

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

**AGENDA
AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair

Motion:

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

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

*Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS

*Chair

Lo Ellen Park Secondary School – OFSAA – Cross-Country Skiing

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

*Director

E. OLD BUSINESS

*Director

1. Previous Minutes

*Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

*SBO

a) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Charles C. McLean Public School, HVAC upgrades-tender #2023-03 to _____ for \$_____.00.

b) Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Northeastern Elementary School, interior renovations-tender #2023-06 to _____ for \$_____.00.

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

Strategic Planning Committee

Board Governance By-Laws

Motion:

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

- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair

1. **TD Canada Trust Resolution** *SBO

Motion:

That the TD Canada Trust Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.

2. **Royal Bank of Canada Resolution** *SBO

Motion:

That the Royal Bank of Canada Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair

Motion:

That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the March 21, 2023 Board meeting.

4. **Director's Remarks** *Director

5. **Other Items** *Chair

OPSBA Director

Motion:

That the board write to the Premier of Ontario, and the Ministers of Education, Health, and Children, Community and Social Services to advocate for the implementation of the recommendations made by the Ontario Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health in its position paper, "Let's Put Our Heads Together 2022, Coordinating Our Efforts to Improve Mental Health and Well-Being for Ontario's Children and Youth".

Student Trustee

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair

Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Parent Involvement Committee minutes January 17, 2023 (official)

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes February 1, 2023 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Elementary and Secondary Graduation dates

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair

Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee March 23, 2023 4:00 pm

Student Senate Meeting April 3, 2023 5:30 pm

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting April 4, 2023 5:00 pm

Special Education Advisory Committee April 5, 2023 12:00 pm

Parent Involvement Committee April 11, 2023 7:00 pm

Board Meeting April 18, 2023 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 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 Checkers 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**

UNOFFICIAL

14. Governance By-Law 14: Electronic Meetings

14.1 The Board may provide for the use of electronic means for the holding of meetings of the Board and/or meetings of committees of the Board, including in-Camera meetings.

14.2.1 At every electronic meeting of the Board and/or meetings of committees of the Board, the following persons must be physically present in the meeting room:

- a) the Chair of the Board and/or designate and/or the chair of committees of the Board and/or designate;
- b) at least one additional member of the Board and/or committees of the Board; and
- c) the Director of Education or designate.

14.2.2 The Chair of the Board or of a committee of the Board or his or her designate may participate in a meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board by electronic means if,

- a) The distance from the Chair's or designate's current residence to the meeting location is 200 kilometers or more;
- b) weather conditions do not allow the Chair or designate to travel to the meeting location safely; or
- c) the Chair or designate cannot be physically present at a meeting due to health-related issues.

14.2.3 The Chair or designate must be physically present for at least half of the meetings of the Board for any 12 month period beginning November 15th.

14.3 At the request of any Board member or student representative, the Board may provide the member or representative with electronic means of participating in one or more meetings of the Board and/or of a committee of the Board, including *in-camera* meetings, except where to do so would not comply with section 14.2.

14.3.1 The electronic means shall permit the Board member or student representative to hear and be heard by all other participants in the meeting.

14.4 A member of the Board or student representative of the Board who participates in a meeting through electronic means shall be deemed to be present at the meeting.

14.5 The rules governing conflict of interest of members shall apply to electronic meetings.

- 14.6 The Board may provide, at one or more locations within its jurisdiction, electronic means to permit participating in meetings by members of the public excluding in-camera meetings.
- 14.7 For the purpose of complete disclosure, at every electronic meeting of the Board, members participating through electronic means shall be made aware of the Board members physically present in the room, the Board members participating electronically and whether or not the public and/or media are present.

Board members who participate in *in-camera* meetings by electronic means, must participate from a room which is closed to any other person so that no other person can hear that member or other members of the Board. Speaker phones, cell phones or portable phones may not be used. Board members must maintain rules of confidentiality and are subject to Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members.

**Rainbow District School Board
TD Canada Trust Resolution**

Whereas it is in the interest of the Rainbow District School Board to enter into arrangements for the provision of financial products and/or services with the Toronto-Dominion Bank, TD Mortgage Corporation, TD Pacific Mortgage Corporation and The Canada Trust Company (collectively, the “Bank”);

In accordance with any restrictions set out below, the persons holding the offices below from time to time are authorized for and on behalf of the Rainbow District School Board to:

- (a) Execute and deliver all of the documents and instruments contemplated by this resolution;
- (b) Conduct all aspects of the Rainbow District School Board’s banking relationship with the Bank.

Be it resolved;

That the Rainbow District School Board appoint Adam Guilbault (Superintendent of Business) and Nancy Cecchetto (Manager of Finance) as its Signing Officers with the TD Bank.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution of the Rainbow District School Board in the Province of Ontario, duly passed at a meeting of the Rainbow District School Board and that this Resolution is in force and effect.

Dated this 21st day of March 2023

Chair

Secretary

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Dated this 21st day of March 2023

Chair

Secretary

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7 pm
Via Google Meet

Attendance

Melissa Gladu, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Bernadette Rémillard, Parent, Sudbury Secondary School; Angelina Kasunich, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Shannon Ketchabaw, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Lasalle Secondary School; Meredith Coulas, ETFO rep; Nadia Berardelli, Principal, Jean Hanson Public School; Sheila James, Vice-Principal, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Kate Kearney, Parent, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School; Natasha Delaney, Parent, Jean Hanson Public School; Steffany Bourque, Parent, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School; Karen Lafleur, Parent, Westmount Avenue Public School; Ragini Vaddi, Parent, Princess Anne Public school; Nicole Sykes, Parent, R.L. Beattie Public School; Tricia Hatfield, Parent, Churchill Public School; Jolene Benoit, Parent, Churchill Public School; Marisa Julian, Parent, R.H. Murray Public School; Colleen Burns, Parent, Lansdowne Public School; Trustee Anita Gibson; Colleen McDonald, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services; Lesley Fisher, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

Regrets: Trustee Dena Morrison and Lisa Puddester, Vice-Principal, Northeastern Elementary School

Call to Order: 7 pm

1. Welcome

Chair Shannon Ketchabaw welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Self-Introductions

The Chair invited participants to introduce themselves and their schools as they speak.

3. Inclusion

**Presenter: Colleen McDonald,
Principal of Special Education Programs and Services**

Rainbow District School Board believes in integration and inclusion to ensure that students have every opportunity to reach their full potential in their home school with their age appropriate peers. This is guided by what is in the best interest of each

student to ensure they have the level of support needed to develop both socially and academically. Inclusive education is reflected in the following Board priorities - Equity and Inclusive Education, Student Success and Achievement, Mental Health and Well-Being, and Literacy and Numeracy.

Principal McDonald indicated that full inclusion encompasses social and physical integration into activities that occur in school that are educational, recreational and social. The ideal is that all students with severe disabilities will be full members of their neighborhood schools, including having opportunities to learn in general education classes with instruction that has been developed to be inclusive of their needs.

Rainbow District School Board fosters a family-centered approach which builds trust, maintains open communication, enables and empowers students and families, and uses a collaborative problem-solving approach. Principal McDonald stressed that by working closely with families and listening carefully, educators may gain insights about what motivates the student, what skills need to be developed, and what does not work or is not appropriate for the student's cultural context.

Principal McDonald ended her presentation with an overview of ProjectSEARCH, a shining example of inclusion. Launched in September 2022, the program supports students who are leaving school to enter the workforce by providing placements to gain hands-on experience through a collaborative partnership between the school board, local business and a community agency that supports employability. Partners include Rainbow District School Board, Health Sciences North, the City of Greater Sudbury and March of Dimes Canada.

The presentation can be accessed online at:
<https://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/parent-involvement-committee/>

4. Discussion based on presentation

Chair Shannon Ketchabaw thanked Principal McDonald for the informative presentation and for stressing the importance of communications between the home and the school. She said the Board's family-centered approach builds positive relationships to provide a strong circle of support for students. She also acknowledged the value of ProjectSEARCH. Parents/guardians appreciated the presentation and did not have further questions.

5. Approval of Agenda

"That the agenda for the meeting on January 17, 2023 be approved."

Moved by: Angelina Kasunich, Lockerby Composite School

Seconded by: Bernadette Rémillard, Sudbury Secondary School
Carried

6. Approval of Minutes

“That the minutes for the meeting on December 13, 2022 be approved.”

