

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
February 12, 2018
Superior Middle School**

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

Regrets: Nancy McBain

Absent: 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 Superior Middle School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Ron Ecker that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>Presentation: Scott Ferguson, Vice-Principal – Superior Middle School</p> <p>Mr. Ferguson gave a PowerPoint presentation about Superior Middle School, which is also known as the “Home of the Blazers”. He explained that the school has implemented the FISH! Philosophy as a means of creating a Positive Learning Environment. This philosophy and its strategies serve as a reminder to students to be kind to fellow students and to be aware of positive behavior expectations. The school is currently working on cafeteria expectations and locker room expectations as well.</p> <p>Mr. Ferguson reviewed initiatives that have been implemented to improve assessment results. He explained that teachers are continually finding new ways to engage students in their learning, including learning through personalization. Educational Pods”, or Epods, have also been implemented to provide students with extra instruction in Mathematics. Enrichment activities are available to students as well. Mr. Ferguson shared the 2017 assessment results, in which Superior Middle</p>

	<p>School was very successful. Mr. Donovan noted that the Assistant Deputy Minister recently congratulated Anglophone North School District and Superior Middle School, in particular, on the Grade 6 Provincial Achievement results.</p> <p>Mr. Ferguson highlighted various other programs and activities that encourage student participation, including sports, WE Day, Orange Shirt Day, Yellow Day and various color rallies that are held to celebrate achievement and boost team spirit. Maker Space is a new technology space in the school where students can learn about different technologies.</p> <p>As a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting, Mr. Mortlock presented Mr. Ferguson with a book for the school's library.</p>
D.	<p>Kim Cripps, Supervisor of Data and Accountability</p> <p>(i) ASD-N Provincial Assessment Report 2016-2017</p> <p>Mrs. Cripps reviewed the ASD-N Provincial Assessment Report that she prepared based on the results of all provincial assessments that were administered in 2016-2017. Each District Education Council member received a copy of this report. Mrs. Cripps noted that the results revealed that some schools are struggling and some schools are doing well. She noted that these results were shared with the subject coordinators to determine which schools require additional support. She informed Council members that assessment results for all four Anglophone school districts are available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website.</p> <p>(ii) Tell Them From Me Survey Results/NB Elementary Student Wellness Survey Results</p> <p>Mrs. Cripps explained that the Tell Them From Me Survey/NB Elementary Student Wellness Survey depicts how students perceive their life in school. She indicated that there was an improvement in the participation rate, with 94% of the schools in Anglophone North School completing the survey. The survey focuses on four themes: Learning, Social & Emotional Development, Healthy Lifestyles, and Health Status. Mrs. Cripps reviewed the results with regard to various topics, such as mental fitness, LGBTQ, school connectedness, participation and engagement, how students perceive the climate in their classrooms, how connected the students are to their schools and the people within them, how engaged students are in their learning, and if their learning is relevant and challenging.</p> <p>Mrs. Cripps noted that there has been an improvement in the results. She believes that when certain target areas are addressed, results will continue to improve.</p>
E.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Ron Ecker that the minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

F.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the previous 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) EL-4 – 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>Mr. Mortlock forwarded all correspondence items to the District Education Council members.</p>
I.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no new business to discuss.</p>
J.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He attended the Inclusive Education Forum in Fredericton on February 6. As soon as the final report from this meeting is available, he will forward it to the District Education Council members. • Mr. Mortlock and Mr. Petersen will be attending the Minister's Forum in Miramichi on Thursday, February 15. • Ten Parent School Support Committee members have been selected by a lottery draw to attend the DEC Symposium in May 2018. Five alternates have also been identified. • Mr. Mortlock and the Directors of Schools will be meeting with student leaders from the eight high schools in Anglophone North High School on Friday, February 16, in Bathurst. The students will have the opportunity to interact with their peers and discuss issues relating to fundraising, school spirit and other relative topics.

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Donovan reported on the following:

- A nomination for “Outstanding Volunteer” was received for Aaron Blair at Bonar Law Memorial School. **IT WAS MOVED BY** Ron Ecker and seconded by Joe Petersen that a Certificate of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to Mr. Blair. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- The mid-year assessment of the District Improvement Plan has been completed by the directors and subject coordinators. District Education Council members received a copy of the updated District Improvement Plan. Mr. Donovan noted that data is a major factor in identifying specific needs in the district, and he feels a sense of urgency in addressing those needs.
- Mawi’omis will be held at MVHS on February 15 and at James M. Hill on February 16. Mr. Donovan noted that these events are being held as part of the District Improvement Plan and as part of the commitment to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report. He invited the DEC members to attend these Mawi’omis.
- The first planning meeting for the Elementary Track and Field Days has been scheduled for February 14.
- The “Students First Award” will be implemented in Anglophone North School District to recognize a support staff member who consistently makes it a priority to always put “Students First”. One support staff member will be recognized annually in each school. Nominations can be made by peers, parents or students. Recipients will be presented with a plaque at a school assembly or at any other function deemed appropriate by the school administration.
- An “Innovation Night” is being planned for May 2018 at James M. Hill Memorial High School. This event will celebrate the work of innovative teachers and students. Mr. Donovan will provide the District Education Council with more details as soon as they are finalized.
- Mr. Donovan was very impressed with the new Miramichi Alternative Learning Site during his recent visit. He noted that the staff members were taken from the current allotment at James M. Hill. They are committed to having their students be successful, and they have also contacted other students who have not been attending school in an attempt to bring them back to school.
- Heidi Ryder, Principal of James M. Hill Memorial High School, will be receiving the “Canada’s Outstanding Principals Award” in Toronto on February 27. Mr. Donovan and Mr. Dean Mutch, Director of Schools, will be travelling to Toronto to participate in professional learning sessions on

