

## **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, May 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), L. Corbiere-Addison (via Google Meet by phone),  
L. Debassige (via Google Meet), D. Dewar (via Google Meet),  
D. Farrow (via Google Meet), A. Gibson (via Google Meet), J. Kosmerly,  
J. Hunda (via Google Meet)

Absent: D. Morrison, Student Trustee Kuntsi, 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: N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, T. Hayes, D. Kitching, D. London,  
S. Tastula, C. Whitson

Other: Staff, Students & Parents/Guardians from Larchwood PS,  
Queen Elizabeth PS, Central Manitoulin PS and Algonquin PS

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

Chair Clement read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Bourget completed roll call.

#### A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for May 2, 2023 be approved. - **Carried**

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

#### C. **PRESENTATIONS**

##### **1. Show & Tell “Taking Care of Mother Earth – Shkaqamikwe”**

Director Bourget introduced Ryan Lafraniere, Vice Principal, Lockerby Composite School and Hazel Fox-Recollet, Indigenous System Support worker, both whom are members of the Environmental Education Committee, to share the highlights of where the Board is on environmental education and sustainability.

In 2019, Rainbow District School Board declared a climate emergency which brought about the Climate Action Plan that was approved in 2021. In 2022, Rainbow

had the distinction of being one of two school boards in Canada to have all schools of the board become EcoSchools certified.

Hazel Fox-Recollet shared the indigenous perspectives that students are introduced to from teachings, language, song and storytelling through the monthly environmental eco challenges. One of the newest initiatives the committee is launching is a School-Community Traditional Harvest Celebration, to experience what harvesting is all about and celebrate the sustenance and medicine we receive from the land.

Vice Principal Lafraniere provided highlights from the past year and introduced students of the Eco-Clubs from Larchwood Public School, Queen Elizabeth Public School, Central Manitoulin Public School and Algonquin Public School who presented some of the activities and challenges they have completed over this school year.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and expressed their gratitude to all of the students and teachers for providing a wonderful presentation.

## **2. Enrolment**

Director Bourget introduced Adam Guilbault, Superintendent of Business, who provided an enrolment update for 2022-2023 school year.

Superintendent Guilbault shared the data from the October 31<sup>st</sup> enrolment submission to the Ministry, which generates the GSN (Grant for Student Needs) funding.

The board saw an increase in enrolment in both the elementary and secondary panels and a reduction in the number of remote learners and those who are homeschooled.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

## **D. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Minutes**

Motion: L.Debassige/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on April 4, 2023 be approved. - **Carried**

## **E. NEW BUSINESS                      NIL**

## **F. FUTURE ITEMS**

Governance By-Law reviews

Policy Review

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

## **G. TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Kosmerly attended the Free to be Me conference at Cambrian College last week and shared it was a wonderful event with approximately 130 high school

students joining. She also wanted to acknowledge the Destination Readiness event that was held at Lasalle Secondary School and express her gratitude to all the agencies, student and parents for their participation.

Trustee Dewar attended the Joan Mantle Music Trust evening which was a huge success and reminded trustees of the invitation to attend the Student Senate conference on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cambrian College. She also thanked all the students who joined the presentations this evening.

Trustee Hunda also attended the Destination Readiness conference and agreed it was a fantastic event.

Chair Clement shared his gratitude of the Joan Mantle Music Trust event and that it was great to see students past and present performing.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 6, 2023

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: D.Farrow/J.Hunda

That the meeting be adjourned (6:13 pm). - **Carried**

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