Moved by: Melissa Gladu, Northeastern Elementary School

Seconded by: Angelina Kasunich, Lockerby Composite School

Carried

7. Review of School Council PRO Grant Applications

PIC members were sent project applications to review in advance of the meeting and were invited to ask questions about specific projects.

Superintendent Lesley Fisher indicated that the Ministry of Education has allocated a total of \$24,000 to Rainbow District School Board to fund projects (maximum \$2,000) that engage parents/guardians in their child’s school. After reviewing grant criteria, she indicated that some budgets will need to be revised to ensure they remain within the funding limits. She also noted that schools receive a rebate on GST which enables budgets to go further. Superintendent Fisher indicated that, after taking this into account, there were sufficient funds to support all of the projects that were submitted. In approving the projects, she will revise budgets to ensure they meet funding requirements.

Motion:

“That the Parent Involvement Committee accept and approve all of the PRO grant project applications submitted, as amended to meet funding requirements.”

Moved by: Melissa Gladu, Northeastern Elementary School

Seconded by: Colleen Burns, Lansdowne Public School

Carried

Committee members praised schools for submitting engaging projects.

Lockerby Composite School will develop and enhance its presentation and information for incoming parents of Grade 9 students.

Queen Elizabeth II Public School will invite parents into the school to participate in a variety of learning activities presented by the students as experts.

Central Manitoulin Public School will host an Indigenous engagement evening with different learning/demonstration stations for Indigenous culture, teachings, crafts and foods.

Northeastern Elementary School will extend its front entrance area renovations into the foyer of the school creating an inclusive, accessible and welcoming space for students and families.

Chelmsford Valley District Composite School will invite families of students in Grades 7 to 12 to carousels on various topics, for example, Safe and Respectful Social Media Use, Human Trafficking, Drug Use and Abuse, LGBTQ2S+, Internet Safety, Defining Consent, Sexual Assault, Supporting Youth with a Learning Disability, Women in Trades, and Paint Social.

Chelmsford Valley District Elementary School will invite families to participate in a literacy evening to learn about the reading interventions at school and tools they can use at home.

Churchill Public School will offer a fun evening for parents and students to come together for a physical literacy night with a Zumba dance party.

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School will enhance the skill set of students and staff to build a healthier community and healthier relationships fostering a sense of safety and belonging to promote student achievement and well-being.

Little Current Public School will implement an Emotion Coaching Resource Program for parents and caregivers through an information session and resources.

Westmount Avenue Public School will organize a Jump Up Into Math Interactive Family Night, with games that build math concepts and movements that contribute to healthy active bodies, followed by a Math Lending Library.

Adamsdale Public School will host a Family Literacy Night and a Family Math Night, with games to support learning at home.

Espanola High School will foster student success through enhanced communications with parents/guardians by bringing parents into the school to engage in conversations and visiting First Nations communities to speak with families and share information with Indigenous partners.

Walden Public School will invite current and prospective families into the school to engage children/parents/guardians in their dynamic teaching and learning environment.

Lansdowne Public School will engage families in an evening of "What's Your Passion?" to learn what motivates and invigorates their children at school, including Ojibwe arts and language, chess, STEM challenges, mindfulness activities, art, environmental stewardship and more.

Lasalle Secondary School will offer information sessions to parents/guardians on mental health and well-being with guest speakers, community partners and resources to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

8. Communications Report

Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor of Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning, delivered the following communications report:

Kindergarten Information Nights

Kindergarten Information Nights were held on January 11 and 12, 2023 and we would like to thank families who joined us for these in-person events. It's always an exciting time to meet children who are starting school this fall. For those who were unable to attend, there is still time to register your child. Contact your area Rainbow School and staff will be happy to assist you.

Secondary Information Nights

Secondary schools have already begun hosting in-person Information Nights. We have a few coming up...

Chelmsford Valley District Composite School on January 18th at 6 pm

Lasalle Secondary School on February 15th at 6 pm

Manitoulin Secondary School on February 16th at 6:30 pm

And Espanola High School also on February 16th but at 7 pm

For the Information Nights that have already taken place, there is still time to register.

Registration information is available online at rainbowschools.ca

Environmental Challenge

Rainbow District School Board invites staff and students to go paperless tomorrow - Wednesday, January 18th. This initiative is part of the Environmental Committee's

ongoing efforts to encourage sustainable practices. In February, all schools will be challenged to reduce their electricity consumption.

Special Education Input

Parents/guardians of students with special needs in the Rainbow District School Board are invited to provide input into the Special Education Plan for 2023-2024. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, March 3rd. The survey is available on the board's website.

For more information about what's happening in Rainbow Schools, please visit rainbowschools.ca.

9. School Announcements

Bernadette Rémillard of Sudbury Secondary School said the Open House had a great turnout despite the weather, with parents and students enjoying performances and presentations. The school is presenting Pirates of Penzance in February. Students participate in spirit days weekly. A team took part in the first High School Business Case Competition at Cambrian College. Students captured top honours in wrestling and swimming. A Headstrong event is taking place to promote wellness.

Nicole Sykes of R.L. Beattie Public School was pleased with the excellent attendance at the Kindergarten Information Night. She indicated that students are participating in a variety of extracurricular activities from cross-country skiing to robotics. Some 40 students are engaged in robotics every Thursday after school thanks to a new partnership with teachers and parents from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. More than 100 students will be participating in the upcoming cross-country ski loppet.

Angelina Kasunich of Lockerby Composite School praised administration and staff for compiling an informative weekly newsletter which celebrates student success and keeps everyone connected. She highlighted the school's recent win at the Cambrian College Business Case Study Competition. She also highlighted film awards, computer science AI and coding; Environmental Challenges; Ojibwe language class and cultural activities; sports; and the Open House. She invited everyone to lockerby.rainbowschools.ca to access the Virtual Open House website.

Nicole Sykes, who is a member of the Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School School Council, provided the LEP update on behalf of Kate Kearney. Students are having a good year with wonderful participation in a robust array of extracurricular activities. There is a

renewed energy in the school with involvement in teams and clubs to supplement the academic learning, including a winter concert and drama performance.

Jolene Benoit of Churchill Public School said students are loving the extracurricular activities and there is a lot of participation. She said the school is hosting activities to make all families feel welcome and comfortable in the newly expanded school which received students and families from Cyril Varney last fall. Student Parliament is organizing a winter carnival to take place in February. Students enjoyed a character development presentation from Q-Mack which focused on the traits of “all stars”. The Churchill renovations are complete, with a new library and music room. The Dare to Care anti-bullying program is progressing. She asked if the Roots of Empathy program may return. Superintendent Fisher said the nationally-run program had significant training requirements and little flexibility regarding student tasks. The Board’s focus for now is on the Dare to Care program currently being piloted.

Colleen Burns of Lansdowne Public School said the school is supporting Grade 8 students to transition to secondary school. Lansdowne organized a bus to take families to the Transition Evening at Cambrian College. Students had an opportunity to participate in shadow days in secondary schools and get assistance with course selections in myBlueprint. She highlighted a number of extracurricular activities for students through community partnerships and/or school support, including Sudbury5 tickets, weekly math club, peer mediation program, food rescue, gift cards, new lego club, friendship/wellness club, basketball, chess, Ojibwe, choir and more. She also acknowledged literacy support with the Haggerty program, tutors and Empower Reading groups.

Melissa Gladu of Northeastern Elementary School said the new Principal is very active and very involved with the school community and community partners. There was a Christmas Feast for the entire school, feeding 600 over three sittings with the help of staff and guest servers. A new curling team has fantastic turnout. There are lots of opportunities for students to join clubs and participate in activities. She is very enthused about the possibility of making the school foyer more welcoming to supplement the recent renovations on the school grounds and main entrance.

Steffany Bourque of Chelmsford Valley District Composite School said the Grade 7 and 8 students would be off to the Sault for a ski trip. Grade 9 to 12 students will be going to Barrie in February. She was most appreciative of fundraising by students and staff to support field trips. The K to 12 school has been welcoming volunteers. Sports and clubs are back and students are loving it. Terry’s Independent donated turkeys for the annual Christmas Feast. Hot chocolate has also been provided. The school is benefiting from

wonderful community support. The school Open House will be held January 18, 2023. Enrolment is on the rise. A school trip to Europe is planned for March 2025 which will be part of a History credit.

Shannon Ketchabaw of A.B. Ellis Public School said a Searchmount ski trip was coming up soon. Students are rehearsing for a musical theatre production that will be presented March 2nd. A career day was held and students dressed up as who they wanted to be. Espanola Lions Club donated \$2,000 for Christmas cheer. The winter concert was a success and the school enjoyed many holiday activities. She also highlighted the Kindergarten Information Night at A.B. Ellis and the Grade 9 Information Night at Espanola High School.

