

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 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: J. Hunda (Chair – designate), B. Clement, L. Corbiere-Addison,
L. Debassige (via Google Meet), D. Farrow, A. Gibson (via Google Meet),
J. Kosmerly, Student Trustee Nootchtai, Student Trustee Wilson -
Zegil (via Google Meet)
Absent: D. Dewar, A. McCauley
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business
D. Koziar, L. Mantle, M. McNamara, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
Staff: S. Ackroyd, M. Bertrand, B. Carr, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette,
T. Hayes, D. Kitching, D. London, M. McKelvey, N. Mousseau,
C. Whitson

Vice-Chair Hunda called the meeting to order.

Director Bourget completed roll call.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: D.Farrow/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for February 4, 2025
be approved. – **Carried**

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

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Literacy – Writing Strategies and French as a Second Language

Superintendent McNamara introduced presenters Dan Koziar, Superintendent of
Elementary Program, Melanie Bertrand, Principal of Student Success and Brenda
Carr, Principal of French as a Second Language.

Superintendent Koziar and Principal Bertrand shared an overview of writing as an
area of focus for our schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12. They presented
system-wide efforts being made to support writing instruction, resources being
shared as well as an overview of the professional learning opportunities for teachers
for improving classroom practice. As part of the commitment to writing in all of our
classrooms, teachers can visit an Intermediate Demonstration Classroom to witness
best practices in reading and writing in action. Participants see student success with
topic development, structure, revisions and language conventions while students
use classroom resources like success criteria and anchor charts.

Principal Carr shared an overview of the latest updates and innovations in our French as a Second Language (FSL) program for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. The FSL Steering Committee plays an important role in shaping the future of French as a Second Language with the board, with one of their key initiatives being the development and review of the Guide to French as a Second Language for both parents/guardians and schools. The writing team is currently developing a Junior Scope and Sequence tailored specifically for French Immersion students and plans are also underway for grades 7 to 12. New this year is the FSL Resources website which incorporates the resources in the Google Classroom combined with professional tools to support curriculum planning, working with diverse learners and effective assessment practices.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

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Motion: L.Corbiere-Addison/J.Kosmerly

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

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

Governance Policy & By-Law Review Committee – Process Update

Chair Farrow reviewed the Governance By-Laws Committee Information sheet for the new *Governance Policy and By-Law Review Committee* and shared that at the February 18th Board meeting, a motion will be on the agenda to elect the 6 members to the committee, for the remainder of the year. This committee will be added to the list for the Organizational meeting in November.

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Attendance

Governance By-Laws Review

Policy Review

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

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Corbiere-Addison shared that as our days are getting longer it would be great to see our classes getting out and enjoying the sunshine.

Trustee Clement shared that the Espanola Junior and Senior Boys Basketball teams won the Lachance Classic Tournament in Sturgeon Falls. The Juniors have won 3 straight tournaments to improve their season record to 18-0 while the Seniors brought home their first banner of the year and improved their season record to 15-6.

Student Trustee Nootchtai shared if trustees had an interest in AI, she would be welcome to have a discussion. She also shared that it is important for teachers to

encourage students on the proper use of AI as an appropriate tool within the classroom.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

April 8, 2025

May 6, 2025

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: L.Corbiere-Addison/D.Farrow

That the meeting be adjourned (6:53 pm). – **Carried**

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