

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), L. Corbiere-Addison, D. Dewar, D. Farrow,
A. Gibson (via Google Meet), J. Hunda (via Google Meet),
J. Kosmerly, Student Trustee Kuntsi
Absent: L. Debassige, D. Morrison, Student Trustee Trudeau
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
Staff: S. Ackroyd, B. Carr, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, J. Harvey,
T. Hayes, D. Kitching, N. Mousseau, D. Peristeridis, S. Tastula,
C. Whitson

Chair Clement advised that the meeting was being livestreamed 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: 23-R44, J.Kosmerly/D.Farrow

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 21, 2023 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent

- Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Dare to Care

Superintendent Kathy Wachnuk introduced the presenters for the Dare to Care presentation: Brenda Carr (Principal, Valleyview Public School) and Jennifer Harvey (Principal, Lansdowne Public School).

Dare to Care is a bullying prevention program currently piloted in 12 Rainbow elementary schools. It is a unique program regarded as Canada's most comprehensive and practical bully prevention program, enabling schools to mobilize and maintain a caring community.

The main goal of the Dare to Care program is to deliver an innovative approach to Bully Prevention and Inclusion. The most important part of addressing bullying is transforming the Silent Majority of students into a Caring Majority. The focus for PREVENTION and INTERVENTION is social emotional learning with a focus on empathy.

School-wide delivery of the program ensures that the language throughout the school is consistent and the message remains the same. The Dare to Care Program offers a teacher portal to provide teachers with the necessary tools to reinforce the key learning by accessing additional resources (lessons, discussions, activities) for classroom use. It allows administrators and teachers to deliver the program in a variety of creative ways to suit their classroom community. Activities provided are levelled for students K-2, 3-6 and 7-8.

Trustees were given the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 23-R45, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent*

- Carried

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 23-R46, J.Hunda/D.Dewar

That the Board award the contract for Alexander Public School, HVAC upgrades – tender #2023-02 to 1763995 Ontario Ltd. o/a maki Construction Limited for \$154,900.00.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent*

- Carried

Motion: 23-R47, D.Farrow/J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract for Lively District Secondary School, partial re-roofing – tender #2023-04 to Semple-Gooder Northern Limited for \$456,151.00.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent

- Carried

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

Strategic Planning Committee

Board Governance By-Laws

Notice of Motion: 23-R48, L. Corbiere-Addison

That the recommended changes as outlined in Governance By-Law 14: Electronic Meetings, as amended be approved.

4. **2022-2023 School Year Update**

Director Bourget provided a mid-year update on the implementation of our Strategic Directions. He shared an in-depth review and highlighted many initiatives across the Board with respect to our six priority areas.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2023-2024 School Year Structure**

Motion: 23-R49, D. Dewar/L. Corbiere-Addison

That the Board approve the 2023-2024 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent

- Carried

2. **Property**

a) Motion: 23-R50, J. Kosmerly/D. Dewar

That the property at 1241 Roy Avenue, Sudbury, ON P3A 3M5 (Carl A. Nesbitt Public School), be declared surplus to the needs of Rainbow District School Board as of June 30, 2023.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent

- Carried

b) Motion: 23-R51, D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the property at 1570 Agincourt Avenue, Sudbury ON P3A 3K3 (Ernie Checkeris Public School), be declared surplus to the needs of Rainbow District School Board as of June 30, 2023.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent

- Carried

3. **OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2023**

Motion: 23-R52, D.Farrow/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the 2023 OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium in Toronto on April 27-28, 2023.
(Trustee Clement, Trustee Farrow, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Kosmerly)

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent

- Carried

4. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 23-R53, J.Hunda/A.Gibson

That Trustee Debassige, Trustee Morrison and Student Trustee Trudeau be granted a leave of absence from the February 21, 2023 Board meeting.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: Absent

- Carried

5. **Director's Remarks**

Director Bourget shared that remote learning will continue for one more school year for those involved in the program. We are in the process of confirming with remote school families the number of students returning to their home school or remaining in remote school. Remote learning will be offered in the English program only. Due to low enrolment, no French Immersion courses will be offered.