Adjournment at 8:25 pm

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Moved by: Melissa Gladu, Northeastern Elementary School

Seconded by: Colleen Burns, Lansdowne Public School

Carried

Next meeting:

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7 pm - Via Google Meet

Topic: Technology and Digital Citizenship

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Time: 12:00 PM

Virtual meeting via Google Meet Video Conferencing

Present:

SEAC Members:

Julie Contini	Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury
Lisa Corbiere-Addison	Trustee
Natasha Delaney	Member at Large
Sara Kitlar-Pothier	Ontario Autism Coalition
Judy Kosmerly	Trustee
Wendy Larouche	Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury
Robert Silvestri	Northern Ontario Assessment and Resource Centre
Jennifer Way	March of Dimes Canada

Staff:

Lexi Asunmaa	Project Search Teacher
Gillian Cacciotti	Special Education Coordinator
Steve Marko	Special Education Coordinator
Colleen McDonald	Principal of Special Education Programs and Services
Kathy Wachnuk	Superintendent

Other:

Chantal Cardinal	March of Dimes Canada
Doreen Dewar	Trustee
Seth Dumais-Armitage	Project Search Student
Lilly Taylor	Project Search Student

Regrets:

Stephanie Roussy	Children's Community Network
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Absent:

Crystal Corbiere	N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
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1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W. Larouche welcomed SEAC members and guests to the February 1, 2023 meeting.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

K. Wachnuk read the mission statement aloud.

4.0 Elections

G. Cacciotti opened the nominations for Chair.

J. Kosmerley nominated W. Larouche for the position of Chair.

W. Larouche allowed her name to stand and was acclaimed Chair.

G. Cacciotti opened the nominations for Vice Chair.

W. Larouche nominated R. Silvestri for the position of Vice Chair.

R. Silvestri allowed his name to stand and was acclaimed Vice Chair.

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: L. Corbiere-Addison

Seconded by: J. Kosmerley

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of February 1, 2023 be approved.

Motion carried.

6.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

7.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: J. Kosmerley

Seconded by: R. Silvestri

That the amended minutes of the SEAC meeting of October 5, 2022 be approved.

Motion carried.

8.0 Business Arising

No business arising from the October 5, 2022 SEAC meeting.

9.0 New Business

Presentation: Project Search Health Sciences North

Principal McDonald shared the history leading up to Project Search Health Sciences North. Project Search is a transition to the world of work program for students with exceptionalities who are 18-20 years of age. The program provides participants with employment skill instruction and application opportunities through three placements at the host site (HSN Sudbury). Project Search participants receive a wealth of support from the instructor, two skills trainers (from March of Dimes) and HSN mentoring staff members. The goal for participants is full-time meaningful employment following the Project Search training year. The Project Search Steering Committee has been established and helps to monitor the progress of the program as we move forward. Project Search candidates are selected through discussions with RDSB secondary schools following a skills assessment day whereby the selection committee works together to determine final candidacy.

Project Search Teacher, Lexi Asunmaa, shared the Project Search schedule and calendar. The project follows the regular school year. Project Search interns engage in employability skills instruction from the Project Search curriculum. This includes alternative programming in the areas of life skills, transit training, financial literacy, and soft skills. Interns are assessed by the instructor and skills trainers based on their social behaviour, communication, job appropriate appearance and job performance as laid out in their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Special Education Coordinator, Steve Marko, shared the role of March of Dimes Canada with Project Search Health Science North. March of Dimes provides support to interns before, during and after Project Search. During the summer they support interns with acquiring vaccines and background checks, transit training, and team building activities with all interns involved. The students work

with skills trainers during Project Search and job developers to help them acquire meaningful employment opportunities after Project Search is completed.

Special Education Coordinator, Steve Marko, shared the role of parents in Project Search and testimonials from parents of our current interns.

Project Search interns, Lilly Taylor and Seth Dumais-Armitage, shared their individual experiences at Project Search Health Sciences North.

Trustee Corbiere-Addison asked about the availability of Project Search for students on Manitoulin Island. Principal McDonald shared that the initial project started with the Sudbury core but shared that down the road there is the possibility of expanding the program to other areas of the school board. This would require setting up a new team and new host site in these areas.

