

## **Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7 pm  
Via Google Meet

### **Attendance**

Angelina Kasunich, Parent, Lockerby Composite School; Meredith Coulas, ETFO rep; Melissa Gladu, Parent, Northeastern Elementary School; Nadia Berardelli, Principal, Jean Hanson Public School; Jolene Benoit, Parent, Churchill Public School; Trustee Judy Kosmerly; Trustee Doreen Dewar; Katrina Nadeau, Vice-Principal, Redwood Acres Public School; Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal, Lasalle Secondary School; Lesley Fisher, Superintendent of Schools; Nicole Charette, Senior Advisor, Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning

### **Regrets:**

Trustee Dena Morrison and Shannon Ketchabaw, Parent, A.B. Ellis Public School

Call to Order: 7 pm

### **1. Welcome**

Vice-Chair Melissa Gladu chaired the meeting.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

*"That the agenda for the meeting on May 9, 2023 be approved."*

There was no quorum to approve the motion.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

*"That the minutes for the meeting on April 11, 2023 be approved."*

There was no quorum to approve the motion.

**The meeting proceeded as information only.**

#### 4. Planning for PIC meetings in 2023-2024

Following brainstorming, a schedule of topics was proposed.

DATE	TOPIC
October 17, 2023	Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elections from 6 pm - 7pm</li><li>• Keynote from 7 pm - 9 pm (Dr. Jean Clinton)</li></ul>
December 12, 2023	Social Media/Cyber Safety (plus voting on new PRO Grants)
January 30, 2024	Parents Reaching Out Grants School Success Stories
February 27, 2024	Student Census
April 9, 2024	Parent Portal
May 7, 2024	Planning for 2024-2025

#### 5. Communications Report

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

##### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**

Kindergarten Orientation sessions for children starting school this fall and their parents/guardians continue throughout May. Families will have an opportunity to connect with Kindergarten teachers, early childhood educators and school personnel. They will meet other children starting school. Registrations for September 2023 will also be accepted at the orientation. For dates and times, visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca).

##### **BOARD SCIENCE FAIR**

Four young scientists from Rainbow Schools who captured top honours at the Sudbury Regional Science Fair will compete at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Edmonton, Alberta from May 14 to 19, 2023. We wish the students, who are from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, the best as they compete against the top young scientists in Canada.

## **BOARD AWARDS**

Rainbow District School Board will honour its dedicated employees and community partners at the annual Board Awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. These awards represent a rich tradition of honouring excellence in Rainbow Schools. The celebration will be held in the Sheridan Auditorium of Sudbury Secondary School at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

## **LAUNCH OF THE HONOURABLE HARVEST**

Students and staff had the pleasure of meeting Robin Wall Kimmerer during a system-wide virtual presentation on May 4th. She is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*. She combines her deep knowledge of science with her lived experience as an Anishinaabe Kwe, inviting us to “*sustain the ones who sustain you and the earth will last forever.*” The presentation served as the launch of Rainbow District School Board’s first school-community Traditional Harvest Celebration coming this fall. Robin Wall Kimmerer said Mother Earth provides us with everything we need. What does the Earth ask of us? Gratitude (living in thankfulness) and reciprocity (giving back).

## **MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OLYMPICS**

Grade 7 and 8 students in Rainbow Schools will take part in the Math, Science and Technology Olympics at Science North on Friday, May 26, 2023. In the morning students will enjoy challenging questions and activities related to Science North exhibits that also tie in to the curriculum. In the afternoon, students will take part in a technological design challenge. An awards ceremony will take place at 2:30 pm in the Vale Cavern.

## **ROCK BAND PERFORMANCE**

Confederation Secondary School’s new rock band, The Noise, will host a concert featuring music of the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 6 pm in the Confederation Secondary School gymnasium.

## **KINDERGARTEN CAMP**

Parents and guardians of children starting school this fall are invited to register their children for Kindergarten Camp. Rainbow elementary schools will offer the program from Monday, August 28th to Thursday, August 31st from 9 am to 12 pm. The deadline to register is June 26, 2023. Visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) to learn more.

## **GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR 2023-2024**

Rainbow District School Board will produce a Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians for the 2023-2024 school year. The Guide will be distributed electronically the first week of school. It will also be available on the Board website along with a handy card calendar.

Printed copies of the card calendar will be distributed when school starts for posting on your fridge.

For more information about what's happening in Rainbow Schools, please visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca).

## **6. School Announcements**

Melissa Gladu of Northeastern Elementary School said the school had a busy Education Week. The school hosted an Awareness Day in partnership with local agencies. Workshops were held for students to interact with organizations. The community had an opportunity to see what Northeastern offers to support student needs. The Vice-Principal of the school spoke to students about resiliency.

Angelina Kasunich of Lockerby Composite School highlighted items from the school newsletter, including an educational trip to Montreal, Lockerby's participation in the Joan Mantle Music Trust 15th anniversary celebration, Music Monday, outside artwork, fingerprint analysis, and the Student Senate Leadership Conference. Students also participated in a hot docs film festival.

Katrina Nadeau of Redwood Acres Public School said the school will host its Welcome to Kindergarten orientation session next week. The school is working in partnership with Wahnapiatae First Nations to host a day of celebration and learning in June. Families will be invited to attend along with students.

Trustee Judy Kosmerly talked about the environmental education presentations at the recent Strategic Planning Committee meeting. She said students can teach us about what we can do to take care of our planet.

## **7. Adjournment at 8:05 pm**

*"That the meeting be adjourned."*

There was no quorum to approve this motion.

### **Next meeting:**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6 pm**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sudbury Secondary School Library**  
**Followed by a guest speaker at 7 pm**  
**Sudbury Secondary School Auditorium**