

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
February 8, 2021
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Rev. Albertine LeBlanc
Nancy McBain
Sheila Rogers
Mark Donovan, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Andy Flanagan

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock welcomed members of the public to this virtual meeting and announced that the meeting was taking place on unceded land. Following an introduction of the District Education Council members, Mr. Mortlock called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Rev. Albertine LeBlanc and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the minutes of the January 18, 2021 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) EL-4 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Rev. Albertine LeBlanc that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>District Education Council members received all correspondence items prior to the meeting.</p>
G.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) ASD-N Surplus/Deficit Discussion</p> <p>Council members discussed a draft Agreement between the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and school districts. This agreement is part of the governance structure concerning district budgets. Mr. Donovan and Mr. Mortlock explained that the school districts would agree to return to the Province of New Brunswick any budgetary surpluses realized during the 2020-2021 fiscal year, in exchange for EECD covering COVID-related expenses.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that the District Education Council for Anglophone North School District approve the Agreement between the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and Anglophone North School District, as represented by the District Education Council. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>The names of the following DEC members will be included in the ratified Agreement to indicate their approval: Micheal Mortlock, Joseph Petersen, Sheila Rogers, Carmel Hambrook, Rev. Albertine LeBlanc, and Nancy McBain.</p>
H.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 8-12 is "Staff Appreciation Week". As an expression of appreciation to all staff in Anglophone North School District, the district will transfer funds to each school's budget for the purchase of coffee and treats for their staff. • Wendy Ferguson and Margo Girvan received Outstanding Volunteer Awards for their volunteer work at Rexton Elementary School. • John Legacy, a custodian at Lord Beaverbrook School, received a Starfish Award for going above and beyond his duties to help the staff and students at that school. • Zone 1, which includes the Rexton and Harcourt schools, has transitioned from the Red Phase of Recovery to the Orange Phase.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools have been coping very well with the pandemic. There has not been a significant increase in teacher absenteeism because of COVID-19. The Educational Assistants, however, continue to have the highest absenteeism rates, which was also the case before the pandemic. This is a common issue across the province. • High schools will be following the Blended Learning Model during Semester Two. Teachers are required to make contact with their students, take attendance, and conduct synchronized learning, i.e. teaching students in class and students at home at the same time. There has not been any major concerns expressed in Anglophone North School District about this program as teachers were kept up to date by district staff, and they received professional learning in preparation for it. • The school district received permission to hire three additional teachers to help support the First Nation students at the Learning Hub in Listuguj. There are now five teachers and nine support staff working with 100 students in that area. • Max Aitken Academy was the only school in New Brunswick selected to participate in a virtual meeting with Willie O’Ree, Prime Minister Trudeau, and Ron MacLean on February 1. More information about this meeting is posted on the district website. • Anglophone North School District will be using various resources and methods to implement one-on-one instruction for elementary students to address and close learning gaps caused by the pandemic. • District Education Council members received a copy of the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2020. The school district is projecting a balanced budget for the March 31, 2021 fiscal year-end. • The eight ASD-N high schools will receive extra funding to help support costs associated with this year’s graduation activities. This funding is possible due to the generosity of the District Education Council and the surplus in its budget.
I.	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Joe Petersen recently participated in a Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) meeting with Jacquet River School. The School Improvement Plan was reviewed at that meeting, and there was some discussion about COVID-19. Mr. Petersen also reported that the Makerspace Room at Jacquet River School will receive a makeover thanks to the generosity of a private investor.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen will be attending another PSSC meeting with Dalhousie Regional High School during the week of February 15.</p>

Nancy McBain reported that Chief Darcy Gray, of the Listuguj First Nation, recently expressed his appreciation to her for the support he received during the pandemic from Mr. Mark Donovan, Superintendent, the District Education Council, and Mr. Michael O'Toole, Principal of Sugarloaf Senior High School.

Carmel Hambrook reported as follows:

- She attended an online PSSC meeting with Tabusintac Community School. The members reviewed the School Improvement Plan at this meeting. The school also contacted the RCMP about the possibility of their patrolling the school area to help curb the speeding problem.
- She was unable to attend the PSSC meeting at Gretna Green School, but she did notify the school about submitting their list of technology needs to Mr. Donovan.
- She will attend her first PSSC meeting with Rexton Elementary School on February 9.
- The Rexton-area principals expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Hambrook for providing her support as their interim District Education Council representative.

Rev. Albertine LeBlanc reported on her meeting with North & South Esk Elementary School. At that meeting, she inquired about the school's computer needs, the overall mental health and wellness of the staff and students, and if the school has a First Nation flag. Rev. LeBlanc reported that not all N.S.E.E. students have access to computers at home, and that very few assignments require the use of a home computer. She also noted that the First Nation flag is hanging in the First Nation Support Classroom.

Rev. Albertine concluded her comments by indicating that she is hearing the same thing from schools – that children are adapting very well and that teachers are feeling the stress of unprecedented challenges. She commends the teachers for carrying the load without filtering their stress to the students.

Sheila Rogers reported as follows:

- Bathurst High School - A former basketball player will become a member of the St. Thomas University Tommies team for the 2021-2022 season.
- Terry Fox Elementary School – The third Zoom information session on “Making a Choice for French Immersion” will take place on February 11.
- Janeville Elementary School
 - Ms. Rogers attended the PSSC meeting at this school on January 25. Chantal Daley had an excellent PowerPoint presentation on the Outdoor Education Program.
 - The Home & School purchased an outdoor blackboard for this school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school secured \$1,000 for their hydroponic project to grow their own vegetables in the greenhouses. - Lunch is brought into the school for students once a month as the school does not have cafeteria services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Superior Middle School</u> - The PSSC meeting was postponed until February 11. <p>District Education Council members were reminded to send their “Superintendent’s Annual Performance Review” forms by email to Joe Petersen, Chair of the Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee, by February 26.</p>
J.	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He attended a Teams meeting with the PSSC at Campbellton Middle School in January. There was discussion about the purchase of items for their school. • Lord Beaverbrook School rescheduled their PSSC meeting from January 22 to February 8, the same night as this District Education Council meeting. • He will attend a PSSC meeting at Sugarloaf Senior High School in March. • Mr. Mortlock will attend the Minister’s Forum, via Microsoft Teams, on February 19. He is looking forward to meeting with the Minister. • Mr. Mortlock will provide the District Education Council members with election details as soon as they are announced.
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will take place on Monday, March 15, 2021, via Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. on a motion by Rev. Albertine LeBlanc.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC