

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
June 17, 2019
Office of the Superintendent**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Joe Petersen, Vice-Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Beatrice LeBlanc
Nancy McBain
Sheila Rogers
Mark Donovan, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Andy Flanagan

	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 the Office of the Superintendent.</p>
B.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Beatrice LeBlanc that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Joe Petersen that the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>
E.	<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-12, GP-10, C/SR-2, EL-4, EL-12, EL-14 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY Beatrice LeBlanc and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
F.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>District Education Council members received all correspondence items prior to this meeting.</p>
G.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Summer DEC Retreat</p> <p>A brief discussion took place about planning a Retreat for the District Education Council members on a Friday evening and Saturday in September or October to review district policies. Mr. Petersen agreed to poll the members for a potential date and inform Mrs. Dunnett accordingly.</p>
H.	<p>CHAIR’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock commented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He attended the Minister’s Provincial Inclusion Committee meeting on June 5. This committee will work to improve inclusive education within the Anglophone sector of the province. • He and Mr. Donovan attended a meeting on June 14 with Mr. Chris Treadwell, Assistant Deputy Minister, and members of the Business Development Community in Dalhousie. Mr. Donovan will report on this meeting under “Superintendent’s Comments”. • Mr. Mortlock will be attending graduation ceremonies in his subdistrict.
I.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held in Dalhousie with various educational and business stakeholders to “re-imagine” education in the province. The focus is to make students more aware of employment opportunities, provide them with training in trades, nursing, entrepreneurship, etc., engage them more in their learning, and make it possible for them to obtain employment in New Brunswick. Mr. Donovan explained ASD-N’s current partnership with the New Brunswick Community College in offering dual credits to students. He noted that it is possible for students to receive an entire year of university courses or a full block in the trades program while attending high school. Anglophone North School District is excited about this opportunity for students, and it hopes to expand this program into other areas of the district.

- Nominations for “Outstanding Volunteers” were received for:
 - Pat and John Fraser (JK Fraser and Son Landscaping) – Harcourt School
 - Jamie Morrison, Kristen Pinsent Close, John Schenkels, Robert Holmes, Amanda Holmes, Kelly Wellwood, Amanda Taylor and Erin Casey – Max Aitken Academy
 - Danny Matchett – North & South Esk Regional School

IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that Certificates of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to each of these volunteers. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- Starfish Awards were presented to:
 - Barb Schofield, Teacher - Miramichi Ed Center
 - Sharon Gardiner, Teacher – Gretna Green School
 - Ellen MacKenzie, Educational Assistant – L. E. Reinsborough School
 - Norma Court, Vice-Principal – Lord Beaverbrook School
 - Marion McEachern, Cafeteria Worker – Lord Beaverbrook School
 - Kezia Stever, Teacher – Terry Fox Elementary School
 - Kelly Chiasson Gray, Educational Assistant – Terry Fox Elementary
- There has been a reduction of 17 teachers in Anglophone North School District for the 2019-2020 school year. This has resulted in five lead teachers returning to the classrooms to help cover the FTE deficit. All B contract teachers have been placed, and eight new B contracts were awarded recently. Contract D positions will be posted on June 18. Most of the current teacher vacancies in ASD-N schools is in the area of French Immersion. Mr. Donovan stated, however, that there are enough teachers to fill these vacancies. Educational Assistant positions continue to be an ongoing concern in terms of budget shortfalls.
- A meeting was held at Jacquet River School on May 30, 2019 to consult with the community and various stakeholders about the possibility of housing the local food bank in a section of the school. Mr. Donovan and Mr. Petersen reported that it was a very positive meeting, and that many good ideas and suggestions were discussed. Arrangements will be made with the maintenance department to complete the necessary renovations during the summer to accommodate the food bank at Jacquet River School.
- All high school graduation ceremonies will be well represented by district staff and District Education Council members.
- The Juno 2019 trip was an incredible experience. Mr. Donovan noted that he was very impressed with how the students were moved and engaged on a daily basis. They attended the ceremonies on Juno Beach, walked the path of the North Shore Regiment, and stood on the location where soldiers lost their lives.

	<p>Mr. Donovan informed Council members that a legacy profile picture was delivered to each of the schools to honour each of the North Shore Regiment soldiers who were casualties on D-Day. New North Shore Regiment flags will also be ordered and sent to the schools to complement these profile pictures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary and middle school track and field events were recently held in Anglophone North School District. Mr. Donovan noted that these events were very successful and proved to be a great celebration of Physical Education. • Each school in the district selected a worthy recipient for the second annual “Students First Award”. The schools presented these awards at special ceremonies in June. • The first First Nation flag was approved and will be flown in September. The Listuguj and Campbellton communities have been requesting this flag for quite some time. A third flagpole will be installed at Sugarloaf Senior High School to accommodate the First Nation flag. Anglophone North School District hopes to expand this into other schools and First Nation partners. Mr. Donovan noted that the flag will be the first of its kind in New Brunswick. A ceremony will be held in September at Sugarloaf Senior High School to commemorate this event. • Mr. Donovan reported that there are currently 431 Kindergarten students registered for September 2019. He predicted that this enrolment will be on par with the September 30, 2018 enrolment of 447 students. He was encouraged by these numbers.
J.	<p>DEC MEMBERS’ COMMENTS</p> <p>Carmel Hambrook reported on the year-end PSSC meeting she attended at Tabusintac Community School. Students at that school participated in track and field events. She also noted that a discussion was held about the need for more guidance and mental health services for Tabusintac students.</p> <p>Mrs. Hambrook will be unable to attend graduation ceremonies in her subdistrict due to a prior commitment. She will send an email to the principals with the message that she would like conveyed to the graduates at their ceremonies.</p> <p>Joe Petersen will bring greetings on behalf of the District Education Council at the Dalhousie Regional High School graduation on June 19.</p> <p>Nancy McBain attended the ceremony to launch the Juno 2019 event on May 14 at James M. Hill. She reported that this event was very well done. On June 6, she attended a Juno Day event at L. E. Reinsborough School. Both native and non-native students took part in drumming and the wearing of regalia skirts. She</p>

	<p>expressed her amazement at how far the school district has come in terms of Truth and Reconciliation and Objective 6 of the Education Plan.</p> <p>Ms. McBain is looking forward to attending the Canadian School Board Association conference in Toronto in July. She will report on this conference at the next District Education Council meeting.</p> <p>Beatrice LeBlanc could not attend the Rexton Elementary School Dessert Theatre due to work commitments. However, she will be able to attend the Harcourt graduation and awards event, as well as the graduation ceremonies at Bonar Law Memorial School.</p> <p>Sheila Rogers attended the Provincial Curriculum and Evaluation Advisory Committee (PCEAC) meeting in Fredericton in May. She reported on that meeting, and she also mentioned the amazing contributions that the student representative from Anglophone North School District is making to that committee.</p> <p>Ms. Rogers stated that she was unable to attend the Grade 5 graduation at Terry Fox Elementary School. Mr. Mortlock was able to attend that event. Ms. Rogers will be attending the graduation at Bathurst High School on June 21.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock will be attending the graduation at Campbellton Middle School on June 18, as well as the graduation at Sugarloaf Senior High School on June 20.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock indicated that there was no response to the advertisement placed in the local newspaper in March for a candidate to fill the vacant District Education Council position in Subdistrict 6. Mr. Mortlock stated that an individual recently expressed interest in being considered for this position. He will forward this individual's resume to the Council members for their consideration. If permission is granted by the members, he will forward the name of this candidate to the Minister for his consideration and appointment.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock wished Council members a very pleasant summer.</p>
K.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on August 19, 2019 at the Office of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:35 on a motion by Sheila Rogers.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC