

## **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, October 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: L. Corbiere-Addison (Chair), B. Clement (via Google Meet), D. Farrow (via Google Meet), A. Gibson (via Google Meet), J. Hunda, 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, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents

Staff: N. Charette, A. Frantz, T. Hayes, L. Mantle, M. McKelvey, D. Peristeridis, C. Whitson, D. Williamson

Chair Corbiere-Addison called the meeting to order.

Chair Corbiere-Addison read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Director Bourget completed roll call.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Hunda/A.McCauley

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for October 8, 2024 be approved. – **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Westmount Avenue Public School

Superintendent Kathy Wachnuk, Danielle Williamson, Principal of Special Education Programs and Services, and Arynn Frantz, Vice-Principal of Westmount Avenue Public School provided an overview of the students we are accommodating at the newly reopened Westmount school.

Westmount Avenue Public School is home to 64 students, of which 10 students are registered in our Applied Behaviour Analysis and Northern Support Initiative programs that are also hosted at Westmount. The remaining 54 students are in seven Intensive Support Programs from Kindergarten to grade 6. Programming is structured to promote individual growth and development. Students participate in daily whole group activities to promote social interaction and help develop communication skills while maintaining student engagement, in smaller class sizes.

Each student has a unique set of goals that reflects their needs which are determined through assessments, discussions with families and data. A variety of resources and programs are used in the classrooms such as Core Boards and PECs (Picture Exchange Communication System).

They shared overwhelmingly positive feedback received from Bus drivers, staff and parents.

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

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

Motion: A.McCauley/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on September 10, 2024 be approved. – **Carried**

E. **NEW BUSINESS**      NIL

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Attendance

Governance By-Laws Review

Policy Review

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

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Kosmerly inquired what the difference was between Strategic Planning and Board meetings. Wondered if others were confused as well and proposed this as a future discussion at Strategic Planning.

Trustee Clement attended the Level Up Trades Show at the arena last week and shared that it was a terrific event with approximately 1800 students attending and taking part.

Trustee Farrow attended the Project Search signing ceremony on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Pioneer Manor. He said it was a heartwarming event and thanked Superintendent Wachnuk, Principal Williamson and staff on all of their hard work with this program.

Trustee Hunda thanked staff for a fantastic start to the year. She has enjoyed attending sporting and school events and is amazed at the amount of time and work staff put into coaching and hosting these events. She appreciates hearing about the events her fellow trustees are also attending.

Trustee Corbiere Addison expressed her gratitude to the intensive support programs that have been put in place at Westmount for our students who need them. She also encouraged trustees, parents, grandparents to take part in local school events and thanked staff for hosting as it takes a lot of work.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

November 5, 2024  
February 4, 2025  
April 8, 2025  
May 6, 2025

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: J.Hunda/D.Farrow  
That the meeting be adjourned (5:56 pm). – **Carried**

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