

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES  
January 23, 2023  
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair  
Sheila Rogers, Vice-Chair  
Carmel Hambrook  
Paul Mourant  
Gilbert Cyr  
Rev. Albertine LeBlanc  
Andy Flanagan  
Nancy McBain  
Dean Mutch, Interim Superintendent  
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>A.</b>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:40 p.m. This was a virtual meeting that was live-streamed to the public. Mr. Petersen began the meeting by acknowledging the land on which the District Education Council was meeting is located on traditional unceded and unsurrendered territory. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship, which the Mi'kmaq peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources but, in fact, recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.</p>
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Paul Mourant and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the agenda be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>C.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION     Mr. Jamie Henderson, Principal, Max Aitken Academy</b></p> <p>Mr. Henderson provided council members with a presentation on Max Aitken Academy.</p> <p>Established in 2017, Max Aitken Academy currently has 589 students. The school also has 18 newcomer students from various countries, including Ukraine, Argentina, and the Philippines. The school has 91 staff members.</p> <p>There have been significant accessibility upgrades to the school, including pathways and upgrades to the playground facilities. Mr. Henderson also</p>

	<p>mentioned the “Forest Classroom”, which was inherited from Croft Elementary School, the classroom is a part of the Take Me Outside initiative. Mr. Henderson acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Paul MacKinnon, and other educators in the school, who are maximizing the use of the outdoor space to benefit their students.</p> <p>The school raised the Mi’kmaq flag in 2022. A flag raising ceremony was held with students, local dignitaries, and Elders from surrounding First Nation communities. First Nation Students make up 16% of the school population at Max Aitken Academy.</p> <p>The school held their first blacklight show. Ms. Kendra McLean took on this initiative with the participation of 50 students from grades 5-8. It was a great success and provided a couple of nights of fun entertainment.</p> <p>The science lab has been turned into a maker space for students. This is part of the PowerPlay Center for Excellence- a 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind in Atlantic Canada. This will focus on student interest and their passion projects. Educators from other schools and districts will be able to visit and tour this space.</p> <p>Other special events and activities include:  Orange Shirt Day  Reverse Trick or Treating (treats for seniors)  Santa for Seniors  Food for Friends (annual food drive)  Clean up and replenish garden boxes at local senior home  Monthly STEM Days  Community Garden</p> <p>Mr. Henderson spoke about the School Improvement Plan and the District Improvement Plan goals and how the school plans on achieving these goals. This included goals for literacy, French second language, fine arts, personalized learning environments and behavioral interventions.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen and council members thanked Mr. Henderson for his presentation.</p>
<b>D.</b>	<p><b>PRESENTATION Ms. Kimberly Cripps, Data and Accountability Supervisor, Review of Provincial Assessment Changes</b></p> <p>Ms. Cripps provided council members with a detailed slideshow and an update on the Provincial Assessment process. Ms. Cripps indicated that there have been some significant changes to the Provincial Assessments in the past couple of years. Since 2017, there have been changes to the assessment delivery, review, and scoring processes. These changes did bring forth more meaningful results.</p> <p>When Covid occurred in 2019-2020, a very limited number of assessments were administered, those that did happen were done virtually- via phone, Skype and Teams. The results for 2019-2020 were very limited. Over the course of 2021-2022, the Provincial Assessments changed to a census administration, Ms. Cripps explained that this meant all students completed the same assessment, where previously a matrix format was used that consisted of 4 different versions being</p>

	<p>distributed for testing. The census administration has allowed for a more comparative analysis of results.</p> <p>Ms. Cripps highlighted that the biggest change was the assessments transitioning to an online format. Another change at the Provincial level was shifting to delivering only two assessments per school year, this to alleviate pressure on students.</p> <p>A new development is a Grade 2 Reading Assessment, this is currently in its infancy, as well as a possible French Second Language Reading Assessment.</p> <p>Ms. Cripps also provided council members with a 2022-2023 assessment results overview, with percentages for a comparison between district results and provincial results (to date).</p> <p>In closing Ms. Cripps answered many questions from council members regarding results, analysis and comparison of data.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen thanked Ms. Cripps for her informative presentation.</p>
<b>E.</b>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Sheila Rogers that the minutes of the December 19, 2022, meeting be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>F.</b>	<p><b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p>No business arising from minutes.</p>
<b>G.</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> Andy Flanagan and seconded by Paul Mourant that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>H.</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>No correspondence items.</p>
<b>I.</b>	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Annual PSSC Appreciation Dinner</li> </ul> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Rev. Albertine LeBlanc and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the planning of the Annual PSSC Appreciation Dinner be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>

	<p>(b) The DEC Budget</p> <p><b>IT WAS MOVED BY</b> Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Paul Mourant to allocate unused portions from the DEC Budget to ASD-N schools equally. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>
<p><b>J.</b></p>	<p><b>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Petersen spoke to the new K-8 school in Campbellton. He will be sitting on the planning committee for the new school.</li> <li>• Mr. Petersen attended the French Second Language meeting held in Bathurst on January 17, 2023.</li> <li>• Mr. Petersen, Ms. Rogers and Mr. Mutch will be attending the Minister's Forum scheduled for January 27, 2023.</li> </ul>
<p><b>K.</b></p>	<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim Superintendent, Mr. Mutch, shared with council members that the planning committee for the new Campbellton K-8 school has been established. A meeting will be held at the District Office in February to get the ball rolling.</li> <li>• A partnership with Creteil, a community in France, is underway. This will be a teacher exchange program for each party to study the other's education system. There will be more information to share as this program progresses.</li> <li>• To help with staff retention, 27 B Contracts have been awarded throughout the district since September 2022. Plans are to award more B Contracts before June 2023. Retirement letters are rolling in, this is fueling the need for more permanent positions. Mr. Mutch shared the initiative that himself and the Director Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Gail Craswell, have created- to fuel ongoing learning opportunities for existing D Contract teachers. Holding workshops to help provide support and increase relationship skills.</li> <li>• Director of First Nations, Craig Caldwell, is currently working on developing a scope of work for his position. Mr. Caldwell will be meeting with counterparts in the Anglophone School District- West to get this accomplished.</li> <li>• A teacher in our district received a Climate Action Grant to pursue outdoor learning and climate education. The initial hope was to visit a facility in British Columbia, unfortunately this opportunity was fully booked. Author, William Doyle (<i>Let the Children Play</i>) reached out to this teacher and offered</li> </ul>

	<p>to take them around Finland to show them how their outdoor education program works. Because this is such an excellent opportunity, Mr. Mutch is extending additional funding to allow two extra teachers to attend this trip to Finland over March break.</p>
<b>J.</b>	<p><b>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</b></p> <p><u>Rev. Albertine LeBlanc</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. LeBlanc is scheduled to attend the PSSC meeting at Blackville School, January 24, 2023.</li> </ul> <p><u>Carmel Hambrook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Hambrook attended the recent Gretna Green School PSSC meeting virtually. Discussions were held about the budget and the gas card fundraiser. The school cafeteria is beginning to see some profits. A new couch has been purchased for the library and students are enjoying a new mural by local artist Allie Howe. Mr. Keith Comeau, the Principal at Gretna Green School has joined the French Second Language Committee as a Principal Representative.</li> <li>• Ms. Hambrook has not heard about PSSC meeting dates for Tabusintac Community School or Miramichi Valley High School.</li> <li>• Ms. Hambrook suggested a working meeting to review DEC policies.</li> </ul> <p><u>Andy Flanagan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Flanagan had no updates to report.</li> </ul> <p><u>Nancy McBain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates from Ms. McBain, but she would like to know where the DEC is at with planning a symposium.</li> </ul> <p><u>Paul Mourant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mourant attended the PSSC meeting for Bonar Law Memorial School. The school is seeing increased enrollments with newcomer students. The school is also moving higher on the list for a mid-life upgrade.</li> <li>• The PSSC meeting for Rexton Elementary School has been rescheduled to February 9, 2023. Mr. Mourant plans on attending.</li> </ul> <p><u>Gilbert Cyr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cyr continues to lobby and support the local schools and work with the First Nation Community of Listuguj.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cyr plans to attend the upcoming PSSC meetings for schools in his area.</li> </ul> <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Rogers attended the January 10<sup>th</sup> PSSC meeting at Parkwood Heights Elementary School. Ms. Rogers reviewed the school improvement plan, gave a DEC update and visited the “Suite Retreat”, and met the new school guinea pig. Enrollment has increased to 285 students.</li> <li>• On January 17<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Rogers attended the public consultation meeting for the proposed changes to the French Second Language Program. Ms. Rogers listed several takeaways from the meeting.</li> <li>• Ms. Rogers also attended the PSSC meeting at Bathurst High School on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Reviewed was the school improvement plan, new bleachers in the gym, a new yoga room, and an office for the addiction’s counselor. Discussions also included plans for the upcoming graduation, the 2024 trip to Normandie, essentials skills and the ICE Centre Programs.</li> <li>• Ms. Rogers plans on attending the Minister’s Forum on January 27, 2023, in Fredericton.</li> <li>• Inclusion Steering Committee has been rescheduled for February 23, 2023, in Fredericton.</li> </ul>
<b>K.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held virtually on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

*Original signed by Alexis McAllister*

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