

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
February 11, 2020
Miramichi Valley High School**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Andy Flanagan
Brittnee Gallant
Carmel Hambrook
Rev. Albertine 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 3:40 p.m. at Miramichi Valley High School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>Due to inclement weather on February 10, 2020, the District Education Council's regularly scheduled meeting at Bathurst High School was cancelled and postponed until February 11, 2020 at Miramichi Valley High School, prior to the members' consultation with Hon. Dominic Cardy.</p> <p>Council members, therefore, agreed to strike the presentation of Mr. Shaun MacDonald, Principal of Bathurst High School, from the agenda. In addition, "(b) Standards for Seclusion and Physical Restraint" was added under New Business.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Rev. Albertine LeBlanc that the Agenda be approved with these changes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Rev. Albertine LeBlanc that the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>The consultation on the Green Paper, with Hon. Dominic Cardy, will follow this meeting at 5:30 p.m.</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) EL-4 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>There were no new correspondence items this month.</p>
G.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) iPads for PSSC Appreciation Dinner</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Rev. Albertine LeBlanc and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that two iPads be purchased from the District Education Council’s budget as incentives for the PSSC Appreciation Dinner on May 25, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>(b) Standards for Seclusion and Physical Restraint</p> <p>Nancy McBain introduced an Alberta article to Council members entitled, “Standards for Seclusion and Physical Restraint”. She inquired about any current district or provincial policies that address standards and guidelines for managing the behavior of students with exceptionalities.</p> <p>Following a discussion, Mr. Mortlock recommended that Nancy McBain and Sheila Rogers meet with the ASD-N Education Support Services team to determine if there are similar guidelines and standards in place in Anglophone North School District to accommodate these students. Mr. Donovan will arrange for Ms. McBain and Ms. Rogers to meet with the ESS Team before the next District Education Council meeting.</p>
H.	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mortlock and Mr. Petersen reported on a meeting they recently attended with DEC chairs and vice-chairs in Fredericton on “Governance Structure”. • Mr. Mortlock attended a meeting in Moncton on February 10 with the Minister of Finance, ASD-E District Education Council chair, representatives from provincial student organizations, universities, and New Brunswick’s francophone sector. He noted that all representatives shared similar concerns, ie. aging infrastructure, mental health services and inclusion.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- Scott Seeley received a nomination from Gretna Green School for an "Outstanding Volunteer" award. Mr. Seeley will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from ASD-N.
- The school district is projecting a balanced budget at fiscal year-end on March 31, 2020. Mr. Donovan reviewed several factors that contributed to the change in costs, such as a cost-sharing arrangement with schools for technology items, lower costs in certain salaries, funds not totally utilized for maternity leaves, certificate and experience increases, and a decrease in the use of employees' sick days. There is a possibility that the district could incur a surplus at the end of the fiscal year.
- Mr. Donovan informed Council members that, due to consistent forecasts and weather warnings about the severity of the impending storm on February 7, he announced an early school cancellation at 8:00 p.m. on February 6, rather than wait and make the decision the next morning. He noted that at the ASD-N School Closures Stakeholders' Forum, held in February 2019, participants inquired into the possibility of cancelling schools the night before an imminent storm. Mr. Donovan also stated that it was necessary to close the Blackville and Millerton schools early on February 10 as a result of snowy and treacherous road conditions in those areas.

Mr. Donovan asked Council members for their feedback about announcing early school cancellations due to weather, and if they are able to support him in this regard. The District Education Council members assured Mr. Donovan that he has their support when making those decisions.

- Six ASD-N schools have expressed interest in becoming "prototype schools" in an effort to improve the French Second Language program in New Brunswick. Fourteen prototype schools will be participating in this project throughout the province.
- Staff in the schools and education centers will receive recognition for their work during Staff Appreciation Week between February 10-14. Anglophone North School District delivered vegetable and fruit trays to each of the schools and learning centers during that week, and the staff at the education centers will enjoy a luncheon on February 14.
- Pam Underhill, Subject Coordinator for Literacy, Libraries and EAL, will represent ASD-N at the World Literacy Conference in England. Literacy Leads, Barbara Brown and Shelley O'Toole, will accompany her.
- Mr. Donovan expects to hear soon from the World Indigenous People's Conference on Education as to whether any of the five abstracts have been approved as presenters for the conference.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All eight high schools in Anglophone North School District will be participating in the Personalization and Inclusion Summit at Miramichi Valley High School on February 20. Teachers and students will learn how to work with communities to explore opportunities for greater inclusive practices. • Mr. Donovan distributed the results of the Student Perception Surveys. He noted that ASD-N is leading the province in most areas of the survey. He also stated that there have been improvements since the last survey and that new initiatives are making a difference. These results are posted online for each of the schools. • Mr. Donovan distributed copies of “Unfiltered”, a magazine written by three James M. Hill students about mental health issues. This magazine is research-based, and it speaks to the level of understanding and education that students have at James M. Hill. • Mr. Donovan and students at Max Aitken Academy participated in a promotional video that was posted online to launch the ASD-N Winter Challenge from February 18-28. The district will cover the costs of transporting students to skating, snowshoeing, skiing and other events. • Council members received an update about the ICE Center, particularly its Mechanized Forestry Program. Students from James M. Hill and Miramichi Valley High School recently visited the Fornebu Lumber site to see a harvester in action. It is possible that some students will obtain employment with Fornebu when they graduate. <p>ASD-N continues to enjoy its partnership with NBCC in providing students with the opportunity to obtain dual credits and pursue career pathways while attending high school. Council members also discussed the need to mitigate transportation concerns for students who are required to travel to NBCC for these programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Donovan has not yet received any further information about the Atlantic Youth Challenge to Prevent Drugged Driving program. He will continue to keep Council members up to date in this regard. • Students from five of ASD-N’s eight high schools will be participating in a trip to Peru from May 13-22.
J.	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Brittnee Gallant was unable to attend two PSSC meetings in her subdistrict, but she plans to attend a PSSC meeting on February 19.</p> <p>Rev. Albertine LeBlanc confirmed that she received the District Education Council orientation package. She also attended and briefly reported on the PSSC meeting</p>

at Blackville School. She plans to attend the PSSC meeting at North & South Esk Elementary School on February 12.

Nancy McBain reported that she has been visiting schools and meeting with principals and educational assistants.

Carmel Hambrook attended two PSSC meetings in her subdistrict. She reported on these meetings and noted that Tabusintac Community School and Max Aitken Academy have both expressed interest in becoming two of the French Second Language prototype schools. She plans to attend the PSSC meeting at Miramichi Valley High School on February 24.

Mrs. Hambrook expressed a concern that students are not considered absent from school when they attend sporting or Rotary events, but are considered absent when they attend events such as Scouting, Guiding, and Cadets. Mr. Donovan will discuss this matter further with administrators at the Principals' Meeting in March.

Sheila Rogers reported as follows:

- She attended a conference call on February 12, 2020 with the Provincial Curriculum and Evaluation Advisory Committee (PCEAC). The next meeting will take place on April 15.
- She will attend the PSSC meeting at Parkwood Heights Elementary School on February 13.
- Janeville Elementary School will celebrate "Spirit Week" on February 24-29, with "Kindness" being the theme of this event.
- Rehearsals are underway at Terry Fox Elementary School for Aladdin Broadway on May 8 and 9. The Honey Beary replaced the Spirit Bear in the Grade 1-2 class. Grades 2 F.I. and 5 F.I. students are involved in a personalization project on healthy eating. Many students are involved in the entrepreneurial fair project, and they are creating commercials and products to sell at an upcoming market. Grade 5 students also had a session on skateboarding, which included instructions about safety.
- Daryl Branscombe, a member of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, wrote an article in January 2020 about Superior Middle School. In the article, he described and praised the efforts of change occurring at the school, particularly with personalized learning and its effect on student achievement and behavior. He was very impressed with the results at Superior Middle School.

Mr. Mortlock will be attending two PSSC meetings in his subdistrict during the week of February 17. He also discussed some topics he plans to discuss with Hon. Dominic Cardy during the consultation meeting to follow.

K.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will take place on March 16, 2020. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on a motion by Rev. Albertine LeBlanc.
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Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

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