

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held in person and electronically via Google Meet
in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

Land Acknowledgement

The Rainbow District School Board would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional and ancestral territory of the Anishnaabek including Atikameksheng Anishnaabeg and Wahnapiatae Nations.

We would like to acknowledge that we are situated within the Robinson - Huron Treaty of 1850 and want to recognize the inherent rights of the Anishinaabek that maintained these lands from time immemorial.

Roll Call

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *Chair
- Motion:
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 22, 2024 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** *Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS** *Chair
- Student Achievement – EQAO & OSSLT
- Superintendents Fisher, McNamara and Wachnuk
- D. REPORT FROM THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE BOARD** *Director
- Motion:
That motion #24-W28 RE: Labour Relations, be approved.
- E. OLD BUSINESS** *Chair
- 1. Previous Minutes** *Chair
- Motion:
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 be approved.
- 2. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair

3. **Other Items** *Chair
- Motion:
To amend Motion: 24-R68, “*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*” to include Trustee McCauley.
- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair
1. **OSTA-AECO Fees** *Chair
- Motion:
That the 2024-2025 Ontario Student Trustees’ Association membership fees be approved.
2. **OSBIE Refund** *SBO
3. **Honoraria for Trustees 2024-2025** *SBO
4. **Trustee Expenditures 2023-2024** *SBO
5. **Notice of Absence** *Chair
6. **Director’s Remarks** *Director
7. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Director
Student Trustee
8. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
9. **Chairperson’s Remarks** *Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes May 1, 2024 (official)
Audit Committee minutes May 8, 2024 (official)
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**
3. **Non-Staff Communications**
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** *Chair
- Student Senate meeting November 4, 2024 5:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting November 5, 2024 5:00 pm
Special Education Advisory Committee November 6, 2024 12:00 pm
Environmental Education Committee Meeting November 13, 2024 3:30 pm
Equity & Inclusion Committee November 14, 2024 3:30 pm
Board Meeting November 19, 2024 5:00 pm

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at p.m.

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, September 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: L. Debassige, D. Dewar

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

Staff: S. Ackroyd, M. Bertrand, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, T. Hayes,
D. Koziar, L. Mantle, N. Mousseau, M. McKelvey, D. Peristeridis,
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-R96, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of September 24, 2024 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: Absent
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

Welcome Centre for Newcomers

Superintendent McNamara introduced presenters Melanie Bertrand, Principal of Student Success and Dan Koziar, Principal of Program who highlighted the initiative and efforts to support newcomers, including the newly opened Rainbow District School Board Welcome Centre.

They shared how demographics have impacted registrations system wide, by school, by grade and by first language spoken. With the influx of multilingual learners over the past number of years, a primary goal when registering students whose first language is not English is to complete assessments quickly to ensure we can provide appropriate supports. The data collected is used to determine a plan of support for each student and aid in the transition to their new school.

New this year, in response to the needs of our newcomers and in keeping with our values and priorities, is the Rainbow District School Board Welcome Centre, located within Sudbury Secondary School. The centre provides families assistance with the registration process, the transition to school and facilitates the connection to YMCA Settlement Services and additional resources, where needed.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and expressed sincere gratitude for the informative presentation.

D. REPORT FROM THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE BOARD

No meeting held. No report.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

a) Motion: 24-R97, A.McCauley/L.Corbiere-Addison

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Monday, August 26, 2024 be approved.

Poll vote

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

- Carried

b) Motion: 24-R98, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 be approved.

Poll vote

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

- Carried

- c) Motion: 24-R99, A.McCauley/B.Clement
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Monday, September 10, 2024 be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
Doreen Dewar: Absent
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

Audit Committee (AC)

Motion: 24-R100, J.Hunda/L.Corbiere-Addison
That the 2023/2024 External Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Poll vote

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

- Carried

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024-2025 School Year Update

Director Bourget began his presentation by thanking Principals, Vice-Principals, Teachers and support staff for creating warm and welcoming environments for our students to start the new school year.

He shared that new registrations are always welcome in Rainbow Schools including the Adult Day School, N'Swakamok Alternative School and at Barrydowne College.

The start of a new school year, means the start of new Environmental challenges which kicked off with Bike, Walk and Roll to School which combines sustainability with physical education. He also shared that Rainbow District School Board was one of only five school boards in Canada to have all of its schools Eco Schools certified in the 2023-2024 school year.

Other highlights included Stand Up Against Bullying Day, Lockerby Composite School's first Integration Day and Wellness Wednesdays at Barrydowne College. Lasalle Secondary School hosted its 7th annual SISU Family walk which has raised more than \$150,00 over the

years and the upcoming Terry Fox Runs throughout September and October which Rainbow Schools have raised over \$1,000,000 to date. Project Search HSN had a recent ceremony to present Certificates of Internship to the third group of students in their final year of high school to help develop essential skills for employment.

Director Bourget shared that flags will fly at half-mast on Monday, September 30, 2024 to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and a Sunrise Ceremony will be held at Manitoulin Secondary School that morning. The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Involvement Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2024 at Sudbury Secondary School.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

2. **OPSBA Fees**

Motion: 24-R101, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the 2024-2025 membership fees in the Ontario Public Schools Boards' Association be approved.

Poll vote

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

- Carried

3. **Levying Education Taxes Bylaw**

Motion: 24-R102, A.McCauley/J.Hunda

That the Levying Education Taxes for 2024 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.

Poll vote

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

- Carried

4. **Various Capital Projects Update**

Adam Guilbault, Superintendent of Business, provided an update on the capital projects which a large number of were completed towards the end of the school year and throughout the summer. He thanked the facilities staff for their tremendous efforts in coordinating the projects and ensuring all critical work was completed before students returned in September.

Trustees were thankful for the updates and expressed their gratitude to all Facilities staff for the hard work put in over the summer.

5. **OPSBA Northern Regional Meeting**

Motion: 24-R103, L.Corbiere-Addison/A.Gibson

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the 2024 OPSBA Northern Regional Meeting in Thunder Bay on October 26-27, 2024.
(Trustee Farrow, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Kosmerly)

Poll vote

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

- Carried

6. **Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Fall General Meeting**

Motion: 24-R104, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Nootchtai and Student Trustee Wilson-Zegil at the OSTA Fall General Meeting on November 7 to 10, 2024 in Toronto.

Poll vote

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

- Carried

7. **Notice of Absence**

Chair Farrow shared that Trustee Debassige and Trustee Dewar sent their regrets.

8. **Director's Remarks**

I would like to begin by sharing my gratitude to our outstanding administrators, teachers and educational support staff for their great work to get our school year off to a great start. I would like to share our appreciation for our students on a successful return to school and thank our parents and guardians for their ongoing support. I would also like to thank Superintendent Guilbault and our Facilities department for the incredible work over the summer as you saw in the various capital project updates this evening.

Enrolment Update...

Secondary:

Predicted: 5020

Current: 4937- we are still registering; we have reached last year's total already.
Total last year: 4937

Elementary:

Predicted: 9363

Current: 9448 - up by 85 over predicted for this year.

Total last year: 9322 up 126 from actual last year.

Additional staffing in place in elementary schools starting today.

Visiting schools to connect with staff and students continues to be a priority for the Executive Council and as such, we are in schools each Wednesday and Thursday. It is wonderful to see all of the great things happening in Rainbow Schools.

Fall Athletics are underway. School clubs and activities are happening and our students are benefiting from the activities and experiences. I took the opportunity to watch some football games last week. I think the parents and guardians enjoyed the games as much as the athletes.

I would like to thank Hazel Fox-Recollet and Nicole Nicholas for their leadership in making the Sunrise Ceremony on Monday at Manitoulin Secondary School possible.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to our board of Trustees and all staff for their dedication and commitment to student learning and well-being. It is a privilege to serve the board of Trustees and our staff. Your leadership and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

9. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly shared that she will be attending the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting this weekend in Toronto and that OPSBA continues their discussions with Ministry staff regarding the concerns around electronic meetings and are working with their legal counsel to develop documents to help Boards with the changes. OPSBA's Indigenous Trustees Council shared a number of their priorities at a meeting with Minister Dunlop where she expressed her commitment to working with ITC to support Indigenous learners. There is a Ministry online survey on Life Skills Training for students, which is intended to provide feedback to the government on the modernization of the home economics program, which closes on October 1st.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Nootchtai shared that Student Senate has created a sub-committee to work on a script for all schools to share for National Truth and Reconciliation Day as well as a video that will be posted to the Student Senate social media page. Student Trustee Wilson-Zegil shared highlights from the first meeting of student senate and that planning for the annual Stand Up Speak Out conference will begin at the next Student Senate meeting in October.

10. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Clement thanked the Student Trustees for a fantastic first senate meeting and shared that the senators were all very engaged.

Trustee McCauley attended the Lasalle Secondary School Carnival this past week where everyone was having a great time and congratulated the administration and staff for a wonderful event. He also attended the SISU walk and was amazed at the number of students, staff and volunteers that participated, with keynote speaker, Olympian Robert Esmie as a great opener.

11. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Chair Farrow shared he received a phone call from the newly elected OPSBA President, Kathleen Woodcock, thanking the Board for the congratulatory letter.

We are three weeks into the new school year and already great things are happening in Rainbow Schools.

I want to join with our Director of Education in thanking our Principals, Vice-Principals, teachers and support staff for creating safe and welcoming schools that nurture belonging, foster well-being and build connections, providing optimum environments for teaching and learning.

In this evening's update, Director Bourget touched on all of this Board's priorities through tangible examples.

The third cohort of **Project SEARCH HSN** interns and the launch of **Project SEARCH Pioneer Manor** on October 1st, all made possible through the power of partnerships. The program is growing to offer more opportunities for more students.

Terry Fox Runs keeping the Marathon of Hope alive for cancer research. I extend a special thanks to school staff who work diligently to organize these events each and every year to support a cause that has touched most of our lives.

An opportunity for the community to support Lasalle Elementary School's love of reading through the **Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's** Adopt-a-School initiative. Until October 6th, every dollar donated to Indigo on the Kingsway and online will go towards the purchase of books to further promote reading at school and at home.

Sudbury Secondary School's **Multicultural Fair** on Wednesday, September 25th to celebrate diversity. And the opening of our new Welcome Centre for Newcomers.

The Sunrise Ceremony at Manitoulin Secondary School to mark the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** on Monday, September 30th. This is a time to acknowledge the Survivors of residential schools who had the courage to share their stories. It is also a time to remember the children who never made it home. Staff and students will come together and wear orange as a symbol of truth as we continue to walk together on our path towards reconciliation.

Plans for the **Parent Involvement Committee's Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday, October 15th where participants will engage in carousels to gain hands-on strategies on what they can do at home to support their child's learning.

This is some of many examples that I could have highlighted this evening. And I think we all enjoyed hearing the student voices in the update. Students are the focus of everything that we do.

I am proud of the wonderful work being done in our schools in all of our priorities - student success and achievement, truth and reconciliation, literacy and numeracy, Mental health and well-being, environmental education and sustainability, and equity and inclusive education.

I will end with a reminder to parents/guardians that there are no classes for students this Friday, September 27th as our staff will be working on School Improvement Plans. And schools will be closed on **Thanksgiving** on Monday, October 14th.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

3. **Non-Staff Communications**

August 28, 2024 Letter to Minister Dunlop re: Trustee Code of Conduct

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Education Advisory Committee October 2, 2024 12:00 pm

Student Senate Meeting October 7, 2024 5:30 pm

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting October 8, 2024 5:00 pm

Parent Involvement Committee AGM October 15, 2024 6:00 pm

Environmental Education Committee Meeting October 16, 2024 3:30 pm

Equity & Inclusion Committee October 17, 2024 3:30 pm

Board Meeting October 22, 2024 5:00 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 24-R105, J.Kosmerly

That we do now adjourn at 7:14 p.m.



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Invoice Number: 1394

Invoice Date: October 6, 2024

Payment Due: November 5, 2024

Amount Due (CAD): \$2,504.08

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Product	Quantity	Price	Amount
OSTA-AECO 2024-2025 Base Membership Fee Base membership fee of \$975	1	\$975.00	\$975.00
OSTA-AECO 2024-2025 Variable Membership Fee \$0.09 x (13,790 - Projected Enrolment)	1	\$1,241.00	\$1,241.00

Subtotal: \$2,216.00
HST 13% (82011 0906 RT0001): \$288.08

Total: \$2,504.08

Amount Due (CAD): \$2,504.08

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**OSBIE**ONTARIO SCHOOL BOARDS'
INSURANCE EXCHANGE

2024 PREMIUM REFUND

Statement Date: October 1, 2024**Policy Number:** SG 203**Named Insured:** Rainbow District School Board

Liability Surplus Premium Refund	\$54,537.00
Automobile Surplus Premium Refund	\$3,312.00
Total Premium Refund	\$57,849.00
PST refund applicable (8%) *	\$4,362.96
Total Refund	\$62,211.96

* PST refund tax is applicable to Liability only

For the convenience of Subscribers, OSBIE will be sending an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) on or about October 28, 2024.

Contact: Tammy Hicks, Director, Insurance Services, OSBIE tammyh@osbie.ca
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Rainbow District School Board
Honoraria for Board Members
Calculation for November 15, 2024

	November 15, 2023	November 15, 2024	Difference	%
Elementary Average Daily Enrolment (ADE)	9,311.50	9,353.00	41.50	
Secondary ADE	4,663.01	4,870.14	207.13	
Total ADE	13,974.51	14,223.14	248.63	
Trustee Honorarium:				
Base Amount	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00	-	0.00%
Enrolment Amount: ADE multiplied by \$1.75 divided by 9 trustees	2,717.27	2,765.61	48.34	
Trustee Honorarium (base + enrolment amount)	8,617.27	8,665.61	48.34	0.56%
Additional Honorarium: Chair				
Base Amount	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	
Enrolment Amount: ADE multiplied by 0.05	698.73	711.16	12.43	
Total Honorarium: Chair	14,315.99	14,376.77	60.78	0.42%
Additional Honorarium: Vice-chair				
Base Amount	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	
Enrolment Amount: ADE multiplied by 0.025	349.36	355.58	6.22	
Total Honorarium: Vice-Chair	11,466.63	11,521.19	54.56	0.48%

Reg 357/06, Honoraria for Board Members, sets the parametres for the calculation of the honoraria
Board of Trustees Procedures, Trustee Honoraria

Board Chair is David Farrow
Vice Chair is Linda Debassige

**Rainbow District School Board
Trustee Expenses
Fiscal Year 2023/2024**

	Trustee Location	Honoraria and Statutory Benefits(1) (2)	Conferences	Mileage	Other Professional Development	Telecommunications	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trustee D. Farrow, Chair *	Sudbury	13,907	918				14,825
Trustee L. Debassige, Vice Chair	First Nations	12,191		847		1,680	14,718
Trustee B. Clement **	Espanola	10,094	3,827	3,422		849	18,191
Trustee L. Corbiere-Addison	Manitoulin	9,114	1,770	766		408	12,058
Trustee D. Dewar	Sudbury	8,802				834	9,637
Trustee A. Gibson	Sudbury	9,107		175			9,282
Trustee J. Hunda	Sudbury	9,025	2,206			1,165	12,396
Trustee J. Kosmerly	Sudbury	8,802	5,866	725		919	16,312
Trustee A. McCauley***	Sudbury	7,095	1,794	168			9,057
Student Trustees		5,117	17,087	259		(3)	22,462
Total		93,255	33,468	6,360	-	5,855	138,938

(1) Trustee honoraria is calculated in accordance with the Board of Trustees Procedures: Trustee Honoraria

(2) Statutory benefits include Canada Pension Plan (CPP), where applicable, and Employer Health Tax (EHT)

(3) Administrative Procedure: Student Trustee

* Commencement of term November 21, 2023

** Chair for the term December 1, 2021 - November 20, 2023

*** Commencement of term November 17, 2023

**MINUTES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM

Virtual meeting via Google Meet Video Conferencing

Present:

SEAC Members:

Chantal Cardinal

Lauri Christison

Lisa Corbiere-Addison

Natasha Delaney

Sara Kitlar-Pothier

Judy Kosmerly

Wendy Larouche

Stephanie Roussy

March of Dimes Canada

Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

Trustee

Member at Large

Ontario Autism Coalition

Trustee

Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury

Children's Community Network

Staff:

Carole Burke

Kathy Wachnuk

Danielle Williamson

Special Education Coordinator

Superintendent of Special Education Programs and Services

Principal of Special Education Programs and Services

Other:

Nancy Cecchetto

Adam Guilbault

Manager of Finance

Superintendent of Business

Regrets:

Julie Contini

Alex McCauley

Robert Silvestri

Down Syndrome Association of Sudbury

Trustee

Northern Ontario Assessment and Resource Centre

Absent:

Jennifer Way

Christina Williams

March of Dimes Canada

N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

W.Larouche welcomed all members and guests to the virtual meeting.

2.0 Establish Quorum of Voting Members

Quorum was established.

3.0 SEAC Mission Statement

C. Burke read the mission statement aloud.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by: S. Kitlar-Pothier

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the agenda for the SEAC meeting of May 1, 2024 be approved.

Motion carried.

5.0 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

6.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion 2:

Moved by: N. Delaney

Seconded by: S. Kitlar-Pothier

That the minutes of the SEAC meeting of April 3, 2024 be approved.

Motion carried.

7.0 Business Arising

No business arising.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Manager of Finance, Nancy Cecchetto presented the 2024-2025 Special Education Budget.

J. Kosmerly asked if the changes in the Special Education funding formula will create issues in regards to the 2024-2025 Special Education Budget.

N. Cecchetto shared that the Ministry has given the Board notice. She explained that it will take another year to review what the impact will be.

L. Corbiere-Addison expressed an interest in seeing the budget for the last three years in order to better understand the consequences of the budget restructuring. She is concerned that we will have to draw from the Board's reserves.

N. Cecchetto responded that she could provide further comparative analysis from past years.

Motion 3:

Moved by: J. Kosmerly

Seconded by: L. Corbiere-Addison

That the SEAC recommend the proposed 2024-2025 Special Education Budget be approved by the Board.

Motion carried.

8.2 Superintendent Wachnuk presented the Special Education staffing allocation for 2024-2025.

J. Kosmerly wondered if filling staffing positions is problematic since this seems to be a challenge across the province.

Superintendent Wachnuk shared that it is challenging as there are more jobs than people. She expressed that the Board will continue to face the same challenge this year. Superintendent Wachnuk also expressed that the Council of Ontario Directors of Education has been working on addressing this challenge with the Ministry of Education. This is a province-wide issue. Furthermore, she added that the Rainbow Board puts a lot of time and effort into recruiting new personnel including paraprofessionals.

Motion 4:

Moved by: J. Kosmerly

Seconded by: N. Delaney

That the SEAC recommend the Special Education 2024-2025 Plan be approved by the Board.

Motion carried.

9.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence

Motion 5:

Moved by: J. Kosmerly

Seconded by: S. Roussy

That J. Contini, A. McCauley, and R. Silvestri be granted a leave of absence from the May 1, 2024 SEAC meeting.

Motion carried.

