

	<p>21st Century Learning by Mr. Kershaw. Upon their return to regular session, the agenda was resumed.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee welcomed to the meeting, Charlene MacKenzie, a reporter from the Miramichi Leader.</p>	
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>i) Update on DEC Vacancy in Sub-district 3</p> <p>Mrs. Lee reported that there has been no word from the Minister of Education on the appointment in Sub-district 3.</p> <p>ii) Premier's Awards of Excellence In Education</p> <p>Mrs. Lee noted that the District Selection Committee's choice for the Category A- District Award of the Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education was emailed to council members prior to the March 26th deadline. IT WAS MOVED BY Bev Hubbard, seconded by Jody Holmes, that the nomination chosen by the District Selection Committee be approved. MOTION CARRIED. Mrs. Lee noted that she and Mr. Keoughan will be attending the Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education Gala in Fredericton on June 8th.</p>	Mrs. Lee/ Mr. Keoughan
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Mrs. Lee circulated the correspondence which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to the Honorable Roland Haché, Minister of Education, from Patricia Lee, Chair, regarding the DEC vacancy in Sub-district 3. • Letter to David Roberts, Assistant Deputy Minister, from Patricia Lee, Chair, regarding District 16's nomination for the District Award of the Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education. 	
G.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>i) DEC Representatives on Parent School Support Committees</p> <p>Mrs. Lee indicated that each council member has been assigned to a school(s) to facilitate the exchange of information between the DEC and PSSC groups. Because of the DEC vacancy in Sub-district 10, some council members had taken on an extra school. Now that the vacancy has been filled, these individuals were given a choice of schools they would like to represent. The remaining two schools, Harkins Elementary and Dr. Losier Middle, were assigned to Mrs. Watters. Mrs. Lee asked that Mrs. Watters make contact with the schools to let them know that she</p>	Mrs. Watters

	<p>will be the DEC representative on their PSSC and to obtain information on meeting dates.</p> <p>ii) Change of Date for June Meeting</p> <p>Because the date for the Premier’s Awards of Excellence in Education Gala and the June DEC meeting are currently scheduled for the same date, the latter was rescheduled to June 7th. Mrs. Lee asked that the press and public be advised of the change.</p> <p>iii) Auditor’s Update</p> <p>Mrs. Lee informed the group that she met with the auditor on March 24th to discuss the DEC process. She reminded council members of the invitation that was given to them through e-mail to make an appointment if they wished to meet with the auditor. The auditors will be back in June, and Mrs. Lee will once again let council members know if there is an opportunity to meet with them.</p> <p>iv) Paul Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative Update</p> <p>Mrs. Lee advised that she, along with Mr. Keoughan and Mr. Sock, were invited to attend the official announcement of the Paul Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative on March 29th at Bonar Law Memorial School. Mr. Keoughan gave a brief overview of the program, indicating that the goal of the program is to encourage at-risk aboriginal youth to stay in school. The selected students will have an opportunity to learn entrepreneurship skills by creating a product or serviced-based business through classroom instruction, field trips, simulations and mentoring over two semesters.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee noted that a presentation of the projects will take place at the end of the program, and expressed a hope that other council members would join her at this event. She also indicated that the teacher, Heather Little, has agreed to come to a future DEC meeting to update council on the progress.</p> <p>v) Superintendent’s Evaluation (In Camera)</p> <p>Council agreed to defer this item to the end of the meeting.</p>	<p>DEC Mr. Keoughan</p> <p>Mrs. Lee</p> <p>DEC Future Agenda</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>Mrs. Lee advised that these policies are covered on the DEC checklist.</p> <p>iv) Policy 2.2 – Council Job Description</p> <p>Mrs. Lee reviewed the “DEC Governance Basics” card. She noted that this is a reminder of how governance works.</p> <p>v) Policy 2.8 – Parent School Support Committee Budget</p> <p>Mr. Keoughan advised that the monitoring of this policy is to be done in April. With the fiscal year ending on March 31st, it did not give time for schools to send in their individual reports on how their PSSC budget was spent. He requested that this item be tabled to the next meeting or that the monitoring period be changed. IT WAS MOVED BY Jody Holmes, seconded by Nora Wilson, that the monitoring month for Policy 2.8, Parent School Support Committee Budget, be changed from April to May. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>vi) Policy 4.2 – Budgeting/Forecasting</p> <p>Because of a standing, annual conflict between policy expectation for budget forecasting and the actual receipt of the district budget from the province, Mr. Keoughan requested consideration of similar action as in the previous policy. IT WAS MOVED BY Nora Wilson, seconded by LeRoy Silliker, that the monitoring month for Policy 4.2, Budgeting/Forecasting, be changed from April to June. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>vii) Policy 1.2 – Outstanding Volunteers</p> <p>Three nominations for outstanding volunteers were reported –Michael Watt, Laurie Patterson, and the Napan Women’s Institute. Each will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.</p> <p>Mrs. Lee reminded council members of the Spring Symposium scheduled for April 16 and 17 at the Rodd in Miramichi. She expressed a hope that all who have registered are still able to attend.</p>	<p>Mr. Keoughan</p> <p>Mr. Keoughan</p> <p>Mr. Keoughan</p> <p>DEC</p>
<p>I.</p>	<p>BRAG SESSION</p> <p>Mrs. Hubbard reported that Napan Elementary School raised \$1,640 for Jump Rope for Heart and \$540 for Haiti Relief.</p> <p>Ms. Wilson indicated that five students from Bonar Law Memorial School are going to the Canadian National Wrestling Championships in Burnaby, BC.</p>	

	<p>The following item was deferred to the end of the meeting:</p> <p>G. iv) Superintendent's Evaluation (In Camera)</p> <p>Council went in to a brief in camera session. Mr. Keoughan and Mrs. Bowie left the room during the discussion on the superintendent's evaluation. Upon their return to the regular meeting, IT WAS MOVED BY Luc Dubé, seconded by Andrew Donovan, that the District Education Council approve funding up to \$500 for the purchase of a Human Resources assessment tool for the evaluation of the superintendent. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	Mr. Keoughan
J.	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

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