

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
December 19, 2022
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice-Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Paul Mourant
Gilbert Cyr
Rev. Albertine LeBlanc
Andy Flanagan
Dean Mutch, Interim Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Nancy McBain

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:40 p.m. This was a virtual meeting that was live-streamed to the public. Mr. Petersen began the meeting by acknowledging the land on which the District Education Council was meeting is located on traditional unceded and unsurrendered territory. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship, which the Mi'kmaq peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources but, in fact, recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Paul Mourant that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION Mr. Jamie O'Toole, Subject Coordinator Technology, Trades and Personalization ASD-N ICE Center</p> <p>Mr. O'Toole gave a presentation about the ASD-N ICE Center. The ICE (Innovation Collaboration Education) Center was developed after a proposal was submitted by teacher Rob Lenhart to partner with NBCC to create an entrepreneurship program. The focus of this program is to get students into the community and into a different learning space with a trades focus to help better prepare them for college life and the workplace.</p>

	<p>The ICE Center came into existence in 2019- starting out with 1 teacher, 1 location, 1 course, 0 SMEs (Subject Matter Experts) and 12 students. Fast forward four years to the present day, the ICE Center now consists of 8 teachers, 7 locations, 10 courses, 5 SMEs and 125+ students.</p> <p>Classroom locations have expanded from NBCC Miramichi to the Miramichi Airport, the Natoaganeg Welding Center, the Elsipogtog Trades and Learning Center, Esgenopetitj School, CCNB Campbellton, and CCNB Bathurst.</p> <p>Current courses include: Intro Nursing and Health Care Advanced Welding Intro to Aviation Forest Equipment Operator Entrepreneurship & Business Intro to Teaching Electrical Wiring & Construction Music Production and Songwriting Heavy Construction Fisheries, Forestry and Leadership</p> <p>Many partnerships have been made and continue to grow and help push this program further. Mr. O’Toole said these partnerships result in students coming out of experiential learning courses with skills comparable to industry standards and certifications. Which is exciting for students going onto trade school and other secondary education options.</p> <p>Partnerships also assist in the use and purchase of equipment such as simulators used in the Aviation and Equipment Operator courses. Mr. O’Toole’s provided photos of multiple classroom areas to the DEC Members, which were very interesting and showed students interacting in these settings. The Miramichi Airport allows students access to the local aviation museum and the classroom is in an actual airplane hangar.</p> <p>Students interested in participating in the ICE Center can find more information and apply through the website: www.asdnice.com.</p> <p>DEC Members were very impressed with Mr. O’Toole’s presentation and expressed their thanks.</p>
E.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the minutes of the November 21, 2022, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from minutes.</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-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 Rev. Albertine LeBlanc that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
H.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Letter from Mr. Robert Levesque, President, District Education Council Chairs (Francophone), Re: Grade 10 Civics Course 2023 (b) Letter from Hon. Bill Hogan, Minister of Education, Re: French Second Language Program
I.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>No new business.</p>
J.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen addressed the announcement of the new K-8 school in Campbellton. He thanked the DEC members for the continued support. • Mr. Petersen and other DEC Chairs met with Interim Deputy Minister, John McLaughlin and Assistant Deputy Minister, Tiffany Bastin, regarding the future of the District Education Councils. A follow-up meeting is slated for January 27, 2023.
K.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Superintendent, Dean Mutch, expressed his appreciation and thanked Mr. O'Toole and his team at the ASD-N ICE Center for all their great work. • Mr. Mutch said he has received positive feedback from schools for the poinsettia arrangements which were recently sent out on behalf of the District Education Council as a token of appreciation. • \$250,000 has been awarded in "Innovation Teaching Grants". • ASD-N has 4 students participating in the 1-year international study program in Argentina and Germany. This program is in partnership with Atlantic Education International (AEI).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On December 10, 2022, ASD-N hosted a full day, in-person Classroom Management meeting for 25+ teachers. • On December 15, 2022, Mr. Buggy, Interim Director of Schools, held a learning session for new administrators. Mr. Mutch is hoping to build a mentor support system for new administrators by pairing them with retired/more experienced administrators. • In early December, all Subject Coordinators and Directors attended the Learning Forward Conference in Nashville, TN. In the spirit of continued support and learning for administrators, Mr. Mutch is sending Principals to the upcoming ULead Conference and CAP Conference in 2023. • Mr. Mutch announced that Mr. Craig Caldwell will be the Interim Director of First Nations until June 2023. Mr. Caldwell is working with ASD-W and 15 First Nations communities to develop this role. • WIPCE delegates came together in Pabineau First Nation to continue their work in promoting and developing Indigenous education. • Mr. Mutch was pleased to announce that five high schools from ASD-N participated and placed in the Let's Talk Careers Competition. • Mr. Mutch announced the following Starfish Award recipients: Cassidy Culligan, Teacher- PHES Marianne Calhoun, HRO, Dalhousie Education Center Jody Lavigne, Teacher, PHES Terry Good, Teacher, DRHS Shaina Munroe, Supply Teacher, TCS • Claudette Gallagher, PHES, was our one Outstanding Volunteer Award recipient.
J.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Carmel Hambrook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students at Max Aitken Academy gathered gifts for residents of local seniors' homes. This is something the school annually organizes. • MVHS held two PSSC Meetings, Ms. Hambrook was not aware of the scheduled meetings and did not attend. • After reviewing the correspondence of Mr. Robert Levesque, Ms. Hambrook sent a message to the Curriculum and Assessment Committee about the proposed Grade 10 Civic Course. She has not yet received a response but will keep DEC members informed.

Paul Mourant

- Mr. Mourant had no scheduled PSSC meetings to attend.
- Mr. Mourant volunteered at one of his local schools to help cook a free turkey dinner for all students.

Rev. Albertine LeBlanc

- Rev. LeBlanc attended the PSSC meeting at NSER. She said the meeting was well prepared and informative.
- Rev. LeBlanc was not able to attend the PSSC meeting at Blackville School.
- There is an upcoming PSSC meeting at NSEE, Rev. LeBlanc plans on attending in January 2023.

Andy Flanagan

- Mr. Flanagan had no updates to report but wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Gilbert Cyr

- Mr. Cyr expressed thanks to Mr. Mutch for the effort and investments he continues to make for his administrators.
- Mr. Cyr said he attended his local PSSC meetings where the continued concerns were mental health, lack of volunteers, staffing shortages.
- Mr. Cyr thanked his colleagues on the DEC for their ongoing support of the K-8 school slated to be built in the Campbellton area.

Sheila Rogers

- Ms. Rogers attended the Superior Middle School PSSC. The school began a new program to change the culture within the school by celebrating little things. They now have awards like "Catch of the Week", "Student of the Month"- ways to praise students for making small differences in daily student life.
- Ms. Rogers attended a Parent Teacher meeting on Teams for her grandchild at Superior Middle School. Ms. Rogers said the meeting was excellent, she left there feeling very proud of the work they were doing within the school.
- Terry Fox Elementary School had their second PSSC meeting, Ms. Rogers attended. The school purchased equipment to dehydrate food with the idea

	<p>of helping students learn about sustainable futures by cutting down on food waste. One teacher will be travelling to British Columbia to visit the Maple Ridge Environmental School, an Indigenous School which is also first outdoor school in Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PSSC meeting at Parkwood Heights Elementary School has been postponed. • In January, Ms. Rogers has a meeting for the Inclusion Steering Committee and then a meeting with the Minister at the end of January. • Ms. Rogers wished all DEC members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held virtually on January 16, 2023.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC