

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:10 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement, L. Debassige (via Google Meet), D. Dewar (via Google Meet), D. Farrow, A. Gibson (via Google Meet), J. Hunda (via Google Meet), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison (via Google Meet), Student Trustee Kuntsi (via Google Meet), Student Trustee Trudeau (via Google Meet)

Absent: L. Corbiere-Addison

Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents

Staff: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, T. Hayes, D. Kitching, S. Marko, C. McDonald, M. McNamara, N. Mousseau, D. Peristeridis, S. Tastula, J. Vallier, C. Whitson

Others: Alexandria Asunmaa, Jennifer Way, students Seth Dumais-Armitage and Lilly Taylor

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order and advised that the meeting was being live-streamed.

Director Bourget 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: J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for January 10, 2023 be approved. - **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Project Search

Superintendent Kathy Wachnuk introduced the presenters for the Project Search presentation: Colleen McDonald (Principal of Special Education Programs and Services), Steve Marko (Coordinator of Special Education),

Alexandria Asunmaa (Teacher at Project Search Health Sciences North), Jennifer Way (Project Manager for March of Dimes Canada), and two students participating in Project SEARCH - Seth Dumais-Armitage and Lilly Taylor.

Project Search - HSN is a partnership among Rainbow District School Board, March of Dimes Canada and Health Sciences North. Each organization provides a staffing allocation and resources to support the success of the program. Project Search provides students with the opportunity to participate in a variety of work experiences while acquiring competitive, transferable and marketable employability skills. Students also gain increased independence, confidence and self-esteem. The ultimate goal is to support students to be successful in their post-graduation search for competitive employment, utilizing the skills learned in the work experiences and throughout the program. Some students may be hired by the host business where they are trained and others may use their gained experience to find employment in a range of industries within the community.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and thanked the presenters for the wonderful presentation.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Minutes**

Motion: J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on November 8, 2022 be approved. - **Carried**

2. **School Construction Projects**

Adam Guilbault, Superintendent of Business, shared a presentation highlighting the 2022/2023 ongoing school construction projects. There are 64 projects planned or underway at 32 different schools. Projects include ventilation, electrical, windows, exterior storage and repairs.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

E. **NEW BUSINESS** NIL

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Athletics

Policy Review

- Policy No. GOV-05: Code of Conduct: Board Members

Privacy; Educational Software (Internal Audit)

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Morrison thanked her colleagues for re-electing her as Chair and reminded trustees to share any topics for upcoming meetings.

Trustee Gibson stated that our current governance by-law 14 requires the chair of a committee to be physically present in the meeting room and discussed the appropriate use of a designate. She requested clarity regarding the Education Act, Regulation 463/97 (section 5) Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance.

Trustee Debassige wished trustees, administration and students a happy new year and well wishes for the coming year. She thanked trustees for their support in electing her vice-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Trustee Morrison thanked staff and students for welcoming the public to school open house visits over the coming weeks.

Trustee Hunda wished all secondary students good luck as they will begin exams shortly.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

February 7, 2023

March 7, 2023

April 4, 2023

May 2, 2023

June 6, 2023

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: D.Dewar/B.Clement

That the meeting be adjourned (6:45 pm). - **Carried**