

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
January 15, 2018
North & South Esk Elementary School**

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

Regrets: Andy Flanagan
Sheila Rogers

	AGENDA ITEMS
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:40 p.m. at North & South Esk Elementary School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Ron Ecker that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>Presentation: Shayla Mutch, Principal, North & South Esk Elementary School</p> <p>Mrs. Shayla Mutch welcomed the District Education Council members to North & South Esk Elementary School. She stated that the school was built in 1984. Mrs. Mutch then presented a video, which was prepared by the Grade 5 Math class. During the video, the students described their school and explained some of the activities and unique features at N.S.E.E., some of which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSEE has 147 students, 12 teachers and 16 support staff. • Students participate in the Terry Fox Walk as well as the “Walk to School Day” in October. • The sports program includes soccer and cross country at the elementary level. The Grade 6 students have joined the middle school to compete with other school teams. • The local fire department visited the school during Fire Prevention Week. • The Suitcase Theatre Club presented the drama production, “All Aboard”.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a First Nation Culture class this year at N.S.E.E. Twenty percent of the student population at N.S.E.E. are First Nation. • There is a Game Club, Science Club, cooking class and an outdoor classroom. • Other activities include Yoga Friday, ASD-N Soccer Jamboree, Roots of Empathy, Breakfast With Santa, and Hockey Jersey Day. • Morning announcements are prepared by the Grade 6 student leaders and are streamed online to the classrooms. <p>Mr. Mortlock presented Mrs. Mutch with a book for the school library as a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Joe Petersen that the minutes of the December 18, 2017 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>As per a discussion that was held during the “DEC Members’ Comments” on December 18, 2017, an updated list of PSSC meeting dates was distributed to the District Education Council members.</p>
F.	<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-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Nancy McBain and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock forwarded all correspondence items to the District Education Council members.</p>
H.	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister’s Forum will be held on February 15, 2018 at the Rodd Miramichi. The Ed Group will also be meeting at the Rodd Miramichi on February 21.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Student Leadership meeting will be held in Bathurst in February for student representatives from all eight high schools in Anglophone North School District. • Mr. Mortlock received an email from the Deputy Minister with regard to the Superintendents' reclassification, which will be retroactive to October, 2014. • Sixteen Parent School Support Committee members expressed interest in attending the DEC Spring Symposium in May, 2018. Ten names were drawn through a lottery system. Mr. Mortlock stated that if additional funding becomes available through the provincial budget, the remaining PSSC members will be given the opportunity to attend. • Mr. Mortlock will submit the names of two potential candidates to the Minister for the purpose of appointing a new DEC member for the vacant position in Sub-district 7. Mr. Mortlock is hopeful that the new member will be appointed by April 1, 2018.
I.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for "Outstanding Volunteers" were received from Gretna Green School for Rick and Paula Matthews, and from Superior Middle School for Gilbert Sewell. IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Ron Ecker that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to these volunteers. MOTION CARRIED. • A principal of Anglophone North School District was nominated for "Canada's Outstanding Principals". The winners of this national program will be announced in the near future. • A ceremony was held in Bathurst on January 12 to commemorate the Boys In Red 10th-year anniversary. Mr. Donovan commended Mr. Shaun MacDonald, Principal, and the staff of Bathurst High School on their work in this regard. He also recognized the tremendous support that the school received from the Bathurst community. • Dalhousie Regional High School recently mourned the death of one of its teachers. Mr. Donovan stated that this was the second ASD-N teacher in recent months to pass away. Mr. Darren Oakes, Subject Coordinator for Guidance/Positive Learning Environment, and his team were invaluable in providing support to the schools' staff and students. • The current 2018 Kindergarten registration enrolment figures were distributed to Council members for their review. The enrolments are currently at 361. Mr. Donovan expects, however, that this number will

increase to over 400 students by September, 2018. The September, 2017 enrolments totaled 436 Kindergarten students.

- The Grade 1 French Immersion presentations have now been completed, and the deadline for registrations is January 31. The registration information will be used to determine the FTE staffing that will be required.
- Anglophone North School District will participate in a K-2 pilot project to extend the school day from 2:00 to 3:00. A number of schools in ASD-N have expressed interest in this three-year project, but only two schools will be selected by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to participate – one rural school and one urban school. Additional FTE's and resources will be provided to support this project.
- The Miramichi Therapeutic Alt. Site will be operational for the second semester in the Chatham area. There may also be an option to include students from MVHS, Blackville and NSER. James M. Hill Memorial High School will provide the staffing for this site, and it will be located in the former NB Power building. The only additional cost will be the rental fee for this building. Mr. Donovan reported briefly on his visit to the Edith Cavell School which has a similar therapeutic model.
- A meeting is currently being arranged for student representatives from each of the eight high schools in Anglophone North School District. This meeting will be held in Bathurst and will give the students an opportunity to discuss various issues pertinent to their schools, ie. school spirit, etc.. This is a follow-up to the New Brunswick Student Leaders' Meeting that was held in Fredericton in November.
- Anglophone North School District is continuing its partnership with Brilliant Labs to provide teacher training.
- The Confucius Institute has offered financial support to the school district to bring a Chinese teacher to the Miramichi area for the second semester. This will depend on whether accommodations can be arranged for this teacher.
- Mr. Donovan reported on Rob Fowler's half-day presentation at the recent Ed Group meeting in Fredericton. Mr. Fowler focused his presentation on how to keep teachers engaged and motivated.
- The district has received excellent feedback from teachers about their professional learning opportunities. The district is committed to supporting teachers with ongoing opportunities in an effort to improve student outcomes. Mr. Donovan is working closely with Mr. Tim Dunn, Director of Finance and Administration, to ensure that funding supports and partnerships are available to the teachers. At the current rate, 1 out of 6 teachers will have received support for professional training this school year.

	<p>Teachers will also be sharing their information and experiences with other teachers when they return from their conferences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Donovan outlined several upcoming meetings. He will also be the guest speaker at the PSSC Cluster Meeting on January 30, 2018 at North & South Esk Elementary School.
J.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock will forward information about "The First Annual New Brunswick Education Research Symposium" to Council members.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen will be attending a Parent School Support Committee meeting at L.E. Reinsborough School on January 16.</p> <p>Mr. Ecker reminded Council members to complete their Superintendent's Evaluation forms and return the forms to him by February 28.</p> <p>Mrs. Hambrook will be attending Parent School Support Committee meetings at Max Aitken Academy and Gretna Green School. She distributed a copy of the "New Brunswick Elementary Student Wellness Survey" to Council members for their information.</p> <p>Ms. McBain reported on a survey form that the Parent School Support Committees will be receiving. This survey addresses curriculum development issues with regard to Objective 6 of the 10-Year Education Plan. She expressed an interest in attending some of the PSSC meetings to obtain feedback about the survey form. The purpose of the survey is to ensure that the needs of First Nation students are effectively being met.</p> <p>Ms. McBain also stressed the importance of First Nation students having a strong voice at student focus group meetings. Discussion then followed concerning support that is available, outside the school, to meet the needs of FN students. These include FNEII, Jordan's Principle and ISD.</p>
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on February 12, 2018 at Superior Middle School at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on a motion by Ron Ecker.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

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