

## **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, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: A. Gibson, Student Trustee Greene, Student Trustee Jacko-Cywink

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

Staff: N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, T. Hayes, D. Koziar, D. London,  
L. Mantle, M. McKelvey, S. Tastula, C. Whitson

Chair Debassige called the meeting to order.

Chair Debassige read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Bourget completed roll call.

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

Motion: J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

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

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

#### C. **PRESENTATIONS**

##### Math Action Plan

Superintendent Lesley Fisher and System Principal Dan Koziar presented a slide show on the Ministry Math initiative that was announced in April 2023.

The Math Achievement Action Plan is part of the province's Student Achievement Plan. All schools are required to complete a Math Action Plan with school-level and classroom-level strategies and outcomes to address the three priority areas. To align across the system, the school improvement planning process now incorporates the strategies from the Math Achievement Action Plan within the board priority of Numeracy.

Along with the designated Board Math Lead, there is a team supporting mathematics throughout the system; the System Principal, 4 Elementary Math Coaches, a Kindergarten to Grade 6 Math Consultant, a Grade 7/8 Math Consultant and a Secondary Math Coordinator. The coordinators and consultants provide direct support to schools, while the math coaches work directly with teachers and students.

As part of the rollout, the Ministry identified a number of priority schools which were selected based on EQAO results from 2021-2022 which represent schools in the lowest 20% of achievement for the province. Each priority school has a math coach or consultant/coordinator attached to it. Direct support is provided to each school as the math coach works in conjunction with school administrators and classroom teachers.

In addition to classroom support, the team provides ongoing professional learning for staff. This includes math components during professional activity days and after-school sessions that are offered regularly and recorded so they remain accessible to everyone. As well, resources were created by a summer writing team that includes links and references to resources to support student learning.

Trustees expressed their gratitude for the comprehensive presentation and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion: B.Clement/D.Farrow

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on October 10, 2023 be approved. – **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of mandates of various committees

Director Bourget reviewed the mandates of the committees in advance of the upcoming Organizational Board meeting.

The following motion was brought forward:

Motion: J.Kosmerly/L.Corbier-Addison

That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend to the board that the Membership of the Labour Relations Committee be amended to read “Five trustees including the Trustee Rep for OPSBA...”. – **Carried**

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Policy Review

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

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Debassige shared that with Remembrance Day coming, our schools and communities are preparing for the ceremonies that will take place and that the board acknowledges the sacrifices the veterans and families have made.

Trustee Clement shared that he attended the Espanola High School Remembrance Day Ceremony, which was very well done and encourages fellow trustees to join the ceremonies at their schools.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

January 9, 2024  
February 6, 2024  
March 5, 2024  
April 2, 2024  
April 30, 2024

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Hunda/D.Farrow  
That the meeting be adjourned (6:08 pm). – **Carried**

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