

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 16**

**MINUTES  
November 28, 2005**

Present:	Patricia Lee, Chair Winnie Wilson, Vice-Chair Judy Breau Jennifer Doucet Pamela Beers-Sturgeon	Levi Sock Jody Holmes Hal Somers Bev Hubbard Chris Wiseman
	Kathy Baldwin, Superintendent Sheila Bowie, Administrative Assistant	

Absent: Edgar Mahoney

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>Mrs. Wilson, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.</p>	
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p>The following items were added to the agenda under G) New Business, iii) Curriculum Delivery Days Policy and iv) Spring Fling. It was also requested that a short in camera session be held following the adjournment of the meeting. By consensus, the agenda was approved as amended.</p> <p>At this time, Mrs. Lee joined the meeting and resumed the chair's role.</p>	
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p>By consensus, the minutes of the October 24, 2005 meeting were approved.</p>	
<b>D.</b>	<p><b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>i) Update on "School District 16" Sign</b></p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin advised that the School District 16 sign has been received, and that the posts were put in prior to the frost. She noted that it was decided to go with the vinyl lettering. Since</p>	

	<p>council already determined that they would help with the cost, as a form of communication, <b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Jennifer Doucet, seconded by Judy Breau, that the District Education Council contribute \$2,000.00 toward the cost of the School District 16 sign. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p> <p><b>ii) Update on DEC Vacancy</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee advised that she contacted the Department of Education today to see if a replacement for Kim Beers had been named. Since no-one could provide her with any information, she was asked to contact them again tomorrow. Mrs. Lee indicated that she would like to have the new council member in attendance at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>iii) Update on Minister of Education's Visit</b></p> <p>Mr. Holmes indicated that the Hon. Madeleine Dubé visited the Tabusintac School on November 1, not November 8 as previously scheduled. He noted that it was nice to hear her talk to the students about the new school, and wished she had been able to spend more time there.</p>	Mrs. Lee
E.	<p><b>INFORMATION ITEMS</b></p> <p><b>i) How Boys and Girls Learn Differently</b></p> <p>Lee Walsh, Supervisor of Early Years (K-2) and Special Programs, gave a brief presentation on How Boys and Girls Learn Differently. She indicated that she became interested in this topic a long time ago, and always knew there was a huge difference in how boys and girls learn. She noted that in the 1990's people started looking at brain research, and that 2000 is being considered the decade of the brain. She indicated that the three areas of differences are classified as neurological, biological, and environmental. She noted that there are a lot of similarities on how boys and girls learn although there are always exceptions and some overlap. She made reference to the book, Boys and Girls Learn Differently, by Michael Gurian, as well as other resources. Mrs. Walsh involved council members in a number of activities. Mrs. Lee thanked Mrs. Walsh for a very informative presentation.</p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin indicated that if anyone was interested in reading Boys and Girls Learn Differently, they could borrow a book from her.</p>	DEC

<p><b>F.</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee circulated the correspondence which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Copy of a letter to Kim Beers from Patricia Lee, Chair, and Kathy Baldwin, Superintendent, accepting her resignation from the District 16 Education Council.</li> <li>➤ Copy of a letter to the staff of North &amp; South Esk Regional School from Patricia Lee and Kathy Baldwin congratulating them on being named one of MacLean’s top schools for sports.</li> <li>➤ Copy of a letter to the staff of Dr. Losier Middle School from Patricia Lee and Kathy Baldwin congratulating them on being ranked by Today’s Parent Magazine as one of the top five schools in Canada for providing students with extraordinary enhanced curriculum, as well as being among the top 40 schools in the country.</li> <li>➤ Copy of a letter to the Hon. Madeleine Dubé, Minister of Education, from Patricia Lee and Kathy Baldwin, submitting names to fill the DEC vacancy in Zone A.</li> <li>➤ Copy of a letter to Mary Laltoo, District 2 Education Council Chair, from the Hon. Madeleine Dubé, regarding advocating paid insurance coverage for DEC members.</li> <li>➤ A letter to Patricia Lee, Chair, from the Hon. Madeleine Dubé, regarding council’s request to have two curriculum delivery days reinstated into the 2005-06 school calendar.</li> <li>➤ Copy of a letter to the Hon. Madeleine Dubé, from Robert Parkinson, District 14 Education Council Chair, regarding a motion directing their superintendent to follow DEC policy 4.10 – Staff Workshops and Curriculum Delivery Days, and to organize the curriculum delivery days.</li> <li>➤ Copy of a letter to the Hon. Madeleine Dubé, from Robert Parkinson, District 14 Education Council Chair, regarding salary compression/inversion.</li> <li>➤ An information package to Patricia Lee, Chair, from CUPE Local 2745. Mrs. Lee distributed the bookmarks from the package to council members.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>G.</b></p>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>i) Rural Schools in N.B.</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee presented background information to the document, “Rural Education in New Brunswick’s Small Communities: Cambridge-Narrows and Coles Island”, which was included in the agenda package. She noted that this started out as a study on rural education in New Brunswick, but focuses on above</p>	

	<p>mentioned schools in District 17, both of which are slated to lose programs in September 2007. She indicated that a survey is being circulated as well.</p> <p><b>ii) Nutrition Policy 711</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee advised that the Department of Education's Policy 711 – Healthier Foods and Nutrition in Public Schools is now in effect. She noted that this policy establishes the minimum, moderate, and maximum nutritional value of foods. She informed council that middle and high schools have until September, 2007, to implement the policy, and that includes items sold in vending machines. She asked council if they had any questions with regard to this policy.</p> <p><b>iii) Curriculum Delivery Days Policy</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee advised that there is still no decision regarding the reinstatement of the two curriculum implementation days in the 2005-06 school calendar. She asked council if they should consider instructing Mrs. Baldwin to go ahead and plan for these days. To this end, she circulated a draft policy for council's consideration. After a brief discussion and some revisions to the policy, <b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Jody Holmes, seconded by Pamela Beers-Sturgeon, that council approve the adoption of Policy 2.01 – Educational Leadership. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee asked Mrs. Baldwin to go ahead and plan for the two curriculum implementation days.</p> <p><b>iv) Spring Fling</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee outlined the proposed dates, locations, and themes for the Spring Fling 2006. She indicated that input is being sought on council's preference in this regard. Mr. Holmes indicated that he would be interested in attending, and he made the selections on behalf of the DEC. Mrs. Lee indicated that council members can determine whether or not they would be interested in attending once the final plans are in place.</p>	<p>Mrs. Baldwin</p> <p>DEC</p>
<p><b>H.</b></p>	<p><b>ANNUAL COUNCIL PLANNING CYCLE MONTHLY REVIEW</b></p> <p><b>i) Policy 2.1 – Leadership Style</b>  <b>ii) Policy 2.4 – Chair's Role</b>  <b>iii) Policy 2.6 – Council Members' Code of Conduct</b></p>	

	<p>Policies 2.1, 2.4, and 2.6 are covered on the DEC checklist.</p> <p><b>Policy 2.2 – Council Job Description</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee indicated that when we look at the direction our district is going in regards to assessment and other initiatives, we are ensuring high quality education.</p> <p><b>iv) Policy 4.1 – Staff Treatment</b></p> <p>This item will be dealt with in camera.</p> <p><b>v) Policy 4.3 – Financial Condition</b></p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin advised that the district will be advising the Department of Education that, again this month, we are in a deficit situation.</p> <p><b>vi) Policy 1.2 – Outstanding Volunteers</b></p> <p>No nominations for outstanding volunteers were reported. Mrs. Baldwin advised that the principals have submitted a lot of names over the years. The principals have indicated to her that if they submit names on a continual base, this may reduce the significance of the award. Mrs. Baldwin still encourages principals to nominate individuals they consider “outstanding” volunteers.</p>	
I.	<p><b>“Brag” Session</b></p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin advised that she, along with Lee Walsh and Marcia Smith, presented at the Celebrate Literacy Conference in Toronto. She indicated that people were amazed at what this district is doing in terms of literacy.</p> <p>Mrs. Doucet informed the group that Eddie Pinder and Jamie Henderson took two students from Croft Elementary to a school in Halifax to demonstrate sport stacking, and they were taped for Breakfast Television.</p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin advised that the district held its first Sports Stacking competition last Saturday at Miramichi Valley High School.</p> <p>Mrs. Baldwin indicated that the representatives from the Canadian Space Agency were in District 16 last Thursday, and it went well.</p>	

	<p>Mrs. Lee commented that it is wonderful to see that there are so many neat things happening in District 16.</p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Winnie Wilson that a short in camera session take place after the adjournment of the meeting.</p>	
<b>J.</b>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bowie  
Administrative Assistant