Trustee Corbiere-Addison asked about long-term support provided by March of Dimes Canada for these interns. J. Way explained that Project Search interns are followed by job developers from the March of Dimes to support them once the program is completed.

Principal McDonald shared with SEAC that there is a Project Search Facebook page and members can access promotional videos and more on that page.

10.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

S. Roussy requested a leave of absence from the February 1, 2023 SEAC meeting.

Moved by: J. Kosmerley

Seconded by: N. Delaney

11.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk discussed the upcoming PA Day on February 3, 2023. The February PA Day is an assessment and evaluation day for elementary teachers. Secondary teachers and student support staff will be involved in School Improvement Planning and training on our new Individual Education Plan (IEP) Engine. The current IEP Engine is coming to the end of life, so we will be training staff on the new system. The current Engine will remain in place while we navigate the move to the new IEP Engine.

SEAC requested a presentation on the alternative report card. It was tentatively scheduled for today's SEAC meeting but because of the Project Search presentation we will be moving the alternative report card presentation to a future SEAC meeting date.

Superintendent Wachnuk shared the exceptionality counts for students with exceptionalities across the school board. The numbers shared were based on October 31, 2022 student enrollment. Trustee Corbiere-Addison inquired about information on how numbers of students with exceptionalities at the Rainbow District School Board compares to provincial data.

Trustee Kosmerly inquired about the breakdown of exceptionalities by grade. Wondering if we are seeing an increase in the number of students with exceptionalities as students move out of the primary grades. Superintendent Wachnuk explained that we typically do not assess a student prior to grade 3, therefore there is a jump in numbers from grades 3 to 4 typically.

S. Kitlar-Pothier inquired about the funding allotment that is provided to each of the schools based on the number of students with exceptionalities. Superintendent Wachnuk will prepare information around the funding process for Special Education for our next SEAC meeting in March.

R. Silvestri inquired about whether or not mental health numbers are tracked in Special Education numbers. Superintendent Wachnuk explained that the RDSB Mental Health Team would have information around the numbers supported, but this is separate from Special Education.

Superintendent Wachnuk shared well wishes for Principal McDonald who will be retiring at the end of this current school year.

12.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal McDonald offered a binder for new SEAC members. Members can request a hard binder or electronic version of the package by emailing G. Cacciotti at cacciog@rainbowschools.ca. Members who would like a hardcopy of the binder should also indicate the best way to have it delivered to them.

Principal McDonald shared that preschool transition time is here again. Board staff are busy collecting information packages for preschool transition students.

Preschool transition meetings will take place in February and March with the intention of ensuring adequate support for these Kindergarten students entering school in the fall.

Principal McDonald shared that Educational Assistants will be receiving a wide variety of professional development at the February 3 PA Day. Training will include Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) certification and recertification, technology training for Chromebooks, OrbitNote and Google Read&Write. The ABA team will be providing introductory training as well as Zones of Regulation. The SLP team will be providing a workshop on Articulation 101. Social Workers from the Mental Health Team will be providing training on trauma-informed practices. NEO Kids will be running sessions on Fetal-Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Lastly, the Children's Aid Society will be running a session on caring for children and youth.

13.0 Board Report

Trustee Kosmerly shared that following the municipal and school board elections in 2022 the Board of Trustees were sworn in. Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison is new on Manitoulin Island and Trustee David Farrow is new to the Lively area.

In November the Trustees learned about the RDSB Lighthouse Classrooms in the board. During this meeting the Board of Trustees also approved the SEAC Committee membership for 2022-2026.

In December the Trustees received information on EQAO/OSSLT results. Trustee Kosmerley mentioned that SEAC may be interested in an abridged version of the presentation.

14.0 Chairperson's Remarks

W. Larouche thanked everyone for participating in today's SEAC meeting.

W. Larouche shared that the RDSB Special Education Survey is out and is available on the RDSB website. The link was also shared in the chat box during the meeting.

W. Larouche informed SEAC that there is a SEAC orientation information package that will be available as a part of the SEAC binder (either electronic or hard copy). G. Cacciotti will also be sharing a list of SEAC members via email.

15.0 Association Reports

Natasha Delaney: Member at Large

The School Council for Jean Hanson will be meeting next on March 8 at 5:30pm at the school for any interested parties to join.

