

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
January 16, 2017
North & South Esk Regional School**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Ron Ecker
Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook
Nancy McBain
Raymond Murphy
Joe Petersen
Sheila Rogers
Beth Stymiest, 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 5:40 p.m. at North & South Esk Regional School.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock informed Council members that the representatives from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development were unable to attend the meeting due to an illness. Their presentation on the 10-Year Education Plan will be rescheduled until the February 20, 2017 meeting at Terry Fox Elementary School.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ron Ecker that the Agenda be approved with this change. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>Presentation: Dean Mutch, Principal, North & South Esk Regional School</p> <p>Mr. Mutch, the principal of North & South Esk Regional School since 2011, stated that the school was originally built in 1952 with a major renovation completed in 1992. N.S.E.R., also known as the "Home of the Cobras", is a Grade 7-12 school with 202 students currently enrolled. Mr. Mutch noted that the school continues to be very strong academically, and he highlighted data that revealed successful assessment results. The school also has a very active sports program. Mr. Mutch described the growth that has occurred during the past six years in the number of sports teams and student clubs at N.S.E.R. He noted that the school is able to offer the same activities that larger schools offer. Because of N.S.E.R.'s rural location and proximity to the river, the school is also</p>

	<p>able to offer canoeing to the students. This year, students will be travelling to Kennedy Lakes for a weekend of canoeing and cleaning up the lake system.</p> <p>N.S.E.R. is now very engaged with community groups and organizations, such as the Lions' Club and the Legion. The Legion uses the school for its Remembrance Day ceremonies. The community is able to attend blood donor clinics that are often held at N.S.E.R. At Christmas, students raised funds and accepted donations for the local SPCA and the food bank. The school staff recently donated food items and prepared a turkey dinner at the school so that every N.S.E.R. student could enjoy a Christmas meal free of charge. Mr. Mutch also noted that he often collaborates with the principal of North & South Esk Elementary School to involve both schools in professional learning and other activities.</p> <p>The neighboring Metepenagiag First Nation has helped to expose N.S.E.R. students to First Nation culture by holding Pow Wow's, the Annual Feast, and the Blanket Ceremony. The national anthem is often sung in Mi'kmaq at the school.</p> <p>Mr. Mutch was able to use his educational and business background to improve the school's financial situation, making it possible to fund several school improvement projects. These included refurbishing the library, installing fencing around the soccer field and constructing spectator and player benches, installing a new sound system in the gym, and installing a new sound board and special lighting in the theatre. Mr. Mutch was also involved in establishing N.S.E. Food Services. Cafeteria services at N.S.E.R. and N.S.E.E. have greatly improved, and students are now able to enjoy home-cooked meals. The manager and the cafeteria workers are all community members, and 100% of the profits remain at the school.</p> <p>The District Education Council members were impressed with the work that Mr. Mutch has done in bringing new life to the school and connecting with the community. Council members attributed his efforts to the attendance of 900 community members at the 2015 sustainability study meeting. Pride in their school was very evident at that meeting.</p> <p>As a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting, Mr. Mortlock presented Mr. Mutch with a book for the school library.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</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 Sheila Rogers and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Correspondence items were forwarded to the DEC members for their review prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock noted that a survey, pertaining to the 10-Year Education Plan, will be sent out to Council members in the near future.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Financial Report – 2016-2017 Fiscal Year</p> <p>The District Education Council members reviewed the school district’s Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2016. This report revealed that the projected deficit for the 2016-2017 fiscal year has decreased to \$186,182.00. IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Financial Report be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock attended high school focus group sessions with Mrs. Stymiest at Sugarloaf Senior High School, Dalhousie Regional High School, Bathurst High School, Miramichi Valley High School and James M. Hill Memorial High School. The remaining focus group sessions for Blackville School, North & South Esk Regional School and Bonar Law Memorial School will be held in February. Mr. Mortlock will inform the District Education Council members as soon as these dates are scheduled.</p> <p>The next Minister’s Forum is scheduled for February 25. The location has not yet been determined.</p>
I.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported on the following:</p> <p>Nominations for “Outstanding Volunteers” were received for Janet Thompson, Noreen Langdon, Chris Smallwood, Gilberte Lafrance, Bonnie Ketcheson and</p>

Donna Jones at Bonar Law Memorial School and Eleanor W. Graham Middle School; and Kris Daley, Jason Mullin and Ronnie Butler at Gretna Green School. **IT WAS MOVED BY** Joe Petersen and seconded by Andy Flanagan that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to each of these volunteers. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Starfish Awards were recently presented to Lisa Cavicchiolo, a teacher at Bathurst High School; Rejean Johnson, an I.T. Technician at the Dalhousie Education Center; Kevin Scully, Principal of Harcourt School; and Chantal Poole, a teacher at Nelson Rural School.

Mrs. Stymiest noted that it is always interesting and enjoyable to meet with the high school focus groups. The format of the January sessions was changed to allow students the opportunity to introduce their own topic of interest.

The “Dragonfly Project” was rolled out to staff on January 9.

Mrs. Stymiest will be attending a meeting on January 17 in Fredericton with Micheal Fullan to discuss educational reform and the 10-Year Education Plan. She noted that principals and staff in Anglophone North School District are all on board with the 10-Year Education Plan and have been successful in moving the plan forward.

Registrations for Grade 1 French Immersion have been ongoing with 198 students registered to date.

Mrs. Stymiest recently met with a group of innovative teachers to discuss ways that teachers can move forward as innovators and as teachers who can think outside the box. She noted that “Innovation” is one of the school district’s Core Values, and it will be recognized during the month of February. January was “Building Capacity” Month.

Mrs. Stymiest informed Council members that the superintendents have requested an additional subject coordinator for Math for their school districts in order to help support ongoing needs.

Work is progressing on the District Improvement Plan.

Mrs. Stymiest concluded her comments by noting it has been a very busy and exciting week since the Christmas Break, and that she is excited about the direction in which Anglophone North School District is proceeding.

Mrs. Stymiest will be on vacation from March 27-April 5, 2017.

L.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Sheila Rogers reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She attended the high school focus group session at Bathurst High School on January 11. She enjoyed the students' discussions about technology and a need for more flexibility in scheduling courses. • Exams at Bathurst High School will be held during the week of January 23-27. • Bathurst High School students are preparing for the musical production, "The Sound of Music". • Parkwood Heights Elementary School has a video presentation that is uploaded to the school's website each day announcing special activities and visitors. • The District Health Advisory Committee will be meeting on February 6. <p>Joe Petersen attended the high school focus group session at Dalhousie Regional High School on January 10 and was very interested in the students' discussions.</p> <p>Raymond Murphy reported that the Rexton-area "Christmas Daddies" project was a huge success. Retirees and other school staff worked very hard to distribute gifts in Rexton and the neighboring Francophone district.</p> <p>Andy Flanagan attended the high school focus group held at James M. Hill Memorial High School and enjoyed listening to the students' ideas. He also reported that Ian Baillie Primary School and St. Andrew's Elementary School are currently raising funds for playground equipment at the new K-5 Miramichi East school.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers reminded Council members to complete and forward the Superintendent's Evaluation Forms to her before February 28.</p>
M.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on February 20, 2017 at Terry Fox Elementary School.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Raymond Murphy.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

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