

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE SCHOOL DISTRICT-NORTH**

**MINUTES
June 21, 2021
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

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

Regrets: Andy Flanagan

| | AGENDA ITEMS |
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| A. | <p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock welcomed members of the public to this virtual meeting and acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on unceded land. He called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.</p> |
| B. | <p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Sheila Rogers to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.</p> |
| C. | <p>PRESENTATION: Mr. Tim Dunn, Director of Finance and Administration Expenditure Plan – 2021-2022</p> <p>Mr. Dunn began his review of the 2021-2022 Expenditure Plan by stating that the Budget and Accounting Department worked diligently to prepare a balanced budget for the District Education Council's approval.</p> <p>Mr. Dunn presented the Expenditure Plan, totaling \$99,525,905.00. During his presentation, Mr. Dunn made some comparisons in funding with the previous school year's funding. He particularly noted the budget allocation for educational assistants. He stated that Anglophone North School District is predicting a significant deficit in funding for educational assistants. The 2021-2022 funding is at the same level of funding that was allocated in the previous year; however, student needs have significantly increased for the upcoming school year. The</p> |

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| | <p>school district is predicting a shortfall in funding for 57 educational assistants, which translates into \$1.7 million. As Mr. Dunn continued to review the Expenditure Plan, he noted various funding allocations in the budget where potential savings could help to offset the deficit in EA funding.</p> <p>Following discussion and at the conclusion of this presentation, Mr. Mortlock commended Mr. Dunn and the Budget and Accounting Department on their excellent work.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Joe Petersen to approve the 2021-2022 Expenditure Plan as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen to grant the Superintendent permission to access \$300,000.00 from the Special Purposes Account to use at the Superintendent's discretion for special projects in Anglophone North School District. MOTION CARRIED.</p> |
| D. | <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>A correction will be made to the spelling of Sheila Rogers' name on Page 5, under Item I - DEC Members' Comments.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Sheila Rogers to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting with this correction. MOTION CARRIED.</p> |
| E. | <p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Mr. Donovan provided Council members with a written report from John Fletcher, Mental Health Mentor, as a follow-up to the "Parent and Community Mental Health Literacy Session" that was held on May 17, 2021.</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-12, GP-10, C/SR-2, EL-4, EL-12, EL-14 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Joe Petersen and seconded by Nancy McBain to approve the Consent Agenda Items. MOTION CARRIED.</p> |
| G. | <p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>District Education Council members received all correspondence items prior to the meeting.</p> |

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| H. | <p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no new business to discuss during this meeting.</p> |
| I. | <p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naomi and Clem Savoie, Blackville School, received an Outstanding Volunteers Award. • Starfish Awards were presented to the following employees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Terry Rodgers, Custodian – Bonar Law Memorial School -Robert Woodburn, Teacher – Bonar Law Memorial School -Katy McGrath, Educational Assistant – Lord Beaverbrook School • June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples' Day. A number of live-streamed events took place in ASD-N schools and across the Anglophone sector in the province to celebrate this special day. • A total of 134 ASD-N students recently travelled by school bus to immunization clinics offered by the Regional Health Authorities. Additional students attended those clinics with their parents/guardians. • Most graduations are following very similar plans as they did in June 2020, with some minor adjustments made as per the current guidelines. Mr. Donovan reiterated that Anglophone North School District is not sanctioning proms this year. • The Superintendent's Annual Report, the First Nations Report, and the District Improvement Plan will be presented to the District Education Council at the August meeting. • Mr. Donovan noted the end of the current term for the District Education Council. As a token of appreciation to the members for their service and support, he will send a special "appreciation bag" to each of them. Mr. Donovan is looking forward to working with the members who will continue to serve on the new Council. <p>Mr. Donovan extended a special thank you to Mr. Mortlock for his leadership and dedicated service as a member of the ASD-N District Education Council. Mr. Donovan noted that Mr. Mortlock is leaving the DEC after serving a total of 38 years in the public education system. A plaque will also be presented to Mr. Mortlock.</p> |

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| J. | <p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p>Ms. McBain reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She acknowledged the video message that Mr. Donovan forwarded to all staff from Everett Sanipass, former Chicago Black Hawk and resident of Elsipogtog First Nation, in recognition of Indigenous People's Day. • After checking with some high schools in ASD-N, Ms. McBain determined that one-third of the graduates are First Nation students. She praised the teachers on being so accommodating and supportive of these students. • She recognized some of the great programs and policies that Anglophone School District-North has implemented in the past, including the LGBTQ2S+ policy. • Ms. McBain noted that flags were recently lowered to half-mast as an outpouring of support to First Nation communities following the recent discovery of the remains of Indigenous children. <p>Carmel Hambrook's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She attended the closing meeting of Max Aitken Academy's Parent School Support Committee. • She sent greetings to the graduates of Miramichi Valley High School on behalf of the District Education Council. • She attended the five virtual DEC orientation sessions, which she reported as being very well done. <p>Joe Petersen attended DEC training sessions. He commended Stacey Brown, DEC Manager, on doing a great job. He also noted that the participation and experience of current members were helpful to the training of newly-elected members.</p> <p>Mrs. Rogers' Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She attended the Provincial Curriculum Evaluation and Assessment Committee (PCEAC) meeting on May 27, 2021. Kimberley Bauer, Director of Learning and Achievement, forwarded results to all principals. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for July 15, 2021. • She attended the Parent School Support Committee meeting at Terry Fox Elementary School. This school submitted its proposal to the district with the rationale for having Wednesday afternoons instruction-free. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shari Smith-Ellis is retiring as Principal of Terry Fox Elementary School on June 30, 2021. The new principal and vice-principal were appointed internally, which should result in an easier transition. • Bathurst High School reported that during the summer, a nurse practitioner will be available for non-urgent consultations related to clinical services and sexual health. These services will be offered virtually or in person from Bathurst to Caraquet. • A former Bathurst High School student was appointed as Acting Director of the Muriel Ferguson Center at UNB, a center for family violence research. This student is Ms. Rogers' nephew. • Ms. Rogers also attended the DEC training sessions. <p>Council members extended their best wishes and appreciation to Mr. Mortlock for his many years of dedicated service.</p> |
| K. | <p>DEC CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock suggested the format to follow during the first meeting of the new District Education Council in August.</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock thanked everyone for their kind words. He concluded his comments by acknowledging and thanking DEC members, Mr. Donovan, Brenda Dunnett, Tim Dunn and the accounting team for their efforts and support. He also challenged the DEC members to continue advocating for the construction of the new K-8 school in Campbellton.</p> |
| L. | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will take place on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Superintendent.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. on a motion by Sheila Rogers.</p> |

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/
District Education Council