

## **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 6, 2024  
at the conclusion of the Organizational Meeting (5:23 p.m.)

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Present: Trustees: J. Hunda (Chair – designate), B. Clement, L. Corbiere-Addison (via Google Meet), L. Debassige, (via Google Meet), D. Dewar (via Google Meet), D. Farrow, A. Gibson, J. Kosmerly, A. McCauley, Student Trustee Greene (via Google Meet), Student Trustee Jacko-Cywink (via Google Meet)

Absent: NIL

Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board  
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business  
L. Fisher - Superintendent

Staff: N. Charette, T. Hayes, K. Nadeau, L. Mantle, M. Patterson, D. Peristeridis, S. Tastula, C. Whitson

Chair Hunda called the meeting to order.

Director Bourget completed roll call.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: D.Farrow/A.McCauley

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for February 6, 2024 be approved. – **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

School Updates – Strategic Plan

Director Bourget reviewed the board's Strategic Directions and the high yield strategies that influence our work each day, from the system level to administrators to school staff.

Director Bourget welcomed Mark Patterson, Principal, and Katrina Nadeau, Vice Principal, of Redwood Acres Public School who shared how they are aligning their school improvement plan with the Board's Strategic Directions.

Principal Patterson shared how Redwood Acres have implemented the Board's priorities throughout the school by creating inviting spaces that are accessible and inviting to all students. Examples such as actively participating in Eco Schools

initiatives, Dare to Care bullying prevention program in every classroom and a student written land acknowledgement in the main entrance. Redwood Acres continues to host a primary literacy lighthouse classroom that teachers can visit to learn best practices and how the daily use of resources such as Heggerty, UFLI and MathUP are used to support the instruction of language and math in classrooms each day.

Vice Principal Nadeau shared how educators are implementing the high yield strategies in their instructional practice which helps to guide students from the learning goals to success.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

Motion: D.Farrow/L.Debassige

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on November 7, 2023 be approved. – **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

Dena Morrison Scholarship Update

Superintendent of Business, Adam Guilbault, provided an update on the Dena Morrison scholarship in its inaugural year which was established by Dena's family, in her memory.

Over the past few months, we have had the pleasure of working with Dena's sister Janet and brother-in-law Wayne to define the criteria for the distribution of this scholarship. More than \$11,000 has been raised to date through the generous contribution of the Ablitt Family and individual donors.

The Ablitt's have confirmed their intention to contribute to the scholarship annually so that it may continue in perpetuity.

This scholarship will be awarded annually to a Barrydowne College graduate who has demonstrated perseverance and strength in overcoming adversity to achieve success. The funds will go towards tuition and educational resources to pursue post-secondary studies at a Canadian accredited college or university.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank Janet and Wayne Ablitt and their family for establishing this scholarship. We appreciate their ongoing support, and would also like to thank all donors for their generosity.

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Policy Review

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

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**     NIL

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 5, 2024  
April 2, 2024  
April 30, 2024

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: L.Debassige/L.Corbriere-Addison  
That the meeting be adjourned (6:01 p.m.). – **Carried**

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