

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
SCHOOL DISTRICT 16**

**MINUTES
March 21, 2005**

Present: Patricia Lee, Chair
Winnie Wilson, Vice-Chair
Judy Breau
Jennifer Doucet

Todd MacLeod
Jody Holmes
Levi Sock

Kathy Baldwin, Superintendent
Sheila Bowie, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Hal Somers
Pamela Beers-Sturgeon
Bev Hubbard

Edgar Mahoney
Kim Beers

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mrs. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.</p>	
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>One item was added to the agenda under G. New Business, ii) Workshop on Cyber Bullying. By consensus, the agenda was approved as amended.</p>	
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>By consensus, the minutes of the February 21, 2005 meeting were approved.</p>	
D.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">i) DEC/PSSC Dinner Update</p> <p>All feedback on the DEC/PSSC Dinner was duly noted. It was reported that Mrs. Lee's presentation provided PSSC members with an opportunity for group interaction and Mrs. Baldwin's presentation gave the group an overview of all new and exciting initiatives happening in District 16. All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening.</p>	

	<p>ii) Minister's Forum Update</p> <p>Mrs. Lee gave a brief update on the Minister's Forum which was held in Fredericton on February 25 and 26. She noted that the following items were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Small/Rural Schools (rural education study requested by Council of DEC chairs) ➤ Physical Education and Nutrition ➤ Reassurance that Superintendents are the sole employees of DEC (requested that it be reflected in the Education Act) ➤ Quality Learning Agenda Update ➤ Budget Process ➤ Inclusive Education Review (on-going meetings taking place with other groups) – Parents are to meet with Dr. MacKay in April. <p>Mrs. Lee noted that the next Minister's Forum is scheduled for May 27 and 28.</p> <p>At this point in the meeting, council went into a short in-camera session.</p>	
E.	<p>INFORMATION ITEM</p> <p>i) Understanding How Curriculum Is Developed – PCAC/CDAC</p> <p>Richard Walsh, Supervisor of Adolescent Services, and Patricia Lee gave a joint presentation on curriculum development in the Province of New Brunswick. Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Lee both serve on the Provincial Advisory Committee (PCAC). A brief description of the Curriculum Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) was given, together with the stages of the curriculum development process through piloting of selected resources. The membership of the Provincial Curriculum Advisory Committee was also presented along with specifics of its mandate vis à vis advising the Minister of Education on curriculum matters and the adoption of curriculum. Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Lee responded to questions from council members.</p>	
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>i) CPF National</p> <p>ii) Copy of a letter to Mary Laltoo, Chair, District 2 Education Council, from Hon. Madeleine Dubé, Minister of Education regarding concerns with the</p>	

	<p>indemnification of District Education Council Members.</p> <p>iii) Draft letter to Hon. Madeleine Dubé, Minister of Education, from Patricia Lee, Chair, thanking her for approving the two top priorities on the capital projects list. Mrs. Lee read the letter to council members and requested that each council member show their support by signing the letter. Mrs. Bowie was asked to contact those DEC members not present and ask if their names could be signed to the letter as well.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee circulated the correspondence. She provided each council member with a copy of the CPF National pamphlet.</p>	Mrs. Bowie
G.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>i) Premier’s Consultation Forum on Education</p> <p>Mrs. Lee advised that she attended the Premier’s Consultation Forum on Education on March 3-4. She noted that the Premier was in attendance the full day, and responded to all questions and comments. The budget for education was reviewed, and the onus was on the participants to show him why an increase was necessary. She informed council that she asked a question about the FTE formula. She indicated that she is hopeful that there will be a commitment for increased funding. Mrs. Lee noted that there is a possibility that there may be another Premier’s Consultation Forum scheduled for the fall.</p> <p>ii) Workshop on Cyber Bullying</p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin informed council that The Child Safety & Innovation Center has partnered with the Miramichi Police and School District 16 to offer a Cyber Bullying workshop on April 28 at James M. Hill Memorial High School. She noted that the keynote speaker is Parry Aftab, a cyberspace lawyer, author, and child advocate. Mrs. Baldwin indicated that this is an excellent opportunity to set up an evening session with parents, and asked if council would consider contributing some funds towards communication and nutrition break. IT WAS MOVED BY Jennifer Doucet, seconded by Levi Sock, that council support the Parry Aftab workshop on Cyber Bullying to the amount of \$1,500.00. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee indicated that there is a vacancy on the Provincial Curriculum Advisory Committee, and asked if any council members would be interested in sitting on the committee. Judy Breau, Jody Holmes, and Levi Sock expressed an interest, and</p>	

	<p>their names will be submitted to the Minister of Education for consideration.</p> <p>Council members reviewed the Parent School Support Committee Spending Guidelines. After a brief discussion, it was determined that some changes be made to the document, and that a revised copy will be sent out to council members.</p>	<p>Mrs. Lee</p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin</p>
<p>H.</p>	<p>ANNUAL COUNCIL PLANNING CYCLE MONTHLY REVIEW</p> <p>i) Policy 2.1 – Leadership Style ii) Policy 2.4 – Chair’s Role iii) Policy 2.6 – Council Members’ Code of Conduct</p> <p>Policies 2.1, 2.4, and 2.6 are covered on the DEC checklist.</p> <p>iv) Policy 1.1 – Community Communication</p> <p>Mrs. Lee indicated that council is communicating with parents by contributing to district partnerships such as the Cyber Bullying Workshop. She noted that the DEC/PSSC dinner is also a great way to communicate as well.</p> <p>v) Policy 2.2 – Council Job Description</p> <p>Mrs. Lee noted that Mrs. Baldwin’s presentation at the DEC/PSSC Dinner focused on new initiatives in District 16, and stressed that the DEC is ensuring high quality education through the initiatives of its superintendent.</p> <p>vi) Policy 2.7 – Communication Protocols</p> <p>Mrs. Lee indicated that she received a call from the local press about doing a story on technology in District 16, and she directed them to the appropriate individual at District Office.</p> <p>vii) Policy 1.2 – Outstanding Volunteers</p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin requested that the following be recognized for their contributions to the students of School District 16:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the employees and the company of Weyerhaeuser Miramichi Structure Board Inc. for donating \$4,135.00 to the breakfast program ➤ Towne Ford Sales & Service Ltd. for pledging \$20,000 over the next five years to a scholarship fund to assist students at Miramichi Valley High School, James M. Hill Memorial High School, Blackville High School, and North & 	

	<p>South Esk Regional School with their post secondary needs.</p> <p>Each will receive a certificate of appreciation. Council requested that the certificate for Towne Ford Sales & Service Ltd. be presented to Hal Somers at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Mrs. Baldwin</p> <p>Agenda</p>
I.	<p>“Brag” Session</p> <p>Mrs. Doucet advised that the students of Harkins Middle School raised \$700.00 for the Tsunami Relief Fund by selling hand prints.</p> <p>Mrs. Doucet indicated that a book drive at Harkins Middle School has brought in 500 books for the library. She also noted that the accelerated readers’ program is going extremely well.</p> <p>Mrs. Doucet noted that April 22 is Celebrate Our Culture Day.</p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin announced that Dale MacRae is featured in the Canadian CISCO newsletter.</p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin advised that the Canadian Space Agency has invited she and Bill Kierstead to spend a day and a half at the space center in Hull, Quebec.</p> <p>Mrs. Wilson indicated that Harcourt School is extremely pleased and thrilled with the attitudes of their students, especially the boys, as a result of training in How Boys & Girls Learn Differently and the books that Devota Appleby bought for the school.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee advised that Dr. MacKay wants to talk to parents on April 23 between 1 – 4 p.m. in Moncton with regard to the Inclusive Education Review. Jennifer Doucet expressed an interest in attending, and Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Baldwin will contact a few other parents to see if they would be interested.</p>	<p>Mrs. Lee/ Mrs. Baldwin</p>
J.	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bowie
Administrative Assistant