

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE SCHOOL DISTRICT-NORTH**

**MINUTES
April 19, 2021
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook
Rev. Albertine LeBlanc
Nancy McBain
Sheila Rogers
Mark Donovan, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

| | AGENDA ITEMS |
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| A. | CALL TO ORDER Mr. Mortlock welcomed members of the public to this virtual meeting and announced that the meeting was taking place on unceded land. He called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. |
| B. | APPROVAL OF AGENDA IT WAS MOVED BY Rev. Albertine LeBlanc and seconded by Andy Flanagan to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED. |
| C. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Sheila Rogers to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting. MOTION CARRIED. |
| D. | BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES There was no business arising from the minutes. |
| E. | CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS Policy Monitoring (i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,7 – Meeting Review Form (ii) C/SR 4 – Meeting Review Form (iii) EL 1,7 – Meeting Review Form (iv) E-9, GP-4 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Andy Flanagan to approve the Consent Agenda Items. MOTION CARRIED. |

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| F. | CORRESPONDENCE District Education Council members received all correspondence items prior to the meeting. |
| G. | NEW BUSINESS There was no new business to report. |
| H. | SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS Mr. Donovan reported as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Volunteer Awards were presented to Sue Pridham and Aura Scully of Harcourt School. • The following employees received Starfish Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deborah Downs, Educational Assistant, Lord Beaverbrook School - Amanda Parlee, Teacher, Lord Beaverbrook School - Kim Tremblett, Teacher, Lord Beaverbrook School - Joey Savoie, STEAM/Phys.Ed. Subject Coordinator, Miramichi Education Center - Krista Nowlan, Science/Cross-Curricular Lead, Miramichi Education Center - Rebecca McKinnon, Educational Assistant, Sugarloaf Senior High School <p>Mr. Donovan noted that it is nice to have volunteers and employees recognized for their work from one end of the district to the other. Council members are welcome to extend their congratulations to these winners in their respective subdistricts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will not be a vaccination clinic designated specifically for K-8 staff. Public Health recently made a decision to vaccinate the public by age cohort instead. Mr. Donovan asked school administrators to be flexible in accommodating their staff and providing internal coverage so that they can receive their vaccinations. • Anglophone School District-North's fiscal year will end in a surplus situation. The Budget and Accounting Department is not able to estimate the amount of the surplus accurately until all year-end transactions are processed and finalized in early May. • Graduation ceremonies will take place during the month of June. High schools will be expected to abide by all health measures in place at that time. Mr. Donovan noted that there is a little more latitude this year and that some high schools are considering holding graduations in large venues, |

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| | <p>such as arenas. The Health and Safety Coordinator will vet the arenas' operational plans to ensure the plans meet Public Health's protocols. Schools are planning graduation ceremonies with the understanding that the COVID-19 situation is still very fluid and that it could change at any time.</p> <p>ASD-N will not organize, promote, or support proms, Baccalaureate Services, Safe Grad or other traditional events associated with graduation. If parents plan these events, they would be held beyond the scope of the school district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School district received preliminary numbers for staffing, which are based on pre-Covid staffing formulas. The new numbers show a net loss of 20 teachers in ASD-N for 2021-2022. This decline is due to a drop in enrolments and the return to the regular K-2 class sizes in September. • Plans are underway to host retirement banquets at the Rodd Miramichi and the Atlantic Host in Bathurst. Mr. Donovan stated that the school district would fully comply with, or exceed, the health protocols for these events. The Health and Safety Coordinator will also vet the venues' Operational Plans. Again, these plans are tentative. • During the the week of April 19, 2021, interviews will take place to fill the open principals' positions at Harcourt School, Napan Elementary School, Terry Fox Elementary School, and Sugarloaf Senior High School for the 2021-2022 school year. • Julien Haché, a James M. Hill student, was awarded the largest Canadian STEM scholarship offered by the Schulich Leader Scholarship fund, in the amount of \$100,000. Julien will pursue Engineering at UNB. • The Minister's Excellence in Education Awards will be held virtually on Saturday, April 24. Mr. Donovan noted that this event will be discussed during the Superintendents' call on April 20, and that he will provide Council members with more details, including the link to the event. |
| I. | <p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Joe Petersen recently attended a Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) meeting at L.E. Reinsborough School.</p> <p>Andy Flanagan reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James M. Hill Memorial High School is raising funds and selling tickets on a beautiful, furnished Leisure Shed. The shed is on display at the front of the school building, and the tickets are selling quickly. |

- He received very positive comments from parents about Mr. Derek Hutchison, a Nutrition teacher at James M. Hill. The parents acknowledged Mr. Hutchison for his “thinking out of the box” and arranging “Nutrition” presentations by international organizations such as the Pittsburgh Penguins, Boston Bruins, University of Alabama, and Harvard University. The Pittsburgh Penguins actually prepared a nutritional plan and workout plan for each student in the class.

The parents commented on the wonderful job that Mr. Hutchison is doing this year and the excellent education that their children are receiving from the presentations.

Carmel Hambrook reported the following:

- She recently attended the virtual meeting with the Deputy Minister. She reported that the topic of “Graduations” was discussed. She noted that the messaging about graduations during that discussion was different than Mr. Donovan’s report.
- She will be attending a PSSC meeting on Wednesday, April 21, for Max Aitken Academy School. Tabusintac Community School will be scheduling their PSSC meeting in the near future.
- Mrs. Hambrook expressed concern about a comment made in a recent article about District Education Councils not fulfilling their roles. She received calls from parents who read the article, and they asked if they could write a letter to the Minister in support of District Education Councils.

A discussion followed among Council members about the article. Members noted it was disheartening to read it, especially before the elections. They would encourage the parents to write to the Minister as it is their right. It was noted that the role of the District Education Council is limited to the Education Act and that District Education Councils focus on the governance of the school districts.

Sheila Roger’s report included the following:

- She listened to a story on CBC Radio about a Mount Allison student who is preparing a document on First Nations following her study of the New Brunswick Archives. The purpose of this document is to provide teachers and educators with the history of First Nations, i.e. treaties, etc. This document will be available on the New Brunswick government website for teachers.
- Grade 12 students at Bathurst High School invited the international students to participate in geocaching, which they really enjoyed.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers attended a PSSC meeting for Janeville Elementary School. At that meeting, she asked how the district can help. The principal expressed concern about the teacher allotments for next year, especially with the return to pre-Covid formulas. The principal is concerned that the school will not be able to continue certain programs or continue the progress that they have been making. Ms. Rogers believes that the school would appreciate anything that the district can do in this regard. <p>Rev. Albertine LeBlanc will be attending a PSSC meeting with Millerton School during the week of April 26.</p> <p>Nancy McBain will be attending the Regional Enhancement Meeting on April 22. She will provide the District Education Council members with a report on that meeting in May.</p> <p>Best wishes were extended to Mr. Mortlock for the upcoming election. The other DEC members were appointed by acclamation.</p> |
| J. | <p>DEC CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock will be attending a PSSC meeting on April 26 for Campbellton Middle School. There were no other PSSC meetings scheduled in his subdistrict since the March District Education Council meeting.</p> <p>He attended the virtual meeting with the Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister, and he noted the big changes in graduations.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock stated that parents, who are organizing graduation activities outside of the school system, should be reminded that they must adhere to the Public Health protocols.</p> <p>Listuguj students continue to travel across the border to Sugarloaf Senior High School. Mr. Mortlock noted that these students are happy to be back at their school.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock extended Happy Birthday wishes to Mr. Donovan as he approaches a milestone birthday.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock congratulated Mr. Donovan for his fantastic work during this past year, and to the staff inside and outside the district office building who work very hard to make things right and sensible for the students. He stated that it is exemplary and beyond belief how far the staff will go to make this happen. Mr. Mortlock also acknowledged the staff who are working hard to clean the schools. He believes that appreciation should be extended to all of these people for the amazing job that they are doing.</p> |

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| K. | DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will take place on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., via Microsoft Teams. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. on a motion by Carmel Hambrook. |
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Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
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District Education Council