

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES  
January 20, 2020  
Dr. Losier Middle School**

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

Regrets: Nancy McBain

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:30 p.m. at Dr. Losier Middle School.</p>
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Sheila Rogers and seconded by Rev. Albertine LeBlanc that the Agenda be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION: “Personalization” – Mr. Judson Waye, Principal</b></p> <p>Mr. Judson Waye, Principal, thanked the District Education Council members for visiting Dr. Losier Middle School. He introduced Krista Cabel, Vice-Principal, who also participated in this presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Waye explained that the “Personalization” program was implemented at Dr. Losier Middle School following a professional learning opportunity that teachers attended in San Diego. He explained that instead of the standard six periods of instruction each day, the Personalization program enables students to participate in three blocks of instruction and cross-curricular learning every day, including a 40-minute Design Block each morning. The students can choose the activities in which they wish to participate. The activities are project-based and focus on the students’ skills and passions. Students are able work at their own pace on activities relating to humanities, writing continuum, numeracy continuum and STEM.</p>

	<p>Mr. Waye displayed pictures showcasing the projects and skills of the students, including the construction a guitar, making various products and selling them at the PowerPlay Market, and students using their leadership and organizational skills to complete STEAM projects.</p> <p>The teachers at Dr. Losier Middle School often challenge students to identify themselves not only as a Dr. Losier Middle School “Knight”, but also as a Canadian and possibly a member of their student government so that they can effect change in their school.</p> <p>District Education Council members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Waye concluded his presentation by stating that there has been a shift in that way students learn. Personalization allows students to open their minds and use their own skills and passions to achieve success.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock and Council Members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Waye and Ms. Cabel for their presentation and for hosting the District Education Council meeting. Mr. Mortlock presented Mr. Waye and Ms. Cabel with a book for their school library.</p>
<b>D.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Andy Flanagan and seconded by Joe Petersen that the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>E.</b>	<p><b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p>Mr. Mortlock contacted Stacey Brown, DEC Manager, and asked if she could provide orientation for the newest District Education Council members - Rev. Albertine LeBlanc and Brittnee Gallant.</p>
<b>F.</b>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p><b>Policy Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) GP 1,2,3,4,5,7 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(ii) C/SR 4 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(iii) EL 1,7 – Meeting Review Form</li> <li>(iv) E-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes</li> </ul> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Sheila Rogers and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>G.</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>There was no new correspondence this month.</p>

<b>H.</b>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items under “New Business”.</p>
<b>I.</b>	<p><b>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mortlock and Mr. Joe Petersen will be attending a meeting with the Council of DEC Chairs on January 25 to discuss the structure of the District Education Council. Mr. Mortlock plans to address the need for a student voice in education. He invited Council members to forward any other potential topics for discussion to him or to Mr. Petersen prior to that meeting.</li> <li>• The District Education Council members are invited to meet with Hon. Dominic Cardy on February 11 at Miramichi Valley High School for a consultation on the Green Paper. Mr. Mortlock reminded members to review the Green Paper in preparation for that meeting.</li> <li>• Mr. Mortlock commended Mr. Donovan on his work with the school district, especially with ASD-N’s partnership with Crandall University. This partnership provides Red Seal tradespeople the opportunity to further their education and become teachers in the area of skilled trades.</li> <li>• Mr. Mortlock reminded Council members to complete the Nomination Paper if they are interested in re-offering as District Education Council candidates in the May 11, 2020 Election. This form is accessible online and requires the signatures of at least ten qualified electors.</li> </ul>
<b>J.</b>	<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nadia Wilcox-LeBlanc was nominated as an “Outstanding Volunteer” at Rexton Elementary School. A Certificate of Appreciation will be prepared and forwarded to her.</li> <li>• A Starfish Award was presented to Mr. Brian Richardson, Teacher, for his achievement in publishing a children’s book, “Little Wings Big Dreams: Believe and Achieve”.</li> <li>• All staff received an email from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development indicating that the “Fist Logo”, which is being used by two unions, would not be accepted in the schools. However, EECD has since withdrawn this directive and is now allowing the fist symbol. Mr. Donovan forwarded an email to all principals and vice-principals to clarify EECD’s position in this regard.</li> <li>• Mr. Donovan reviewed a schedule of upcoming events in Anglophone North School District, including a schedule of the Minister’s visit.</li> </ul>

- The Gord Downie Foundation, particularly the Chanie Wenjack Fund, publicly acknowledged Sugarloaf Senior High School for permanently flying the Mi'kmaq Grand Council Flag.
- Schools will be participating in the "ASD-N Winter Challenge" as a way of getting students outside and enjoying winter activities. The school district purchased 50 toboggans that will be distributed to all ASD-N schools. The Winter Challenge events will be posted on the district website and on Twitter.
- Mr. Donovan provided District Education Council members with a list of grants and funding that schools received over and above the regular district funding. He noted that ASD-N received more grants than the other three school districts combined. He commended the teachers for pursuing these grants.
- The French Immersion program is status quo for September 2020. Mr. Donovan confirmed that if schools already offer the French Immersion program and if numbers warrant, the program will be available in Grade 1. Twelve prototype schools in New Brunswick, three from each school district, will have a set timeline to develop ideas and options for improving French Second Language learning in the province.
- Mr. Donovan congratulated Eleanor W. Graham Middle School for being successful with its grant application to the Breakfast Club of Canada. The school will receive equipment and products to run its breakfast program.
- A meeting will be held with CCNB Campbellton and Bathurst to possibly replicate the ICE program that is currently underway at NBCC-Miramichi. This program offers career-focussed courses that are of interest to high school students.
- AEI (Atlantic Education International) will be starting a new program whereby one student from each school district will have the opportunity to participate in a one-year, all expenses paid, placement in Germany. The student will be billeted.
- Following a full year of vetting Milo through Service New Brunswick for any potential privacy issues, ASD-N is ready to use this robot for Autistic children at Lord Beaverbrook School and Max Aitken Academy. Training for staff at these schools is scheduled for January 31.
- The WIPCE Conference in Australia is still moving forward. Presenters must be First Nations persons. ASD-N expects to hear back soon from the organizers of the conference about the delegates who have been chosen to present at that conference.

**K. DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Sheila Rogers reported as follows:

- Students at Bathurst High School are writing exams during the week of January 20-24.
- The minutes of the PCEAC meeting on November 27-28 were distributed as a draft. Ms. Rogers will provide Council members with a copy of the approved minutes as soon as they are available.
- AEI students tried riding Fat Bikes.
- Since the Grade 6 and 8 students at Superior Middle School have high attendance, they will be seeing Earth Rangers on January 22.
- Ms. Rogers will be attending a PSSC meeting at Janeville Elementary on January 22. She was unable to attend the PSSC meeting at Parkwood Heights Elementary School as it was rescheduled to a date on which she was unavailable.

Rev. Albertine LeBlanc recently met with Mr. Thomas McCabe, Principal of Millerton School. Since the date of the next PSSC meeting at that school might be rescheduled, she asked Mr. McCabe to keep her informed.

Andy Flanagan attended the James M. Hill Marketplace that showcased a wide variety of student entrepreneurial projects. Several local politicians and city councilors were among those who were in attendance. Mr. Flanagan described some of the projects, and he noted the incredible amount of time and research that students devoted to them. Mr. Flanagan stated that James M. Hill is the leading force in this type of learning, and this school is gaining attention from across the province.

Brittnee Gallant reported on her first PSSC meeting at Rexton Elementary School. There was some discussion at that meeting about the French Immersion program. PSSC members also inquired about the possibility of scheduling a PSSC Cluster Meeting. Mr. Mortlock will provide Ms. Gallant with more information about Cluster Meetings. Ms. Gallant also noted that the students at Rexton Elementary School participated in a Makerspace project.

Carmel Hambrook reminded Council members to complete and forward their Superintendent's Evaluation forms to her by February 10. She also noted that she will be attending upcoming PSSC meetings at Tabusintac Community School, Gretna Green School and Max Aitken Academy.

Mr. Petersen will be attending the Council of DEC Chairs meeting on January 25.

	<p>Micheal Mortlock reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campbellton Middle School is canvassing for rocking chairs to help calm certain students at that school. The school is also looking for volunteers to help students learn about Chess, Crib, crocheting, etc.</li> <li>• Sugarloaf Senior High School has started a clothing bank to help students who are in need.</li> <li>• He was unable to attend a PSSC meeting in his subdistrict as it was rescheduled to the same date as the District Education Council meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>L.</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on February 10, 2020 at Bathurst High School</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Andy Flanagan.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by Brenda Dunnett*

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