

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
January 18, 2016
St. Andrew's Elementary School**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
 Ron Ecker
 Andy Flanagan
 Nancy McBain
 Raymond Murphy
 Joe Petersen
 Sheila Rogers
 Beth Stymiest, Superintendent
 Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Mike Coster

	AGENDA ITEMS
A.	CALL TO ORDER Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:25 p.m. at St. Andrew's Elementary School.
B.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.
C.	PRESENTATION: Charlene Robinson, Principal – St. Andrew's Elem. School Mrs. Robinson welcomed the District Education Council members to St. Andrew's Elementary School. She informed them that her school has 285 students, 20 teachers, ten educational assistants, three custodians, as well as one administrative assistant who works at the school four days each week. Mrs. Robinson reviewed sections of the School Improvement Plan that focus on literacy results and specific target areas, Mental Math strategies, the physical education program, and the music program. She stated that students enjoy many incentives at St. Andrew's Elementary School, including Star of the Week, Phys. Ed. Star of the Week, and awards for perfect attendance. In addition, students are recognized for being kind. There are a number of activities and sports at the school including the music program, a choir with

	<p>approximately 100 students, Lego group, crafts, scrapbooking activities, a social skills group, a peer group, student council, girls' group, extra-curricular and intramural sports, and snowshoeing. The school has also held drama performances, Black Light Shows, Remembrance Day ceremonies and Christmas Concerts. The school now has a new mascot, an English Bulldog, which was voted by the students. This mascot will soon receive its new name and school jersey.</p> <p>Mrs. Robinson stated that the school staff is participating in two projects: "Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS)", with a focus on developing classroom strategies for Level I of the pyramid of intervention; and the "Strengthening Schools Project", which will help teachers to further support student learning, especially in the area of writing.</p> <p>Mrs. Robinson reported on "Sistema", a musical program which started on January 11, 2016 for Grades 1 and 2 students. There are two instructors and two educational assistants who are working with the 30 students in this program. These students are from Ian Baillie Primary School, Napan Elementary School, and St. Andrew's Elementary School, and they practice from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for five days each week at St. Andrew's Elementary School. There is a capacity to accommodate 70 students in this program, and there are plans to expand it into Grades 3 and 4 next year. She explained that this program is for children who are from low income families or who would not otherwise have the means to participate in private music lessons. Funding for this program is provided by organizations that are outside of the school system.</p> <p>District Education Council members were given the opportunity to ask questions following Mrs. Robinson's presentation. As a token of appreciation for hosting the meeting, Mr. Mortlock presented Mrs. Robinson with a book for the school library.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Ron Ecker that the minutes of the December 14, 2015 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>(a) 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>(b) New Educational Hirings</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Raymond Murphy that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock read notes of appreciation from the principals of Terry Fox Elementary School and Dr. Losier Middle School for the vegetable trays that the District Education Council arranged to have delivered to all of the schools prior to the Christmas Break.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no new business to discuss.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported on the Student Focus Group sessions that he and Mrs. Stymiest held at each of the high schools in the district during the first two weeks of January. They met with a good cross section of students from each of these schools and engaged the students in discussions on attendance, assessment and instruction, school connection and future vision. Mr. Mortlock and Mrs. Stymiest received fantastic feedback from these students. Mr. Mortlock stressed the importance of giving students the opportunity to have a voice in educational issues and to be able to contribute to the development of the 10-Year Education Plan. Students were assured that another meeting will be held with Student Council presidents and vice-presidents, as one group, to address some of the issues that were raised at these sessions. There are also plans to hold Student Focus Group sessions twice each year in the district. Mrs. Stymiest will provide the District Education Council members with a report on the January sessions.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock confirmed that he has not yet received the Minister's decision on the sustainability study recommendation for Campbellton Middle School, Lord Beaverbrook School and Tide Head School. Decisions on all of the other sustainability studies have now been received. The District Education Council will be announcing its plans to move forward with new sustainability studies in the near future.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock requested the District Education Council's permission to forward a letter to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting the appointment of a First Nations' representative, in order for this person to be in place when the new District Education Council begins its term in July, 2016. IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Raymond Murphy that the District Education Council request the Minister's appointment of an Anglophone North School District First Nations' representative, to serve for a four-year period, beginning on July 1, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported on her meetings with the Student Focus Groups at each of the high schools. She stated that the students were open, engaged and appreciative of having their voices heard. Mrs. Stymiest feels that high school students are an untapped resource in the school district, and that they are key to solving some of the issues at the high school level.</p> <p>The Integrated Services Delivery model is moving forward in Anglophone North School District, with the exception of the Rexton area which falls under the Moncton Vitalité Health Network. Mrs. Stymiest continues to struggle with the fact that although Rexton is part of Anglophone North School District, its services fall under a different health authority.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest informed Council members that three Syrian families will be moving into the Anglophone North School District region within the next three months. She noted that Anglophone North School District has a team in place and is working with other districts in developing a plan of action to help with the transition of these families.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest reported on the various projects currently underway in the district. Ms. Joan MacMillan, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, is working on the "Strengthening Schools Project", as well as on the implementation of the new report cards. Mr. Craig Caldwell, Director of Schools, has made arrangements with Mr. Frank Gallant, of Peak Experiences, to provide principals with leadership training. Mrs. Lynn Orser, Director of Education Support Services, and her team continue to work hard on Positive Behavior Interventions Strategies (PBIS).</p> <p>Mr. Mark Donovan has been appointed as the principal of the new Miramichi West school, which is currently under construction. Mr. Donovan will continue in his current role as Principal of Croft Elementary School, but he will be provided with release time when he is needed to participate in planning meetings during the construction process.</p> <p>The two Naming Committees have been established and have begun the process of selecting the official name for the newly renovated Gretna Green Elementary School and the new school in Miramichi West. Mr. Tim Dunn, Director of Finance & Administration, will chair these committees. Other members of the committees include representatives of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, District Education Council, Parent School Support Committee, and the schools.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest had an opportunity to visit the Sistema program at St. Andrew's Elementary School and to see the students as they begin the process of learning to play musical instruments. She noted that Hon. Bill Fraser and the</p>
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	<p>Building a Future For Our Children Committee were instrumental in bringing this program to Anglophone North School District.</p> <p>Mrs. Stymiest acknowledged the nominations she received for “Outstanding Volunteers” – Roxi Hiron, Rachel James, Kristi Triska and Donna Murphy from Rexton Elementary School. IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Andy Flanagan that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to these volunteers. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>District Education Council members engaged in a short discussion concerning upcoming Strategic Program Review meetings that are being held in areas across the district.</p> <p>A Council member inquired into the correlation between Mental Health services and the Integrated Services Delivery (ISD) model in the school district. Mrs. Stymiest confirmed that meetings have been held in this regard; however, details have not yet been finalized. As soon as they are finalized, Mrs. Stymiest will provide this Council member with further information.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers reported on new clubs and activities that are starting at Terry Fox Elementary School during recess and noon, such as chess, Sumoku and Lego. There are also plans to create a games room as an added component to rewarding students. The vice-principal’s daughter is putting the finishing touches on the school mascot. As well, Terry Fox Elementary School will be hosting the STEM Fair on April 12, 2016. Teachers at this school have also set their Professional Learning Time schedules until June, alternating between the various school improvement goals and the tasks associated with them.</p>
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on February 15, 2016 at Miramichi Rural School. In the event of inclement weather, a video conference meeting will be considered.</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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