leadership with Mrs. Ryder, and they will be also be accompanying her at the awards ceremony.

- The middle school data that was prepared by Kim Cripps, Supervisor of Data and Accountability, illustrates a decline in results from Grade 5 to Grade 6. As a result, there is an urgent need to better engage students in Grades 6-12. Mr. Donovan stated that the district purchased rights to the “Most Likely to Succeed” documentary. This documentary focuses on approaches taken by High Tech High in San Diego, California to engage learning. These include creative problem solving, cross-curricular learning and the joy of discovery in learning. This school consistently has one of the highest success rates for students going on to post-secondary studies.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has provided funding for a group of teachers and administrators from Anglophone North School District to join the Assistant Deputy Minister on a trip to San Diego to learn more about the teaching strategies at High Tech High. The participating schools include Sugarloaf Senior High School, Superior Middle School and North & South Esk Regional School. These schools will replicate many of the teaching strategies at High Tech High starting in September 2018.

- Staffing surveys have been sent out to “B” contract teachers as the first step in the staffing process. The deadline for these surveys is March 2, 2018.
- The French Immersion registration deadline has been extended until the March Break in order to ensure that all interested families have the chance to register their children. The registration information will enable the school district to move forward with the staffing process.
- Anglophone North School District has partnered with Envirem to provide select schools with topsoil, manure and organic matter for school gardens and community gardens. This is being provided by Envirem at no cost to the district or schools. Mr. Donovan will notify the principals about this project.
- Mr. Donovan reported on the financial report for the period ending January 31, 2018. A balanced budget is still being forecasted for fiscal year-end. Mr. Donovan noted that it was possible for many teachers in ASD-N to participate in excellent professional learning opportunities during this fiscal year. Supper meetings are also being planned for teachers to participate in local professional learning activities. After a brief discussion, Mr. Donovan agreed to look into the possibility of providing professional learning opportunities for budget, transportation, facilities and human resources personnel.

J. DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Joe Petersen recently attended the first PSSC meeting at Jacquet River School, and he will be attending a PSSC meeting at L. E. Reinsborough School on February 13.

Carmel Hambrook reported on the first PSSC meeting which was held at Gretna Green School on January 25. She will be attending a PSSC meeting at Tabusintac School on February 14.

Ron Ecker reported that the PSSC Cluster Meeting that was scheduled for January 30 at North & South Esk Elementary School had to be cancelled due to the weather, and it was rescheduled until February 20. Mr. Ecker also reminded Council members to complete and return the Superintendent's Evaluation form.

Ms. Rogers reported as follows:

- She presented the CAR (Competence, Autonomy and Relatedness) poster that she received at the District Health Advisory Committee (DHAC) meeting on January 29, 2018. Mr. Donovan and Kim Cripps were also in attendance at that meeting. Ms. Rogers reported on several statistics, including a 6% rate of food insecurity among ASD-N students, and a 2.3% drop-out rate in ASD-N.
- The Provincial Curriculum and Evaluation Advisory Committee (PCEAC) met on November 29, 2017, and a letter was received from Minister Kenny approving the members' recommendations.
- Janeville Elementary School received over \$2,500 in donations in memory of Joan Smith. These funds will be used to create classroom reading corners. Mr. Donovan also noted that this school recently received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the NB Nurses' Union to support the breakfast program.
- Bathurst High School will hold a variety show on February 15, 2018 to raise funds for the "Free the Children Group", which is nearing its goal of \$10,000 to build a school in a third world country.
- Terry Fox Elementary School prepared a video in support of the Library Challenge. The school has book baskets and basket labels that need repair, and it is also in need of new books.
- Ms. Rogers noted that the Principal of Parkwood Heights Elementary School is a member of the DHAC. This school is also planning a retro-game night for families to play board games at the school.

Mr. Mortlock will be attending Parent School Support Committee meetings at the four schools in his subdistrict. He also reported that Tide Head School is

	participating in a clothing drive in conjunction with Community Living. Money received will be used to help fund certain school projects. The Restigouche County Volunteer Action Association has also been involved in a clothing drive project with L. E. Reinsborough School.
K.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on March 19, 2018 at King Street Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
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