

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
August 19, 2019
Office of the Superintendent**

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

	AGENDA ITEMS
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Superintendent.</p>
B.	<p>SWEARING IN CEREMONY</p> <p>Mrs. Brenda Dunnett officiated over the swearing in of Rev. Albertine LeBlanc, who is the newly appointed representative for Subdistrict 6 in Anglophone North School District. Mr. Mortlock welcomed Rev. LeBlanc as a member of the District Education Council.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>PRESENTATION: Mr. Mark Donovan, Superintendent</p> <p><u>Annual Report to ASD-N District Education Council</u></p> <p>Mr. Donovan presented his “Annual Report to Anglophone School District – North (ASD-N) – August 19, 2019”. He discussed the regional challenges and noted that staff view these challenges as opportunities for growth. There is continuous focus on supports for students, teachers and schools, on interventions, professional learning and training for teachers and support staff, collaborative planning at all levels and on additional resources for schools. Mr. Donovan stated that the best way to mitigate challenges is to build a highly trained work force by supporting</p>

professional learning and training. He also outlined the educational leadership team at Anglophone North School District, and he provided an update on the 10-Year Educational Plan.

During Mr. Donovan's review of provincial assessment results, he outlined results that were successful and results that require improvement. District staff will be reviewing assessment results with subject coordinators and principals to determine where support is needed in order to improve literacy and numeracy results at all grade levels.

Mr. Donovan is very proud that Anglophone North School District is taking the lead in the province with First Nation Education, and he noted that district staff are interested in taking this program to the national and international levels. Mr. Donovan noted that there is potential for a student exchange program with the Northwest Territories, which would involve the students visiting the Inuit communities and experiencing their customs and traditions. Internationally, there is an opportunity for ASD-N to participate in the 2020 World Indigenous Peoples' Conference in Australia in 2020. Mr. Donovan suggested the possibility of sending First Nation Elders to this conference to share some of the First Nation programs and initiatives that have been implemented in ASD-N.

A review of the 2019-2022 District Improvement Plan followed. Mr. Donovan also discussed some of the successes the district experienced during 2018-2019, some upcoming challenges for 2019-2020, as well as the district's focus for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Donovan indicated that the main priority is improving student attendance. He also highlighted the dual credit system that the district is introducing in partnership with NBCC, as well as the Sistema partnership with Francophone Sud and the expansion of the PowerPlay Young Entrepreneurs Program.

ASD-N First Nation Education Report – 2018-2019

Mr. Donovan presented the "ASD-N First Nation Education Report – 2018-2019", which was prepared by Matthew Sweezey, Subject Coordinator for First Nation Education. He noted that the ASD-N District Education Council developed *Policy E:11:Commitment for First Nation Education* in 2017 to ensure that First Nation education remains a priority in Anglophone North School District. Mr. Donovan noted that during the past two years, every student in the school district was exposed to First Nation activities and cultures. Mr. Sweezey's report outlines these activities in more detail.

IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Andy Flanagan that both the August 2019 "Annual Report to Anglophone School District – North (ASD-N) District Education Council" and the "ASD-N First Nation Education Report – 2018-2019" be approved. **MOTION CARRIED.** These reports will be forwarded to Hon. Dominic Cardy, and they will also be posted on the district website.

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Beatrice LeBlanc that the Superintendent be granted permission to access \$200,000 from the Special Purposes account to be used at the Superintendent’s discretion for special projects in Anglophone North School District. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Donovan expressed his appreciation to Council members for this funding.</p>
E.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>A correction was made under “DEC Members’ Comments on Page 5, in Paragraph 4, to read as follows:</p> <p>“Ms. Rogers was unable to attend the Grade 5 graduation at Terry Fox Elementary School. Mr. Mortlock was able to attend that event...”</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Beatrice LeBlanc that the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting be approved with this correction. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Mr. Petersen will report on the DEC Retreat under “DEC Members’ Comments”.</p>
G.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Policy Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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-1, E-8, E-11, CS/R-4, EL-3, EL-4, EL-9, EL-13 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
H.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>District Education Council members received all correspondence items prior to this meeting.</p>
I.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) District Expenditure Plan – 2019-2020</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reviewed the 2019-2020 District Expenditure Plan, which was prepared by Tim Dunn, Director of Finance and Administration. Currently, the school district is projecting a balanced budget. However, the expenditure plan was prepared based on a number of variables, ie. storm days, replacement costs of employees, etc., that could change during the fiscal year. Mr. Donovan also noted</p>

	<p>that the funding for educational assistants remains an ongoing concern. The 2019-2020 budget for Anglophone North School District is \$96,395,200.00. Council members asked Mr. Donovan to convey their congratulations to Mr. Dunn for his excellent work in preparing the expenditure plan.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Beatrice LeBlanc that the 2019-2020 District Expenditure Plan be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>(b) PSSC Allocations – 2019-2020</p> <p>Mr. Donovan presented the 2019-2020 Parent School Support Committee budget for each school. The funds were allocated based on \$3.09 per student, or a minimum total of \$475 for smaller schools.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the PSSC budget allocations be approved for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
J.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock commented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He attended the DEC Chairs' Retreat in Moncton on August 9-10, 2019, and he provided Council members with a copy of the minutes from that meeting. • Mr. Mortlock and Mr. Petersen will be attending a meeting with the Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister in Fredericton to discuss changes to the Education Act. Council members were invited to submit any suggestions or proposals to Mr. Mortlock before August 28. • He acknowledged the upcoming start-up of the 2019-2020 school year, and he thanked Mr. Donovan for the work that he has been doing in Anglophone North School District. • Mr. Mortlock will have an opportunity to speak to principals and convey a common message, at the Administrators' Retreat in Richibucto on August 21, 2019, about the role of the Parent School Support Committee, PSSC budget, PSSC meetings and School Improvement Plans. • A supply of District Education Council election brochures and fridge magnets have arrived, and they will be distributed to the schools.
K.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan informed Council members about the meeting on August 29 on World Class Education. The focus for these meetings is for New Brunswick to rank, by</p>

	<p>2025, among the top 10% of the regions in the world in PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) results.</p> <p>An Educational Summit will be held in Fredericton on October 16-18, 2019.</p> <p>Ms. Brittany Daley, a teacher at Terry Fox Elementary School, received a Starfish Award in June.</p> <p>Matthew Dodwell, a student at Harcourt School, was the only Atlantic Canadian to win the Rick Hanson Difference Maker Award. Mr. Kevin Scully, Principal of Harcourt School, submitted Matthew's name as someone who completely represented and met the criteria for this award.</p>
L.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Joe Petersen informed Council members that after polling the members about a suitable meeting date, the DEC Retreat will be scheduled for October 25-26, 2019. The purpose of this retreat is to review district policies. Mrs. Dunnett will contact the Richibucto River Resort to make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>Ms. Nancy McBain provided each of the District Education Council members with a report that she prepared following her attendance at the Canadian School Boards Association Congress 2019 and the National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education held in July 2019 in Toronto. She reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She highlighted some of the meetings she attended, including the workshop with Milo, the robot used to help Autistic children with communication, emotional regulation and social skills. She also informed the members about sessions she attended on fostering resilience, and developing relationships and attachments with children. Ms. McBain was able to bring some resources home from the conference. • She reflected on the many good initiatives that have been developed in Anglophone North School District that engage both native and non-native children in Indigenous culture and learning, ie. PowWows, Mawi'omis, Elders In Schools, raising First Nations flag, etc. • Ms. McBain was very impressed with the conference, and she thanked Mr. Mortlock and the members of the District Education Council for allowing her the opportunity to attend and meet other District Education Council members from other parts of the country. <p>Mrs. Beatrice LeBlanc attended the graduation at Bonar Law Memorial School in June. She also noted that a question was raised to her about the number of students needed for French Immersion classes. Mr. Donovan confirmed that a minimum of ten students is required in order to give consideration for French Immersion programs.</p>

	<p>Mrs. Carmel Hambrook stated that she was unable to attend the graduation ceremonies in June. She also indicated her plans to contact the principals in her subdistrict in the near future to remind them that she is available as their DEC representative.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheila Rogers attended the graduation ceremony at Bathurst High School in June. She noted the estimated dollar amount of scholarships that the valedictorians from Bathurst High School and ESN received.</p>
M.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on September 16, 2019 at L.E. Reinsborough School.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:10 on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC