

## **RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

### **Minutes of the STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in person and electronically via Google Meet from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 5:00 PM

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

Absent: Student Trustee Jacko-Cywink

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

Staff: M. Bertrand, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, S. Clarke, M. Cootes, T. Hayes, L. Mantle, D. Peristeridis, S. Tastula, C. Whitson

Chair Hunda called the meeting to order.

Director Bourget read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Bourget completed roll call.

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

Motion: A.McCauley/D.Dewar

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for April 2, 2024 be approved. – **Carried**

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

#### C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Mental Health & Well-Being – Sarah Clarke and Matthew Cootes

Director Bourget welcomed Sarah Clarke, Mental Health Lead and Matthew Cootes, Physical Education and Physical Literacy Co-Ordinator, who provided a presentation on mental health and well-being which are fundamental to student success.

Sarah shared an overview of the provincial context specific to child and youth mental health care and the history of how far we have come. She explained the tiered approach to mental health care and shared the four strategic priorities from the Board's three year Mental Health and Addictions Strategic Plan. Sarah also shared highlights from the 2023-34 school year such as the Headstrong Summit, professional development for educators as well as the grade 7 and 8 mental health modules.

Matt Cootes shared how the mind and body work together through physical literacy along with examples of class and school supports like the outdoor exploratory activities, Lancer Dome activities, Community partnership Cricket Program and wellness day events taking place at schools. He provided an overview of how physical literacy and wellness have a positive effect on academic achievement by exposing students to meaningful, inclusive and enriching physical education experiences.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and thanked the presenters for the insightful presentation.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

Motion: J.Kosmerly/A.McCauley

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on March 5, 2024 be approved. – **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

NIL

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Policy Review

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

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Kosmerly visited the hair and esthetics program at Confederation and shared what an incredible program it is and thanked the teachers and Principal Bertrim for the great experience; she will be attending a Construction workshop class at Confederation later this week. She reminded trustees of the upcoming webinars that the Ministry is hosting for the process for Director performance appraisals, which will be held via zoom on April 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Trustees must register in advance.

Trustee Corbiere-Addison congratulated CC McLean Public School for being the top school in the country with their fundraising efforts in the Jump Rope for Heart Campaign.

Trustee Clement attended the Free to Be Me conference at Lockerby and thanked the staff and volunteers for all of the work put in and for the excellent guest speakers.

Trustee McCauley shared he also attended the Free to Be Me conference and was amazed by all of the hard work done by those who host these events. He also attended the Spring Picnic at Northeastern Elementary and was in awe of the planning, cooking, serving all done by staff.

Trustee Farrow attended a picnic at Jean Hanson Public School in support of World Autism Day and expressed his gratitude to Principal Eberlein and staff for a fantastic day.

Trustee Dewar shared that on April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Lockerby Wind Ensemble and Concert bands will be performing in the auditorium as part of the Sudbury Music Festival and thanked the musicians competing and the dedication of staff who give their time. She also encouraged trustees to attend the upcoming PIC meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

April 30, 2024

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: D.Farrow/B.Clement

That the meeting be adjourned (6:11 pm).

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