10.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wachnuk shared that Westmount Avenue Public School is the new location for some of our students who require an Intensive Support Program. This location will allow for additional spaces needed at Churchill Public School and Princess Anne Public School. A total of four ISP classrooms from these two schools will be moving to Westmount Avenue in the Fall. Furthermore, due to the new registrations that came through our preschool transition meetings, the Westmount location will also house three additional Intensive Support Programs that do not currently exist.

The programs which were running from the previous RMC location are also located in Westmount Avenue PS. Superintendent Wachnuk shared that it is still unknown if these programs will remain at this location in the Fall. The Board is currently looking at spaces to lease elsewhere but have not had success yet. Superintendent of Business, A. Guilbault along with many others, are already working to prepare the site to ensure that it is ready for the students coming in.

Superintendent Wachnuk explained that the classes that are moving from Churchill PS and Princess Anne PS are not necessarily the same cohorts of students currently found in these schools. She also shared that there were very specific criteria for selecting the students who would be moving to the Westmount Avenue location.

S. Kitlar-Pothier asked when the families would be informed.

Superintendent Wachnuk explained that Principal Williamson is currently working with the Principals of Churchill PS and Princess Anne PS. It will be the school Principals who will be having these conversations with the parents/guardians as they are the ones who know the families best.

S. Kitlar-Pothier asked if there is a process in place in the event that parents/guardians do not wish to make the move to Westmount Avenue PS.

Superintendent Wachnuk explained that if concerns arise, they will be approached on an individual basis.

S. Kitlar-Pothier shared that there is a possibility that we may not know what the students' potentials may be, especially for the younger students. She inquired if it would be easy for students to go back to their home schools.

Superintendent Wachnuk reiterated that the students who were selected have very high needs. These students would not be students who would be considered for integration in a regular class. Superintendent Wachnuk explained that on some occasions, students who attend Jean Hanson PS and have been ready to integrate, have gone through the Admission Review and Demission process (ARD). The ARD Committee regularly reviews the students' profiles in order to determine the most appropriate placement that will optimize the students' strengths and needs. This process will also apply for students who attend Westmount Avenue PS.

11.0 Special Education Staff Report

Principal Williamson shared highlights from Destination Readiness that was held on Tuesday, April 30th at the Steelworkers Hall. There were 32 agencies and organizations present. Principal Williamson shared that 147 families attended the evening session. She also shared that we received positive feedback from agencies and families who attended the information session.

Principal Williamson reminded the SEAC members of MacLeod's Mustang All-Star Softball Tournament on June 5th, at the Terry Fox Complex. A survey link was sent out to all SEAC members who wish to volunteer at the event. Principal Williamson is happy to resend the link upon request.

12.0 Board Report

L. Corbiere-Addison shared that information regarding literacy results was presented to all members who attended the April 16th Board meeting.

J. Kosmerly shared some information regarding the *Everyone Counts Census*

that was presented at the Strategic Planning meeting held on April 30th. She explained that this voluntary census aims at collecting data to enable schools and system leaders to address barriers to student success.

J. Kosmerly also shared that there was a presentation regarding the Trades Trailer. This new initiative focuses on introducing the trades to students who are in Grades 7 and 8. In addition, Trustee Kosmerly reminded SEAC that from May 6th to May 10th is Education week. She also reminded everyone of the RDSB Awards Ceremony which will be held on May 14, 2024.

13.0 Chairperson's Remarks

W. Larouche thanked everyone for the information that was shared.

14.0 Association Reports

Autism Ontario - N. Delaney

N. Delaney shared the following contact information:

Regional Program and Volunteer Coordinator

Caitlin Griffin

caitlin.griffin@autismontario.com

1-800-472-7789 ext. 224

Fund and Volunteer Coordinator

Erika Luoma

erika.luoma@autismontario.com

1-800-472-7789 ext. 223

Pour les services en français, veuillez envoyer un courriel à

français@autismontario.com

Children's Community Network - S. Roussy

S. Roussy shared that CCN has organized FASD Lunch and Learn Information Sessions every Tuesday during the month of May. The drop in sessions are approximately 30 minutes in duration. The invitation with the virtual link can be found on CCN's website or you can send S. Roussy an email and she will provide you with the link.

Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury - W. Larouche

W. Larouche shared that on June 22nd, 2024, the LDAS of Sudbury will be hosting a Bed Racing fundraising event. Participants will race down 80 metres with their premade beds on Lot 15 at Cambrian College. The cost to register your team is \$150. If teams raise \$1000, their registration fee will be reimbursed. W. Larouche encourages every organization to take part.

March of Dimes Canada - Chantal Cardinal

C. Cardinal shared that Project Search is in the midst of completing Skills Day. Project Search is still accepting applications until June. They are hoping for a third Skills Day.

C. Cardinal also shared that March of Dimes has been working with the program *Skilling Up*. This program is designed to build digital skills for individuals. Anyone can register and access the free online training. Anyone who completes the training receives a leveled certificate which employers recognize.

Superintendent Wachnuk commented that this program appears to be interesting. She asked if the program is interactive. C. Cardinal explained that the program uses the LinkedIn platform. It is a series of learning videos. C. Cardinal offered to organize a presentation. Superintendent Wachnuk expressed that she would be interested in learning more about the program as this may be beneficial for the students in Project Search, students in Grade 12 as well as the students who attend Barrydowne College.

Ontario Autism Coalition - S. Kitlar-Pothier

S. Kitlar-Pothier shared the letter from the Ontario Autism Coalition addressed to Premier Doug Ford in regards to Bill 74. She has asked that the SEAC write a letter of support as well.

Superintendent Wachnuk expressed that she will need to share S. Kitlar-Pothier's request with Director Bourget before providing a response.

15.0 Correspondence Addressed to SEAC

No correspondence at this time.

16.0 Other Items/ Future Agenda Items/ Information Requests

None noted

17.0 Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC meeting will be held in the Fall.

W. Larouche encouraged everyone to take a moment to fill out the survey if interested in volunteering for the MacLeod's Mustang All-Star Softball Tournament which will be held on June 5th at the Terry Fox Complex.

18.0 Adjournment

W. Larouche adjourned the meeting at 1:23 PM.

OFFICIAL

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
from the Centre for Education Room #139
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Trustees: J. Hunda (Chair), L. Corbiere-Addison, J. Kosmerly

External Audit Committee Members: F. Cinotti, B. Rossetto

Absent: NIL

Officials: B. Bourget, Director
A. Guilbault, Superintendent of Business
N. Cecchetto, Manager of Finance

Others: M. Dodge Regional Internal Auditor (RIAM)
Y. de la Morandiere, Assistant Manager of Finance
C. Whitson, recording secretary

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: J.Kosmerly/B. Rossetto

That the agenda for the Audit Committee meeting of May 8, 2024 be approved.

- **Carried**

2. **Preliminary Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** NIL

3. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: F.Cinotti/L. Corbiere-Addison

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of December 4, 2023 be approved.

- **Carried**

Introductions were made by those present in the room and via Google Meet.

4. **Appointment of Non-Members**

Motion: J. Kosmerly/F.Cinotti

That William Rossetto be appointed to the Rainbow District School Board's Audit Committee for a period of 3 years, effective February 6th, 2024, be approved. - **Carried**

5. **Regional Internal Audit Mandate (RIAM)**

Melissa provided a high level overview of the Regional Internal Audit Mandate that was included in the package to the committee.

6. **Updates on Internal Audits 2023-2024**

Melissa provided a status update on the 2023-2024 portion of the Multi-Year Internal Audit plan that was provided to the committee.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

7. **Update on Multi-Year Audit Plan**

Melissa provided a status update on the 2024-2025 portion of the Multi-Year Internal Audit plan that was provided to the committee.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion: J.Kosmerly/F.Cinotti

To defer the following motion until September 2024. – **Carried**

Motion

That the 2024-2025 Internal Audit Plan and Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be Recommended to the Board for approval.

8. **Future Meetings**

Call of the Chair.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion:

That we now adjourn (3:26) p.m. – **Carried**