

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: L. Debassige, Student Trustee Jacko-Cywink

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

Staff: M. Bertrand, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, D. London, L. Mantle,
M. McKelvey, C. Whitson

Chair Farrow called the meeting to order and read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Bourget completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 24-R66, J.Kosmerly/L.Corbiere-Addison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 4, 2024 be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Outgoing Student Trustees (Sawyer Greene and Sonya Jacko-Cywink) – Director Bourget

Trustees:

It gives me great pleasure this evening to pay tribute to our Student Trustees.
It seems like only yesterday they were sworn into their roles and, here we are, bidding them
goodbye as they complete their terms of office.

Sawyer Greene of Sudbury Secondary School and Sonya Jacko-Cywink of Manitoulin Secondary School represented the student voice around the board table this year.

Most recently, they led the Student Senate to coordinate the Stand Up Speak Out Conference which was a tremendous success. Students from all of our secondary schools came together to focus on building confidence and leadership skills.

A Grade 12 drama student in the French Immersion Program, Sawyer Greene is enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major in Arts and Culture at Sudbury Secondary School. Sawyer has appeared in a number of plays and musicals as well as stage-managed and co-hosted performances and concerts.

Sawyer's extra-curricular involvement in school extends beyond the arts. Sawyer was on the Reach for the Top team that was invited to participate at the provincial level for the first time in decades.

Being on Student Parliament gave Sawyer an opportunity to work on many projects, including the Cancer Gala and Dress Drive.

In the current school year, Sawyer joined Sudbury Secondary School's musical "The Little Mermaid". They also contributed to the Student Council.

Sawyer took a director's course and assisted the drama teacher with the Junior class. They directed "Dramatically Yours", Sudbury Secondary School's annual junior drama performance.

In addition to the arts, Sawyer is passionate about cooking and baking, which they say requires patience and practice, ingredients for resilience.

At the beginning of the school year, Sawyer said "Involvement in school is important because young minds are able to bring fresh ideas to the table." They added that student voice can bring a new perspective, inform decision-making, and affect change.

Thank you for sharing your voice at meetings Trustee Greene.
Next year, Sawyer will study at the George Brown Theatre School in Toronto.
We wish you the very best in your post-secondary studies.

Sonya Jacko-Cywink is from Wikwemikong.
She continued to be involved in various sports, including volleyball, basketball, badminton and softball, at Manitoulin Secondary School this year.
Sonya is a past member of the Student Council and The Three Fires Council, which she joined again this year. The Council helps to plan the school Pow Wow in which Sonya is the head dancer.

"Students know students best," she said. "Involvement in school and school life is important because it gives students a chance to have their voice heard."
Sonya believes that joining committees, teams and clubs enables students to gain skills that will benefit them in the future, such as time-management.
She said: "Being involved in extracurricular activities gives students a chance to meet new students and connect with their peers on a deeper level."

Sonya enjoys cooking. Cooking tells a story and connects people. She loves listening to music, travelling, and trying out foods from different cultures. She also enjoys learning about people's stories.

Thank you, Sonya, for your contribution as a Student Trustee and active member of the Student Senate.

We wish you continued success.

D. REPORT FROM THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE BOARD

No meeting held. No report.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 24-R67, A.McCauley/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

2. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

NIL

3. 2023-2024 School Year Update

Director Bourget provided an update on events that Rainbow students recently participated in such as the Skills Ontario competition, Canada-Wide Science Fair, Stand Up Speak Out Conference and the board's first ever Eco Summit which was held on May 8th at Laurentian University. Staff have been recognized recently at the Greater Sudbury Police Service Community and Police Awards Gala for Sudbury Secondary School's Value Vault and Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury (LDAS) awarded Lise Orsini this year's Outstanding Educator Award.

Rainbow District School Board participated in the Take Your MPP to School event. Trustee Kosmerly and Chair Farrow attended Confederation Secondary School with Nickel Belt MPP France Gélinas and visited Sudbury Secondary School with Sudbury MPP Jamie West.

Other highlights included the opening of the Sudbury Secondary School Archives, NOSSA updates, World Turtle Day at R.L. Beattie Public School as well as photos and stories from school visits by the Director and Superintendents.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

Superintendent of Business Guilbault provided a line-by-line clarification of the distributed 2024-2025 budget presentation.

This draft budget meets the Ministry of Education compliance standards as a balanced budget.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and were encouraged to submit any questions to Superintendent Guilbault prior to the June 17, 2024 Board meeting.

2. Governance By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee

Motion: 24-R68, J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar

That Trustee Clement, Trustee Corbiere-Addison, Trustee Debassige, Trustee Dewar, Trustee Farrow, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Hunda and Trustee Kosmerly establish the ad hoc committee responsible to review the Rainbow District School Board Governance By-Laws and present the recommendations to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour*

- Carried

3. Notice of Absence

Chair Farrow stated the Trustee Debassige and Student Trustee Jacko-Cywink were absent.

4. Director's Remarks

I would like to thank Superintendent Guillbault, Manager Cecchetto and the Finance department as well as Tiffany Hayes and the Human Resources department for their hard work to prepare the DRAFT budget presentation for Trustees this evening. As you know, the budget information was shared by the Ministry in May and there has been a tremendous amount of work done since then to prepare for today.

Administrative Appointments and Transfers:

Principal Brenda Carr appointed System Principal of French as a Second Language, Arts, and the New Teacher Induction Program effective August 21, 2024.

Principal Tracey Chapman transferred to Little Current Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Principal Elizabeth Mack transferred to Copper Cliff Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Principal Jennifer Harvey transferred to Churchill Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Principal Stephen Winckel transferred to R.L. Beattie Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Principal Kelly McCauley transferred to Walden Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Principal Dave St. Amour transferred to Vice-Principal of Lasalle Secondary School (Intermediate division) effective August 21, 2024.

Vice-Principal Carrie Wilson appointed Principal of Valley View Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Vice-Principal Elisa McNeil appointed Acting-Principal of Lansdowne Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Vice-Principal Julie Balen appointed Acting-Principal of Assiginack Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Vice-Principal Caitlin Angeloff transferred to Churchill Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Anastasia Messier appointed Acting Vice-Principal of Jean Hanson Public School effective September 3, 2024.

Kim Yagnych appointed Acting Vice-Principal of Princess Anne Public School effective September 3, 2024.

Sarah Blanchard appointed Acting Vice-Principal of MacLeod Public School effective September 3, 2024.

Jake Jouppi appointed Acting Vice-Principal of Lively District Secondary School effective September 3, 2024.

Arynn Frantz appointed permanent Vice-Principal of Westmount Ave. Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Kara Farrell-Menard appointed Acting Vice-Principal of Westmount Ave. Public School effective August 21, 2024 to January 31, 2025.

Vice-Principal Kyle Gutscher transferred to Sudbury Secondary School effective August 21, 2024.

Principal Kristen Pichette becomes permanent Principal of Lasalle Elementary School effective August 21, 2024.

Daniela Cotesta becomes Acting Vice-Principal of Lasalle Elementary School effective September 3, 2024.

Joy Ann Rybiak appointed Acting Vice-Principal of Queen Elizabeth Public School effective September 3, 2024.

Principal Robyn Best becomes permanent Principal of CC McLean Public School effective August 21, 2024.

Vice-Principal Christine Chretien becomes a permanent Vice-Principal of Adamsdale effective August 21, 2024.

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly shared she took part in the Take Your MPP to School event with MPP's France Gélina and Jamie West who were very impressed with the schools they visited. Trustee Kosmerly thanked staff and students at Confederation Secondary School and Sudbury Secondary School for their hospitality. The province is seeking feedback on 2 items that impact school boards which have been posted on the Ontario Regulatory Registry. Proposed legislation titled "Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector" which closes June 11th and a review of the 2020-2025 Ontario Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy which closes July 19th. The Ontario Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health are surveying parents and caregivers for their wants and needs for resources to support child and youth mental health. The survey is posted on OPSBA's website and closes on June 17th.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Greene shared that the Student Senate have made the selections for the 2024/25 senators, congratulations to all. They expressed their gratitude to this year's senate for making it a memorable year. Student Trustee Greene and incoming Student Trustees Nootchtai and Wilson-Zegil attended the OSTA AGM in May and had a great time

learning and networking with student trustees from across the province. At the meeting, Student Trustee Nootchtai was elected as the Indigenous Student Trustee Council Chair for OSTA. Thank you to the Board for sending senators to these conferences over the year.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Hunda congratulated both Student Trustees on a terrific year and wished them all the best in their life's journeys. She also expressed her excitement for graduations and thanked school staff and students for the upcoming events and ceremonies. June is the month to celebrate.