Wendy Larouche: Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

LDAS is providing a Technology for Life workshop series in February 2023. The workshop will include training on Google Read&Write, math applications and preparing students for technology use at the post-secondary level.

Ontario Autism Coalition

S. Kitlar-Pothier shared that a new northern working group was formed to work together to advocate for services for individuals with Autism.

March of Dimes Canada

March of Dimes will be providing an employment training program, called Skills for Work, through Service Canada. The program was recently extended for another year to March 31, 2024. The program runs every six weeks, and includes five weeks of in-class support followed by 20 weeks of paid employment and job coaching. Service Canada subsidizes part of the wages for this program.

16.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

There was no new correspondence addressed to SEAC to share with the committee.

17.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

- Possibility of in-person visit to one of our schools
- Alternative and provincial report cards (April 5, 2023)

18.0 Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC meeting will be held virtually on March 1, 2023 at noon.

19.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:49 PM.

ELEMENTARY GRADUATION DATES 2023

TRUSTEES	SCHOOLS	GRADUATION (DATE/TIME)
Anita Gibson (Area 2)	CVDCS (Grade 8)	Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium
	Lansdowne	Tuesday, June 27 @ 6:00 PM @ SSS Auditorium
	Levack	Thursday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM
Bob Clement (Area 8)	A.B. Ellis	Thursday June 22 @ 6:00 PM @ EHS or AB Ellis Gym
	S. Geiger	Wednesday, June 21 @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium
Doreen Dewar (Area 5)	Alexander	Thursday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM
	Algonquin	Monday, June 26 @ 6:00 PM
	Lo-Ellen (Grade 8)	Wednesday, June 28 @ 7:00 PM @ LEP
	MacLeod	Tuesday, June 27 @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium
Linda Debassige	First Nations system wide	
Judy Hunda (Area 6)		
Lisa Addison-Corbiere (Area 7)	Assiginack	Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:00 PM
	Central Manitoulin	Tuesday, June 27 @ 6:30 PM
	Little Current	Monday, June 26 @ 6:00 PM @ NEMI Complex upstairs
	CC McLean	Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:30 PM in the gymnasium
Judy Kosmerly (Area 3)	Confederation (Grade 8)	Thursday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium
	Valley View	Wednesday, June 21 @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium
Dena Morrison (Area 4)	CR Judd	Wednesday, June 28 @ 7:00 PM in the gymnasium
	Lasalle (Grade 8)	Thursday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium
	Markstay	Monday June 19 @ 6:30 in the gymnasium
	Monetville	Monday, June 26 @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium
	Northeastern Elem	Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium
David Farrow (Area 1)	Copper Cliff	Monday, June 26 @ 5:00 PM
	Jean Hanson	Thursday June 15 @ 11:00am in the gymnasium
	RH Murray	Monday, June 26 @ 5:30 PM
	Princess Anne	Thursday, June 22 @ 6:00 PM @ SSS auditorium
	Lively (Elem)	Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:30 PM in the gymnasium

Stepping up:

Adamsdale

Wednesday, June 28 @ 9:30 am

Carl Nesbitt

Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:00 pm in the gymnasium

Churchill

Tuesday June 27 @ 6:00 pm

Larchwood

Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:00 pm in the gymnasium

Queen Elizabeth

Wednesday, June 28 @ 12:00 pm

Redwood Acres

Wednesday, June 28 @ 9:30 am

R.L. Beattie

Thursday, June 22 @ 1:00 pm in the gymnasium

Walden

Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 pm

Westmount

Monday, June 26 (grade 3 stepping up)

GRADUATION DATES 2023

SECONDARY	DATE & TIME
BARRYDOWNE COLLEGE	Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm Cambrian Student Life Centre
CHELMSFORD VDCCS	Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Gym
CONFEDERATION	Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Gym
ESPANOLA	Thursday June 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Gym
LASALLE	Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm Cambrian College Amphitheatre
LIVELY	Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Gym
LOCKERBY	Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:30pm Cambrian College - Gymnasium
LO-ELLEN PARK	Thursday June 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm Cambrian College Amphitheatre
MANITOULIN	Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm
SUDBURY SECONDARY ADULT DAY SCHOOL N'SWAKAMOK	Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm @ Sheridan Auditorium Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm @ TBD (SSS Library or ADS) Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 10:30 am @ N'Swakamok