

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
December 18, 2017
Office of the Superintendent**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Ron Ecker
Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook
Sheila Rogers
Mark Donovan, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Nancy McBain

	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 Andy Flanagan that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>

E.	<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-10, E-11, C/SR-2, EL-11, EL-12 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ron Ecker that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock forwarded all correspondence items to the District Education Council members.</p>
G.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock attended the PSSC Meetings at each of the four schools in his subdistrict. He also informed Council members about the First Annual "New Brunswick Education Research Symposium" that will be held in Fredericton on April 11, 2018.</p>
H.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no nominations for "Outstanding Volunteers" in December. • Starfish Awards were presented to Jennifer Talbot Lavigne, a teacher at Dalhousie Regional High School, and to the custodial staff at Rexton Elementary School. The custodial staff includes Donny Hudson, Fern Mazerolle, Brenda MacDonald and Gerald Richard. • He distributed information about the New Brunswick Education Research Symposium that will be held in April, 2018. • Mr. Donovan reviewed the ASD-N Numeracy Common Benchmark September Results with Council members. He noted that Anglophone North School District was the only Anglophone school district in the province to use lead teachers to administer the assessment. Other districts used their homeroom teachers. Mr. Donovan stated that ASD-N's results indicate validity as the lead teachers were objective and consistent in their administration of the assessment.

These assessments are based on year-end outcomes, and will be administered again in January and May. Mr. Donovan noted that 39.1% of the Kindergarten students are already meeting the grade for their year-end outcomes.

- Mr. Donovan presented data based on the Grade 1 and Grade 2 Reading Levels. A review of the data showed that the students in the northern region of Anglophone North School District are scoring lower than those in the southern region of the district. He informed Council members that this is a concern and that additional support will be provided in January for the schools in the north.
- Principals participated in the “Yellow Brick Road” activity at the November Principals’ Meeting. Mr. Donovan reviewed and briefly discussed some of the items that principals placed under three categories – “Dirt Road” for items that require attention, “Paved Road” for items that are moving forward, and the “Yellow Brick Road” for items that have been successful.
- The third quarterly forecast report is currently showing a balanced budget for fiscal year-end. Mr. Donovan explained that the districts’ 2017-2018 budgets were over-funded for the teachers’ salaries. Following the return of a portion of the funds to the Board, the remaining amount contributed to the reduction of the deficit. However, there are some winter weather factors that could still have an impact on the fiscal year-end budget, ie. power/heating consumption costs, bus operation costs, etc.
- Mr. Donovan visited all of the schools in Anglophone North School District, including the four First Nation’s schools.
- Mr. Donovan shared some “Good News” from the schools:
 - North & South Esk Regional School recently received a \$50,000 Canada 150 grant. This will be a joint Food Bank/Community Garden Project.
 - Max Aitken Academy held a major gift-giving event at Mount St. Joseph’s Senior Home, where every resident received a gift.
 - Nelson Rural School is in the top ten finalists and is in the running for the top prize for the CBC Music/Singing competition. 140 schools from across Canada competed in this event.
 - Staff and students at Bathurst High School gave back to their community recently by volunteering their time to deliver gifts and food to seniors and vulnerable citizens in the Bathurst area.

- Janeville Elementary School will receive a \$1,000 donation from the New Brunswick Nurses' Union to help support its breakfast program.
- Jeux de L'Acadie will be held in Miramichi on June 27-July 1, 2018, and it will have approximately 1,200 student athletes participating. Anglophone North School District has partnered with this group, and it has offered the use of its schools and facilities for various events. Linda Dickson, Subject Coordinator for French Immersion, is the district representative and the liaison for the principals who will be involved.
- Mr. Donovan attended the District Health Advisory Committee (DHAC) meeting on November 29. This committee has now been expanded to include three school-level administrators and a First Nation representative.
- A meeting was held with Ken McLeod, Provincial Director of Sistema, to discuss the possibility of expanding the Sistema program in the current locations and possibly expanding it into the northern region of the district. Finding teachers and the required funding are two important elements in this regard.
- Mr. Donovan attended the opening of Park Street School as the first official "Tri-Lingual" school in Canada, in partnership with the Confucius Institute. If Anglophone North School District demonstrates an interest in becoming a Tri-Lingual school, it would become the second such school in Canada. AEI is exploring the possibility of bringing Chinese teachers to ASD-N next fall, and will be encouraging teachers and administrators to apply for a trip to China this summer.
- The Juno 2019 plans are well underway. Meetings have been held with the current Commanding Officers of the North Shore Regiment, with Dr. Marc Milner of UNB, and with parents to explain how this trip will be beneficial to the students. Anglophone North School District will sponsor one student per school, based on merit, or will support one student in each school to enable that student to participate in this trip as well. Mr. Donovan will also approach Heritage Canada to explore the possibility of receiving financial support for this trip.
- Mr. Donovan and a team of ASD-N educators travelled to the Edith Cavell School in Moncton on December 14 to visit its therapeutic model, which is a new approach to the alternative site. Mr. Donovan reported that this model is impressive and that it is meeting the needs of many at-risk students. ASD-N is still looking at opening an alternative site for James M. Hill Memorial High School students, beginning in Semester Two, with the possibility of accommodating students from Miramichi Valley High School as well. A discussion also followed with regard to certain issues concerning the Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) program and the Inclusion Policy.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Donovan presented a copy of the “Max Aitken Magazine”, a booklet that was prepared by students of Max Aitken Academy as a fundraising project.
I.	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Carmel Hambrook attended a Parent School Support Committee meeting at Max Aitken Academy. This school recently hosted a Bright Night and two Christmas Concerts. Mrs. Hambrook also plans to attend a musical that Max Aitken Academy is preparing. The School Improvement Plan at that school is progressing well, and two PSSC members have indicated an interest in attending the DEC Symposium in May, 2018. Mrs. Hambrook also confirmed that she notified Sacha Dewolfe of her intention to step down from the Objective 6 Committee, due to health reasons.</p> <p>An issue was raised about some schools that do not inform the Superintendent’s office or the District Education Council members about dates for their PSSC meetings. A reminder will be sent to the schools in this regard.</p> <p>Sheila Rogers reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She was unable to attend the November meeting of the District Health Advisory Committee as she attended a PCEAC meeting on the same date. The next DHAC meeting will be held in Miramichi on January 29, 2018. • The PCEAC (Provincial Curriculum and Evaluation Advisory Committee) meeting was held in Fredericton on November 29-30, 2017. The next meeting will be held in April, 2018. • Lynne Melanson, a teacher at Bathurst High School, recently passed away. • Bathurst High School held its first Festival of Arts with a holiday concert, dance, fashion show and dessert theatre. Students at this school also collected pasta and Kleenex in support of the Spirit of Christmas campaign. • Students at Terry Fox Elementary School will be enjoying a turkey dinner on December 19. • Members of the Titan hockey team visited the students at Janeville Elementary School. <p>Micheal Mortlock informed Council members about the Student Leadership Day that will be held for all student council representatives from the eight ASD-N high schools. This meeting will be held at the Bathurst Chalmers Center during one of the teachers’ professional learning days. Mr. Donovan will inform the high school principals about this event as soon as the details are finalized.</p>

J.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on January 15, 2018 at North & South Esk Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Andy Flanagan.
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Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
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