

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
August 20, 2018
Office of the Superintendent**

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

Regrets: Andy Flanagan

	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>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Mr. Mark Donovan, Superintendent</p> <p><u>Annual Report to ASD-N District Education Council</u></p> <p>Mr. Donovan presented the “Annual Report to ASD-N District Education Council – August 2018”. In his report, Mr. Donovan highlighted some of the challenges and successes that the district has experienced during the 2017-2018 school year. He noted that many challenges can be mitigated by building the most highly trained and skilled work force within the field of education. He stated that professional learning and training opportunities for all staff in ASD-N is encouraged, promoted and supported on an on-going basis. The Priority Delivery Unit (PDU) also focuses on teacher training to produce better assessment results for students. In addition, the Directors of Schools provide ongoing leadership training for teachers who are interested in future administrative or leadership roles.</p>

	<p>Mr. Donovan reviewed Literacy, Numeracy and Science assessment results, and he noted the areas that had significant improvement in 2018. Many assessment results were on par or above the provincial average. The goal is to have 90% of students successful in attaining “at or above the appropriate levels” by 2020.</p> <p>Anglophone North School District has also worked tirelessly to meet its commitments in providing quality educational opportunities for First Nation students. These commitments are outlined in DEC Policy E-11, enhanced programs and service agreements, the TRC’s 94 Calls to Action related to education, and are included in the goals outlined in ASD-N’s District Improvement Plan. Mr. Donovan reviewed many strategies that have been implemented during the 2017-2018 school year to achieve these goals. He noted that First Nation education is not only important for the school districts that have First Nation students, but it is important for the entire province as well.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock congratulated Mr. Donovan on preparing such a comprehensive report. He noted that Mr. Donovan has sparked a renewed enthusiasm among staff, and this has contributed to higher achievement levels.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Ron Ecker that the “Annual Report to ASD-N District Education Council – August 2018” be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED. A copy of this report will be forwarded to Hon. Brian Kenny.</p> <p><u>Anglophone North School District First Nation Education Report – 2017-2018</u></p> <p>Mr. Donovan presented the First Nation Education Report, which was prepared by Matthew Swezey, Subject Coordinator for First Nation Education. The report celebrates the successes during the 2017-2018 school year as a result of many strategies that have been initiated to educate all students about First Nation heritage and culture. Mr. Donovan attributed the success of these programs to the efforts and dedication of Mr. Swezey and his team. Mr. Donovan reported as well that fifty percent of Mr. Craig Caldwell’s profile is now dedicated to First Nation education and enhancement agreements. In addition, Mr. John Fletcher has been hired to develop mental health strategies for all students.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ron Ecker and seconded by Joe Petersen that the “Anglophone North School District First Nation Education Report – 2017-2018” be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Beatrice LeBlanc that the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>

<p>F.</p>	<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-10, EL-13 – In Compliance - See attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Nancy McBain that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>G.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>All correspondence items were forwarded to the District Education Council members for their review prior to this meeting. One correspondence item will be discussed at the September 17, 2018 meeting.</p>
<p>H.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) PSSC Allocations</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock distributed a list of the schools' Parent School Support Committee budgets for the 2018-2019 school year. These budgets were based on \$3.09 per student, with a minimum school amount of \$475. IT WAS MOVED BY Ron Ecker and seconded by Joe Petersen that the 2018-2019 PSSC Budgets be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>I.</p>	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock expressed his appreciation to Joe Petersen for attending the meeting of DEC Chairs on August 10-12 on Mr. Mortlock's behalf. Mr. Petersen reported on this meeting and commented particularly on a presentation about mental illness and suicide. He also noted that he contacted Mrs. Cook-Corlett, Teacher at James M. Hill Memorial High School, about the possibility of her students sharing their mental health presentation at the DEC Symposium in November.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported that as an alternative to sending a formal letter to Hon. Brian Kenny about the need for more mental health services, he personally discussed his concerns on several occasions with Minister Kenny and Hon. Bill Fraser. He provided both Ministers with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that the James M. Hill students presented during the June, 2018 District Education Council meeting.</p>

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Donovan reported on the areas of focus for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year:

- There is a district-wide theme of personalized learning, innovation and engagement. Cross-curricular leads are being trained to assist teachers with more effective planning and teaching.
- Following a visit to San Diego by district staff during the past school year, Superior Middle School was selected as a research school for implementing initiatives to better engage students. Mr. Donovan noted that this school is already leading the province with their assessment results.
- The District Improvement Plan will be updated and presented to the District Education Council when it is available.
- The Leads, Subject Coordinators and Directors will be visiting schools as part of a sustained focus on Literacy and Numeracy initiatives, as well as providing supports for the schools.
- John Fletcher has been hired to develop a comprehensive mental health strategy, with particular emphasis on supports for First Nation students.
- Meredith Caissie has been hired as the new District Communications Officer. She will be responsible for district messaging, maintaining the district website, and responding to RTIPPA requests and media inquiries.
- The Tommies II alt site was successful during the 2017-2018 school year. The Bengals II alt site in Rexton will be opening for the 2018-2019 school year. These centers provide one-on-one personalized programs for students.
- Institutionalizing annual district-wide curriculum focuses/themes is in the planning stages for high school students. These include Juno 2019 (History); Africa 2020 (Social Studies), and Canada's Arctic 2021 (Science).
- Jim Watters is the new Physical Education Lead, and he has many new ideas. The elementary track and field events will continue in the school district and middle school track and field events will be reintroduced.
- The Sistema music program is looking to expand into the northern region of Anglophone North School District, with the possibility of partnering with the Francophone school district sometime in the future.
- The teacher training partnership with Nunavut, which occurred during the 2017-2018 school year, may expand into the 2018-2019 school year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time employees have been invited to participate in the “Get Fit” program as part of the Anglophone North School District wellness initiative. ASD-N has partnered with local fitness centers to help cover membership fees for September-November. This program may continue into 2019 if funds are available. • Mr. Donovan outlined some of the challenges that the district will be facing in 2018-2019. He particularly mentioned the nutrition policy - Policy 711: Healthier School Food Environment. Concerns were raised about the rigidity of this policy. Further discussions are expected to be held.
L.	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Beatrice LeBlanc attended the Awards Ceremony at Harcourt School and the graduation ceremony at Bonar Law Memorial School in June.</p> <p>Sheila Rogers participated in the graduation ceremony at Bathurst High School. As well, she attended a Provincial Curriculum Evaluation and Assessment subcommittee meeting on July 25 to review graduation requirements. A follow-up meeting will be held in the fall.</p> <p>Carmel Hambrook brought greetings on behalf of the DEC and PSSC at the Miramichi Valley High School graduation ceremony in June. She also attended the Awards Ceremony at Max Aitken Academy. Mrs. Hambrook plans to send an email to the principals in her subdistrict to welcome them back to the new school year and to request a list of their upcoming events.</p> <p>Nancy McBain attended the graduation ceremony at Dalhousie Regional High School. She noted that 20% of the graduates were First Nation students.</p> <p>Mike Mortlock attended the graduation at Sugarloaf Senior High School. He also commented on the number of First Nation students who were among the graduates.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock distributed a copy of the architectural design for the new Campbellton K-8 school to Council members for their review.</p> <p>Ron Ecker attended the graduation ceremony at North & South Esk Regional School. He noted a decline in the number of graduates this year.</p>
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on September 17, 2018 at Janeville Elementary School at 5:30 p.m.</p>

	The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.
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Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC