

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, February 7, 2023 at 5:10 p.m.

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

Absent: J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison

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

Staff: E. Bacon, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, D. Kitching,
D. Peristeridis, S. Tastula, C. Whitson

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

Vice-Chair Debassige read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Bourget completed roll call.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: A.Gibson/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for February 7, 2023 be approved. - **Carried**

B. **PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** NIL

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Privacy; Educational Software (Internal Audit) / 21C Committee

“Protections for Digital Learning”

Superintendent Kathy Wachnuk introduced Eric Bacon, Computers in Education Coordinator and member of the 21C Committee, to share his expertise and speak about our process for selecting computer applications for use in Rainbow Schools and how we ensure the protection and privacy of student information.

Eric shared a brief history on how technology use in classrooms has evolved, and the model we use to help decide whether a digital tool should be used.

He explained the previous and current practices in deciding if a digital tool is safe to use through the Vetting of Application Security and Privacy (VASP) process which determines the application rating classification.

Eric also provided examples of tools staff use to help our students become better digital citizens as well as some of the professional development we are offering to our educators.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and expressed their gratitude for the in-depth presentation.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Minutes**

Motion: B.Clement/D.Farrow

That the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee held on January 10, 2023 be approved. - **Carried**

2. **Minutes**

Motion: A.Gibson/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on January 10, 2023 be deferred for review of Trustee comments.

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Governance By-Laws Update**

Motion: B.Clement/D.Farrow

That Governance By-Law 14: Electronic Meetings as amended be recommended to the Board as a notice of motion. – **Carried**

Amendment to the Motion: A.Gibson/L.Corbieri-Addison

To add 5.1(2) of Ontario Regulation 463/97 of the Education Act to the amended Governance By-Law 14. – **Carried**

2. **Governance By-Laws (Ad-Hoc Committee)**

Motion: A.Gibson/B.Clement

That the Rainbow District School Board establish an ad hoc working group to complete a full review of the board's governance by-laws with an external facilitator. – **Carried**

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Athletics

Policy Review

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

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Dewar inquired when and how the Ad-Hoc committee might be formed. Director Bourget advised he would share options with the Chair and Vice-Chair on possible facilitators with a potential plan to begin in the Spring.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 7, 2023
April 4, 2023
May 2, 2023
June 6, 2023

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: B.Clement/A.Gibson

That the meeting be adjourned (5:58 p.m.). - **Carried**

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