The Board was advised on February 7th that Cecil Facer Secondary School will transition to an adult institution. The Board will continue to provide the educational program for the upcoming school year.

6. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly shared that the PES presentations have been posted on the OBSPA website and recommended all trustees watch “Rules of Order – Can’t Live With Them, Can’t Live Without Them”. Trustee Kosmerly and Trustee Farrow will be attending the Board of Directors meeting this weekend. Trustee Kosmerly reminded Trustees of the upcoming Labour Relations symposium in Toronto on April 27-28, 2023. OPSBA is seeking trustee input into their multi-year strategic plan with an online survey to be completed by February 27th. Hard copies of the Good Governance guide have been provided for all Trustees. Nominations are open for the 2023 OPSBA awards and will close April 3rd. Included in the awards is the President’s award which recognizes Trustees with 25 years of service in public education. Trustee Judy Hunda and Trustee Dena Morrison will be recognized for this accomplishment, along with Trustee Doreen Dewar who has 35 years of service.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Kuntsi shared that with the wrap-up of exams, most student councils are hosting fun stress relievers for students. Student Senate continues to work on the upcoming Stand Up Speak Out conference that will be held in May and Student Trustee Trudeau is planning a board-wide Pow-wow. Student Trustee Kuntsi provided an update of the OSTA-AECO conference they attended this past weekend and thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend.

7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** NIL

8. **Chairperson's Remarks**

I hope you all had a wonderful Family Day yesterday spent with loved ones.

On February 10th, I had the pleasure of attending a very special graduation ceremony. It was hosted at Cecil Facer Secondary School where a student obtained an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. I would like to congratulate the student for recognizing the value of a high school diploma and putting in the work to graduate. I would also like to commend the staff for supporting student success and changing lives.

REGISTER NOW!

For those who were unable to attend Information Nights in Rainbow Schools, there is still time to register. Contact your area Rainbow school today.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

This month, staff and students were challenged to use less electricity. This initiative is part of the Environmental Committee’s ongoing efforts to encourage sustainable practices. Next month, all schools will be challenged to grow an indoor garden.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Parent Involvement Committee will meet next Tuesday, February 28th at 7 pm. The topic will be Technology and Digital Citizenship.

TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS COMPETITION

On Wednesday, March 1st, approximately 100 students from Grades 9 to 12 in Rainbow Schools will test their skills in various trades - from carpentry to small-powered equipment to coding. Competitions will take place at Cambrian College and the Carpenter's Union training hall in Azilda. Good luck to all participants.

SPECIAL EDUCATION INPUT

A reminder that Friday, March 3rd is the deadline for parents/guardians of students with exceptionalities to provide input into the 2023-2024 Special Education Plan. A link to the survey is available on the board's website.

BOARD SCIENCE FAIR

The top projects from participating Rainbow Schools will give students from Grades 7 to 12 the opportunity to showcase their knowledge of scientific principles during the board's Science Fair on March 7th at Lockerby Composite School. Judges will select some 40 projects to compete at the Sudbury Regional Science Fair on April 1st and 2nd at Laurentian University. Best of luck to all those participating.

BOARD INSTRUCTIONAL HOLIDAY

A board-wide instructional holiday will take place on Friday, March 10th. There will be no school for students.

MID-WINTER BREAK

A friendly reminder that schools are also closed for the Mid-Winter Break from March 13th to 17th.

DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

We had a beautiful presentation this evening from Lansdowne Public School and Valley View Public School on the Dare to Care program.

And it inspired this quote.... from Bob Talbert...

"Having a young child explain something exciting he (or she) has seen is the finest example of communication you will ever hear or see."

Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Parent Involvement Committee minutes December 13, 2022 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes October 5, 2022 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Parent Involvement Committee February 28, 2023 7:00 pm
Special Education Advisory Committee March 1, 2023 12:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting March 1, 2023 3:30 pm
Student Senate Meeting March 6, 2023 5:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting March 7, 2023 5:00 pm
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee March 23, 2023 4:00 pm
Board Meeting March 21, 2023 5:00 pm

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 23-R54, D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That we do now adjourn at 7:04 p.m. - **Carried**

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