

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
January 22, 2019
Gretna Green School**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook
Beatrice LeBlanc (via telephone conference)
Nancy McBain
Sheila Rogers
Mark Donovan, 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 5:30 p.m. at Gretna Green School. Community members from the Village of Tide Head joined the meeting via video conference. Mr. Mortlock indicated that six of the District Education Council members were in attendance and that the seventh member was attending the meeting via telephone conference.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>Presentation: Mr. Keith Comeau, Principal – Gretna Green School</p> <p>Mr. Comeau opened his presentation by speaking about student mental health needs at Gretna Green School. He noted that when the Grade 6-8 students were added to the school three years ago, the needs of the students in the building changed, and he noted that the method in addressing those needs also changed. Mr. Comeau indicated that students need a sense of purpose and belonging, and that it is very important to make mental health a priority in schools. Student Mental Health is now part of the School Improvement Plan at Gretna Green School.</p> <p>Although there are three separate entities at Gretna Green School (K-2, 3-5 and 6-8), the school takes a collective approach in addressing student needs. The Guidance Counsellor and resource teachers meet regularly. Students have also created a site on the school's website where they can post videos addressing issues that they have been able to resolve themselves. Teachers often refer to these videos to pull out solutions to issues that they encounter with students.</p>

	<p>Mr. Comeau informed members about the Exploratory Program at Gretna Green School. This program allows students the opportunity to explore music, art, shop, technology and leadership. He noted that every student can become a leader at Gretna Green School through the leadership program. Student leaders arrange dances, prepare morning announcements and help with other school events. Mr. Comeau also explained the SNAP (Stop Now And Plan) Program, which is a Big Brothers Big Sisters' self-regulation program for Grades 3 and 6 students. He commended the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization for reinvesting its funds into schools for programs such as SNAP. He also briefly reviewed the students' literacy and numeracy assessment results.</p> <p>As a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting, Mr. Mortlock presented Mr. Comeau with a book for his school library.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Nancy McBain that the minutes of the December 17, 2018 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>All correspondence items were forwarded to the District Education Council members prior to this meeting.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no new business.</p>
I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock noted that it has been a busy month, and that Mr. Donovan will be reporting on specific items during the Superintendent's Comments.</p>

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Donovan reported on the following:

- A Starfish Award was awarded to Gerald Richard, a custodian at Bonar Law Memorial School.
- Mr. Donovan was pleased to inform Council members that ASD-N is projecting a balanced budget for the fiscal year-end on March 31, 2019. He reviewed the financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2018, and he reported on various changes in the budget, particularly the areas that have a surplus. Mr. Donovan explained that the surplus in the Total Instruction category is mainly due to difficulties in finding replacement teachers and support staff. Mr. Donovan noted that job fairs have recently been held in Bathurst and Dalhousie to recruit more teaching and non-teaching employees to help fill vacancies. A surplus in Pupil Transportation was due to lower fuel costs. Mr. Donovan noted that he has not yet had to access the discretionary budget that was previously approved by the District Education Council.
- Mr. Donovan briefly reviewed the 2019-2020 Capital Projects that were approved for Anglophone North School District.
- Hon. Dominic Cardy, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, and Mr. Chris Treadwell, Assistant Deputy Minister, will be visiting Anglophone North School District on Friday, February 22. Mr. Donovan extended an invitation to the District Education Council members to meet with the Minister and the Assistant Deputy Minister at that time. Council members agreed to schedule a lunch meeting with the Minister and Mr. Treadwell in Miramichi on February 22.
- Miramichi Valley High School, James M. Hill Memorial High School, Blackville School, North & South Esk Regional School and Sugarloaf Senior High School will be participating in the P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) Program this year. The purpose of this program is to help prevent student accidents at graduation time.
- District staff and teachers recently participated in a dodgeball competition to help raise funds for James M. Hill's Safe Grad. The district team won the "Best Costume" award.
- Anglophone North School District has partnered with Education and Early Childhood Development to purchase a new and innovative product for autistic children – Robots for Autism. Two robots have been purchased from Robokind for the Miramichi and Campbellton areas, and ASD-N will utilize Applied Behavior Analysis curriculum as the basis for programming. ASD-N is the first district in the province of New Brunswick to purchase this product.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Royal Canadian Mint has recently released the North Shore Regiment coin, the only coin commemorating the army. The coin portrays the face of a soldier who landed with his comrades at Juno Beach on June 6, 1944. Mr. Donovan stated that Mr. Brandon Savage, a historian and a teacher at Miramichi Valley High School, was instrumental in identifying the soldier on the new coin as Private George Baker. A coin was recently presented to Private Baker's daughter in honour of her father. <p>Mr. Donovan informed Council members that ASD-N has purchased the North Shore Regiment coin for each of its 33 schools. The coins will be mounted on plaques, and one plaque will be displayed in each school to commemorate each of the 33 casualties from the North Shore Regiment. He also noted that Heritage Canada will be at the Vogue in Miramichi on May 14, 2019 for a Heritage Minute and to pay tribute to the North Shore Regiment.</p> <p>In addition to Mr. Savage's efforts, Mr. Donovan also acknowledged the efforts of Meredith Caissie, District Communications Officer, who was also very involved with the Royal Canadian Mint and Heritage Canada projects. He noted that he is very proud of his staff and students.</p>
K.	<p>SUSTAINABILITY STUDY RECOMMENDATION – TIDE HEAD SCHOOL</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock opened the floor for discussion about a recommendation for the Tide Head School sustainability study.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the District Education Council recommend to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development that Tide Head School close in 2019 and that all students at Tide Head School be reassigned. "Yea" votes were received from Andy Flanagan, Sheila Rogers, Nancy McBain, Joe Petersen, Carmel Hambrook and Beatrice LeBlance. MOTION CARRIED. A letter will be sent to Hon. Dominic Cardy to inform him about the Council's recommendation.</p>
M.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on February 11, 2019 at Parkwood Heights Elementary School.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

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