

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Our Mission: “Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference”
Our Vision: “We are leaders in providing quality learning experiences in our small school communities”
Our Values: “Caring, Fairness, Empathy, Responsibility, Honesty, Resilience, Respect, Perseverance and Innovation”
Our Motto: “Small schools make a difference”

Special Board Meeting 01-2017

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Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Designated Site: Red Rock Public School, Classroom #5, 46 Salls Street, Red Rock, ON

Board Chair: P. McRae

Director: David Tamblyn

Recorder: GerriLynn Christianson

PART I: Special Board Meeting

Section (A): – (open to public): 6:30 p.m.

1.0 Roll Call

<u>Trustees</u>	<i>Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Audia-Gagnon, Mia (Student)					X	McIntyre, Margaret	X				
Figliomeni, Kim	X					McRae, Pauline (Pinky)	X				
Groulx, Michael	X					Pelletier, Allison		X			
MacGregor, Aaron					X	Sabourin, Stanley		X			
Mannisto, Mark		X				Sarrasin, Marlaire (Marlo)	X				

<u>Board Administrators</u>	<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Tamblyn, David: <i>Director of Education</i>	X				
Tsubouchi, Cathy: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>	X				
Morden-Cormier, Nicole: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	X				
Bishop, Charles: <i>Assistant to the Director</i>	X				
Eddy, Suzanne: <i>Student Success Lead</i>					X
Williams, Diane: <i>Manager of Accounting Services</i>					X
Chiupka, Wayne: <i>Manager of Plant Services/Transportation</i>					X
Demers, Linda: <i>Coordinator of Business Services</i>					X
Paris, Marc: <i>Coordinator of Plant Services</i>					X
Lucas, Jay: <i>Coordinator of Information Technology Services</i>					X
Freeburn, Hillary: <i>Vice-Principal Red Rock Public School</i>	X				
Goodman, Will: <i>Principal Dorion Public School</i>	X				
Wrigley, Kellie: <i>Principal, George O'Neil Public School</i>	X				
Drazanovich, George: <i>Mental Health Lead</i>	X				
Christianson, GerriLynn: <i>Administrative Assistant to Director</i>	X				

PART I: Special Board Meeting

Section (A) - (open to public) 6:31 p.m.

2.0 Special Board Meeting Call to Order

35/17

Moved by: *Trustee K. Figliomeni*

Second: *Trustee M. Sarrasin*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 be called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Carried

3.0 Approval of Agenda

36/17

Moved by: *Trustee M. Groulx*

Second: *Trustee M. Sarrasin*

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 01-2017 Special Board Meeting, March 22, 2017 be accepted and approved.

Carried

4.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

There were no disclosures offered at this time.

5.0 Delegations and/or Public Presentations

(Members of the public limited to 10-minute address)

- 5.1 Director, David Tamblyn advised that the Modified Pupil Accommodation Review process is a consultation process designed to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to communicate to the school Board, their views on the board's specific proposal to close Red Rock Public School and transport students to the George O'Neil Public School.

Stakeholders were invited to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees regarding the Final Staff Report. Stakeholders did not reserve presentation time in advance with the Board; therefore, the Chair opened the floor for questions and comments.

The key points presented where as follows;

- Concern about children on the Hwy
- Concern about student transition to George O'Neill Public School
- Could the students be bused to Dorion?
- Will the Board remain responsible for the costs of the school upkeep and heating?
- Could the public and Catholic School be housed in the same building?
- What would be the capacity to keep the school open?
- Concern of economic impact to Red Rock caused by school closure
- Can older students come to RRPS from other schools?
- Request to keep school open for one additional year to see if students return and allow for kindergarten registration.

Director, Dave Tamblyn addressed the questions and concerns. The Director provided the context for the history and current situation at the Red Rock Public School. Current school enrollment is 10 students spread from grades K-6 and with 1 registered student to begin kindergarten in the fall. Over the last 10 years, board enrollment has dropped by 45%. The Director spoke about the exploration done in 2011 on a proposed grade 7-12 model for our regional schools. He indicated that there was a lack of support from communities at that time. Superintendent of Business, Cathy Tsubouchi explained how the Ministry's funding model for schools has changed which has had a negative impact on the school as the funding is based on student enrollment.

D. Tamblyn explained that the hope was that the community would experience economic growth, and there would be employment opportunities for young families to move into the community. This has not transpired and therefore the school Board decided it needed to look at alternatives in the interest of doing what is best for the students. This decline has created difficulty to provide the social and academic programming that is viable for that number of students. For the students to have the best learning environment, they need to have social exchange and be in a vibrant classroom with a larger group of peers. He noted that the suggested relocation of RRPS into the St. Hillary's School building is not a viable option as students would continue to be in very small classes and we would not meet the goal of enhancing the academic learning environment.

Board Chair, Pinky McRae thanked the parents, community, staff and stakeholders for the presentations provided to the Board of Trustees and their attendance of the meeting. She expressed appreciation to the senior administration team for the work completed to provide the detailed information. She advised that the Board Trustees will make the final decision regarding the Red Rock Public School at the April 24, 2017 meeting.

6.0 Adjournment

6.1 37/17

Moved by: Trustee M. McIntyre

Second: Trustee M. Sarrasin

✓ **That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Special Board Meeting 01-2017 on March 22, 2017 adjourn at 7:00 p.m.**

Carried

<u>2017 - Board Meetings</u>		
<i>Designate Site: Marathon Board Meeting Room / Time 6:30 p.m.</i>		
Monday, March 27, 2017	Monday, April 24, 2017 <i>*Designate Site: LSHS</i>	Monday, May 8, 2017 <i>*Special Board Meeting</i>
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 <i>*Designate Site: GCHS</i>	Monday, June 26, 2017	Monday, July 17, 2017
Monday, August 21, 2017	Monday, September 18, 2017	Monday, October 23, 2017 <i>*Designate Site: MNHS</i>
Monday, November 20, 2017		Monday, December 4, 2017 (1:00 p.m.)