Trustee Kosmerly shared that Valley View Public School is hosting an evening of music on June 6th, donations to the Joan Mantle Music Trust are encouraged.

Trustee Clement shared he is looking forward to attending graduations and will be attending the Co-op luncheon at Espanola High School. He also congratulated Student Trustee Greene on a great year and wished him well.

Trustee Corbiere-Addison also congratulated the Student Trustees for their dedication over the year. She encouraged parents and guardians to attend the culminating events for their students to show their support and reminded trustees of the MacLeod Mustang Magic 2nd Annual All-Star Baseball Tournament at Terry Fox Field being held June 5th. She also reminded everyone of Indigenous Day on June 21st.

Trustee McCauley shared that Monetville Public School was hosting their Fun Fair on June 5th, starting at 5:30 pm.

Student Trustee Greene thanked trustees for their kinds words and shared his term as Student Trustee has been the most enjoyable and rewarding role during high school and thanked the board for their support during his time.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Chair Farrow thanked his fellow trustees for their hard work and positive energy over the year. He also expressed his gratitude to Student Trustee Greene and wished him the best for his future.

Last month, Rainbow elementary schools hosted **Kindergarten Orientation sessions** for students starting school this fall. If you have not yet registered your child for school, there is still time to do so. Contact your area Rainbow School to register today.

A reminder to parents and guardians... if you have a child starting school this fall, you are invited to register them for **Kindergarten Camp**. Rainbow elementary schools will offer the program from 9 am to noon from Monday, August 26th to Thursday, August 29th. The deadline to register is June 24th. Sufficient registration is required to ensure the viability of each program. Visit rainbowschools.ca to learn more.

As the Director mentioned in his update, I had the pleasure of visiting two Rainbow secondary schools alongside Trustee Judy Kosmerly for **Take Your MPP to School Day**. We attended Confederation Secondary School with Nickel Belt MPP France Gélinas, as well as Sudbury Secondary School with Sudbury MPP Jamie West. A sincere thanks to Principals Dave Bertrim and Heather Downey, as well as staff and students for the friendly welcome.

Starting this week, from June 3rd to 9th, Rainbow Schools will mark **Canadian Environment Week**, which celebrates Canada's environmental achievements, and places a spotlight on our natural and precious resources, possible issues, preservation and conservation.

The annual **Aboriginal Student Success Awards** will take place tomorrow, June 5th, at the Caruso Club to celebrate the achievements of Indigenous youth and their advancements in the secondary education system. The ceremony will bring together many students and families from Rainbow Schools. Award categories will include Academics, Arts, Athletics, Attendance, Cultural Recognition, Extra-Curricular Involvement, Leadership, Most Improved and Positive Spirit.

Grade 12 law students from Rainbow secondary schools will participate in the **20th annual Sudbury Regional Mock Trial Competition** at the Sudbury Courthouse on Tuesday, June 11th. An Awards ceremony will take place in the afternoon to honour the recipient of The Hennessy Cup, named after Madam Justice Patricia C. Hennessy. A number of individual and team-based awards will also be presented. Good luck to all participants.

A friendly reminder that the final **Professional Activity Day** of the 2023-2024 school year will take place next Monday, June 10th. There will be no school for students.

Students with exceptionalities from Rainbow Schools will gather for the annual **Challenge Meet** on Thursday, June 13th at the Laurentian University Track. Students will compete in track and field events - from races to high jump, and long jump to shot put. In the event of inclement weather, the meet will take place on Tuesday, June 25th. We extend best wishes to all participants.

It's a magical time of the year for students, whose achievements are celebrated at graduation ceremonies across the board. Graduations are taking place over the coming weeks and will continue through to the end of June. Trustees, I hope you enjoy this opportunity to celebrate student success and achievement.

And that concludes my remarks for this evening. Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Tender 2024-06 Larchwood Public School

Tender 2024-13 Central Manitoulin Public School

Tender 2024-14 Princess Anne Public School

3. Non-Staff Communications

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Education Advisory Committee June 5, 2024 12:00 pm

Equity & Inclusion Committee June 13, 2024 4:00 pm

Board Meeting June 17, 2024 3:30 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 24-R69, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That we do now adjourn at 6:49 p.m. – **Carried**