

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
February 20, 2024
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Paul Mourant
Ed Gilchrest
Andy Flanagan
Dean Mutch, 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 5:31 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 Andy Flanagan and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION Zoella Vienneau, Principal, Miramichi Rural School</p> <p>Miramichi Rural School currently has 69 students from K-8. Ms. Vienneau shared some school updates- to help spread positivity throughout the school there is an monthly recognition award for students and staff. This is called the 'Shark Shout Out", peers nominate someone they feel is deserving of the award. All nominees are acknowledged at the end of the month assembly.</p>

	<p>Trying to get students interested in entrepreneurial activities, they have begun to focus on creating school swag items, such as water bottles, t-shirts and magnets. Showing the students how to use the sublimation printers and Cricut machines. This allows items to be made, sold, and profited at the school.</p> <p>The school also purchased a button making machine, every month students are tasked with creating a picture representing the “value” of the month. For example if the value of the month is kindness, students are asked to draw a picture depicting kindness. These buttons are then passed out to students who have demonstrated kindness to their peers.</p> <p>Ms. Vienneau spoke about Ms. Poole, the kindergarten/grade1 teacher, she is really focusing on the power of play in the classroom. Students are responsive to this initiative; students can solve problems among themselves.</p> <p>Members asked Ms. Vienneau a few questions about the school and staff. Mr. Petersen thanked Ms. Vienneau for presentation on behalf of the DEC.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the minutes of the January 22, 2024, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>(a) The DEC Retreat will be held from June 27-29, 2024, in Fredericton NB.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ed Gilchrist that DEC Retreat meeting dates and location be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>(b) Guest speaker for upcoming meeting- Ms. Arianne Melara from the Multicultural Provincial Council. Ms. McAllister will reach out to see if Ms. Malara will be available for an upcoming meeting in March or April.</p>
F.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Policy Monitoring</p> <p>(i) GP 1,2,3,5 & 7 – Meeting Review Form</p> <p>(ii) EL-4 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>(a) Mr. Petersen is requesting a motion to approve the previously discussed letter to be sent out.</p>

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY Paul Mourant and seconded by Ed Gilchrist that the correspondence be sent on behalf of the council. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Celebrate the Spirit Awards- Email was sent to Principals calling for nominations. A decision on how to present these awards to the recipients will be decided closer to May.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen attended the PSSC meeting at DRHS for the long-term recommendations questionnaire. • Mr. Petersen will be attending the meeting with the Superintendent, Honorable Premier, Mr. Higgs, Honorable Minister Hogan and local constituents at Campbellton Middle School on February 21st to announce the new K- 8 school.
J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutch announced the Starfish Award Recipients for the past month: -Jaimie Spriggs- Teacher, PHES -Steven Mitchell- Custodian, LBS -Cheryl Noel- Teacher, KSES • Staff Appreciation week was February 12-16, 2024. Each education center and school received funds to do special activities for the staff. • Almost 300 students will be taking part in the upcoming North Shore Regiment Trip in June 2024. • Communications have been sent home to parents regarding the upcoming solar eclipse happening April 8, 2024. • Starting in September 2024, students in kindergarten to grade 2 will be dismissed at the same time as grade 3-12 students. This may cause issues with bussing; our Transportation department is already looking into solutions. • Four Principals and one Director of Schools from ASD-N will be attending the Canadian Association of Principals Conference in Toronto this coming April. • On February 1st, all Superintendents from the Anglophone and Francophone districts attended the Public Accounts inquiry at the NB Legislature. Many questions were surrounding bussing, educational assistants and classroom compositions. • Our current Director of Finance and Administration has accepted a position and will be leaving in a week. This vacancy has been posted on our career opportunities website. • The Planet Youth Initiative has begun in the Kent County area, this includes the two francophone schools and our own Bonar Law Memorial High School. Mr. Mutch attended the kick off on February 15th. • Mr. Mutch will be attending the announcement at Campbellton Middle School on February 21st, for the new K-8 school with Mr. Petersen, the Premier, Minister of Education and Early Childhood and local constituents.

<p>K.</p>	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers attended the PSSC meetings for Jacquet River School and Terry Fox Elementary School, where the long-term recommendations questionnaires were answered. • Ms. Rogers plans to attend the upcoming PSSC meetings for Superior Middle School and Bathurst High School for the same discussion on long-term recommendations. <p><u>Carmel Hambrook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hambrook will be attending the meeting for the addition being constructed at Tabusintac Community School next Thursday. Previously discussed was the need for a library, lab, quiet room, more classrooms, and restrooms. • The PSSC meeting for the Tabusintac Community School has been cancelled, new date has not been scheduled. • Ms. Hambrook missed the PSSC meeting for Miramichi Valley High School to attend this current DEC meeting. • Gretna Green School and Max Aitken Academy PSSC meetings are coming up in the next couple weeks. • Ms. Hambrook has not received word from the Assessment and Curriculum Committee regarding her status on the committee. <p><u>Ed Gilchrist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gilchrist missed the last PSSC meeting for North and South Esk Regional High School but plans on attending the next scheduled meeting. • Mr. Gilchrist will be attending the upcoming PSSC meetings for both Millerton school and North and South Esk Elementary School. <p><u>Paul Mourant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mourant attended the PSSC meeting at Rexton Elementary School to revise the long-term recommendations questionnaire. • Mr. Mourant noted that Bonar Law Memorial School were meeting tonight revise the long-term recommendations questionnaire with their PSSC.
<p>L.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held virtually on Monday, March 18, 2024.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC