

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 16**

**MINUTES  
July 8, 2008**

Present:	Patricia Lee	Edgar Mahoney
	Jody Holmes	Nora Wilson
	Brenda Fahey	Luc Dubé
	LeRoy Silliker	

Laurie Keoughan, Superintendent  
Sheila Bowie, Administrative Assistant

Absent:        Andrew Donovan

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
A.	<b>WELCOME</b>  Mr. Keoughan welcomed former and new members of the District Education Council as well as family members who came to witness the swearing in of the council.	
B.	<b>SWEARING IN CEREMONY</b>  Pamela Beers-Sturgeon, a commissioner of oaths, officiated over the swearing in of Brenda Fahey (Zone A), Nora Wilson (Zone A), Edgar Mahoney (Subdistrict 3), Patricia Lee (Subdistrict 4), Jody Holmes (Subdistrict 7), Luc Dubé (Subdistrict 8), and LeRoy Silliker (Subdistrict 11) as members of the District 16 Education Council.  It was noted that Andrew Donovan (Subdistrict 9) was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He will be sworn in at the September meeting.	Agenda
C.	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  Mr. Keoughan called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He indicated that he would be the temporary chair until one is selected.	
D.	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>  By consensus, the agenda was approved.	

E.	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>i) Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair</b></p> <p>Mr. Keoughan asked for nominations for the position of chair of the District Education Council. Ms. Wilson nominated Patricia Lee and Mr. Holmes seconded the nomination. Mrs. Lee agreed to let her name stand. No other nominations were put forth. Mr. Keoughan declared that Patricia Lee would be the chair of the District Education Council for School District 16.</p> <p>Mr. Keoughan turned the chair role over to Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Lee thanked council for selecting her as chair, and indicated that she appreciated their support.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee asked for nominations for the position of vice-chair. Mr. Dubé nominated Mr. Holmes and Ms. Wilson seconded the nomination. Mr. Holmes agreed to let his name stand.</p> <p>Mr. Holmes nominated Mr. Mahoney for the position of vice-chair and Mr. Dubé seconded the nomination. Mr. Mahoney also agreed to let his name stand.</p> <p>Since there were two candidates running for the position of vice-chair, it was determined that council would vote by secret ballot. Mr. Keoughan was asked to count the ballots. Once the votes were tabulated, Mrs. Lee reported that Mr. Holmes would be the vice-chair of the District 16 Education Council.</p> <p>By consensus, council agreed that the ballots be destroyed.</p> <p><b>ii) Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee advised that the Department of Education has requested, for planning purposes, that all District Education Councils hold their meetings on Tuesday evenings. She made reference to the list of meeting dates for the 2008-09 school year, and it was determined that council would hold their meetings on September 16, October 14, November 18, December 9, January 13, February 17, March 24, April 21, May 19, and June 9. It was noted there will be an informal gathering at 6:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>iii) DEC Vacancies</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee reported that there are vacancies in Subdistricts 5, 6, and 10. She indicated that she asked the previous District Education Council if they knew of anyone in those subdistricts</p>	
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	<p>that might be interested in becoming a DEC member.</p> <p>Mr. Keoughan indicated that for each of the vacancies, three names, with a brief biography on each, must be submitted to the Minister of Education for consideration. The Minister will then appoint the person to fill the vacancy. He updated council on the names of possible candidates for each subdistrict that have been compiled thus far. He noted that all of the individuals have been involved with schools and have agreed to let their name be submitted for consideration by the Minister. He indicated that we have three names for Subdistrict 6, and only one for each of Subdistricts 5 and 10. Mrs. Lee asked that council e-mail Mr. Keoughan if they could think of any possibilities for Subdistricts 5 and 10. It is the hope of council that the vacancies can be filled prior to the September meeting.</p> <p>There was consensus that the three names for the vacancy in Subdistrict 6 be submitted to the Minister.</p> <p>Mr. Keoughan also advised that a First Nations representative has yet to be appointed.</p> <p><b>iv) Orientation Session – August 15-16</b></p> <p>Mrs. Lee reminded council members of the DEC Orientation Session scheduled for August 15 – 16 in Fredericton. It was noted that registration forms must be returned to Nancy Whyte at the Department of Education by July 18.</p>	<p>DEC</p> <p>Mr. Keoughan</p>
<b>F.</b>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.</p>	
<b>G.</b>	<p><b>RECEPTION</b></p> <p>Members of the District Education Council and their families were invited to a reception at the conclusion of the meeting.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bowie  
Administrative Assistant