining Turtle on his retirement as Chief of Whitefish River First Nation. I would like to express our respect and gratitude for his partnership and contribution to Indigenous Education in Rainbow Schools.

As one of the original signatories to our Education Service Agreement with First Nation partners, Chief Shining Turtle has always been committed to student success and was a strong advocate for First Nations students. We wish Chief Shining Turtle all the best in his future endeavors.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to our school administration and all staff for their dedication and commitment to student learning and well-being. Each day you work with heart, pride and determination to support our students and our communities. You exemplify what reaching minds and touching hearts is all about. Thank you for being difference makers!

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly shared that she will be attending the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting in Toronto on September 30 – October 1, 2022, and will bring a report back to the next meeting.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Kuntsi shared the first student senate meeting went very well. Senators shared different events happening in schools with sports and grade 9 intro days. She said that students were very happy that extra-curricular events were back. Student Trustee Trudeau reported that Senate also shared the various events that schools were hosting for Truth and Reconciliation week, to bring awareness and a better understanding.

8. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Dewar expressed her disappointment with the response received from the Ministry regarding Policy/Program Memorandum 81.

Trustee Gibson presented the following notice of motions:

"That the changes to Governance By-Law 3: Organizational Meeting as amended be approved:

3.1. ~~The annual organizational meeting of the Board in a municipal election year will be held on the first Monday in December. In a municipal election year the Board shall hold its inaugural organizational meeting not later than seven days after the day on which the term of office of the board commences.~~

3.1.1. ~~In a non-election year, the Organizational and Regular meetings of the Board will be combined at the December meeting. In each following year, the Board shall hold its organizational meeting at the first meeting on or after the anniversary of the date of the term of office the board began; and at the first meeting after a vacancy occurs in the office of chair.~~"

Trustee Hunda thanked the Director, Superintendents and all staff for a wonderful start up to the school year.

9. **Chairperson's Remarks**

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

We will mark a solemn day on Friday, September 30, 2022 as we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is a time to acknowledge the Survivors of Residential Schools who had the courage to share their stories and relive the trauma. It is also a time to remember the children who never came home. We will observe a moment of silence in our schools and fly flags at half-mast. We will come together and wear orange as a symbol of truth on our path towards reconciliation.

INDIGO LOVE OF READING

As our Director mentioned in his update, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School was selected to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's annual Adopt-a-School fundraising program. Until October 2nd, for every dollar donated to Chapters Sudbury in store and online, the Foundation will donate \$2 to support reading success at CVDCS. The link to donate can be found on the board's Facebook page.

TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY

The monthly environmental challenge for October is Take Me Outside Day - a reminder of the power of time spent outdoors. It's an invitation to extend the classroom to school grounds and natural areas, and promotes the significance of regular outdoor activity.

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' FAIR

Ontario universities will host two information sessions in Rainbow Schools to help secondary students plan their post-secondary journey. The Ontario Universities' Fair will visit Espanola High School on Monday, October 3rd at 10 am and Lockerby Composite School on Thursday, October 6th at 6 pm. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

THANKSGIVING

As a reminder, all schools will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 10th.

PIC AGM

Parents/guardians are invited to learn about "parenting through the storm" with author Ann Douglas as part of the Parent Involvement Committee's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, October 18th. The election of PIC members will begin at 6 pm followed by the virtual keynote address at 7 pm.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

There will be no school for students on Monday, October 24th which is a Professional Activity Day.

Days of Significance

Rainbow District School Board will continue to highlight and celebrate days of significance and events on its Facebook page.

My quote this month comes from an old Chinese proverb:

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself." – Chinese Proverb

Our doors are open and we invite students who have yet to graduate to come back to class to obtain a secondary school diploma. It's never too late to learn.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

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

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**

Motion: 22-R106, D.Dewar

That we do now adjourn at 7:58 p.m. – **Carried**

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