

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

**MINUTES
June 27, 2022
Office of the Superintendent**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice-Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Rev. Albertine LeBlanc
Gilbert Cyr
Nancy McBain
Paul Mourant
Mark Donovan, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant (Retiring)
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant (Incoming)

Regrets: Andy Flanagan

	AGENDA ITEMS
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Joe Petersen, Chair, called the District Education Council meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.</p> <p>Mr. Petersen acknowledged that 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 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.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Rev. Albertine LeBlanc and seconded by Paul Mourant to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION: Mr. Tim Dunn, Director of Finance and Administration Expenditure Plan 2022- 2023</p> <p>Mr. Dunn presented and discussed the Expenditure Plan for the 2022- 2023 fiscal year. He informed District Education Council members that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development approved a budget allocation of \$105,300,000.</p>

	<p>During his review of the Expenditure Plan, Mr. Dunn explained the budget allocations by category. He informed Council members that following approval of the Expenditure Plan, the district would be increasing each school's Instructional Materials budget, based on \$47.04 per student.</p> <p>At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Dunn stated that ASD-N's total projected budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is \$106,498,900.00. Projecting a potential shortfall of \$1,200,000.00.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 EXPENDITURE PLAN. IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Sheila Rogers to approve the presented Expenditure Plan. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 PSSC BUDGET AMOUNTS IT WAS MOVED BY Gilbert Cyr and seconded by Paul Mourant to approve the PSSC Budget Amounts. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Nancy McBain to approve the May 16, 2022 minutes. 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-12, GP-10, C/SR-2, EL-4, EI-12, EL-14- In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Nancy McBain and seconded by Paul Mourant to approve the Consent Agenda Items. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>A letter dated June 20, 2022, was received from Hon. Dominic Cardy acknowledging the list of 2023-2024 Major Capital Projects that the District Education Council recently submitted to him.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) DEC Meeting Dates and Locations 2022-2023</p>

	<p>A discussion was held concerning the proposed dates and locations of the 2022-2023 District Education Council meetings.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Sheila Rogers to follow the same format as in the previous 2021-2022 year and hold November-April meetings virtually to avoid winter travel. MOTION CARRIED. The members noted that savings in travel and meal expenses resulted from meetings being held virtually last year.</p>
<p>I.</p>	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen suggested the possibility of developing a Public Relations Policy to help the District Education Council address and provide direction on certain issues, including DEC representation at high school graduation; setting goals and making them measurable; and determining and communicating the qualifications for supply teachers with the hope of creating more recruitment and pulling fewer regular teachers from their preparation time. <p>The members believe that discussing the potential policy could be a catalyst for voicing concerns about the lack of replacement teachers. Mr. Donovan noted one-full time replacement teacher has been assigned to each of the four ASD-N schools with have the highest absenteeism rates. The results have been positive.</p> <p>Council members agreed to involve Meredith Caissie, Director of Communications, in the development of this policy. She will also be asked to share her ideas with Council members at the August or September meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen reported attending the Minister's Excellence in Education Awards Gala in Fredericton on June 4, 2022. • Mr. Peterson extended greetings on behalf of the DEC at the Dalhousie Regional High School Graduation on June 22, 2022.
	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Donovan took a moment to present Retiring Executive Assistant, Brenda Dunnett, with a Starfish Award. Mr. Donovan and the DEC members acknowledged Brenda for her hard work and dedication to her position and wished her a happy retirement.</p> <p>Mr. Donovan reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to the following ASD-N employees who received Starfish Awards:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Paula Chiasson, EA- Terry Fox Elementary School -Laura Lelievre, EA- Parkwood Heights Elementary School -Stacy Flett Cafeteria Worker- Max Aitken Academy -Deena Cortes, Cafeteria Worker- Max Aitken Academy -Stacy Thorne, Retiring Teacher- Max Aitken Academy -Nancy Allison, Retiring Educational Assistant, Max Aitken Academy -Mark Lobban, Teacher, James M. Hill Memorial H.S -Martin Moir, School Intervention Worker, James M. Hill Memorial H.S. -The Staff of Tabusintac School -Brenda Dunnett, Retiring Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduations and proms were a success in all eight high schools, no major incidents reported. Congratulations to all high school graduates! • The last day for teaching staff is Tuesday, June 28th. Teachers will return to work on August 29th. Students will begin classes on Tuesday, September 6th. • The new school year calendar for 2022-2023 is now available. • The upcoming World Indigenous People's Conference on Education (WIPCE) is being held Sept. 26-30 in Tarndanya (Adelaide), Australia. All presenters at this conference are of First Nation ancestry. Several schools will have representatives in attendance. <p>In addition, many of ASD-N's First Nation communities will be sending delegates. Ms. McBain will be attending as the DEC representative and Ms. Gail Craswell, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, will be attending as the district supervisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Improvement Plan will be presented to the DEC during the August meeting for approval. Literacy Improvement, Numeracy Improvement, First Nation Education and Mental/Physical Wellness are the four main areas of focus.
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Gilbert Cyr:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cyr stated his first year as a DEC member was enlightening. He was pleased to be part of the group and to help contribute to the DEC. Mr. Cyr is looking forward to the new school year and he expressed his thanks to Mr. Donovan for the work he is doing.

Rev. Albertine LeBlanc:

- Rev. LeBlanc finished up her last PSSC meeting where they discussed the proposed Governance Model. Rev. LeBlanc confirmed with PSSC members that information about the governance model could be shared. She also informed the PSSC members that the District Education Council have concerns about the plan and they will be meeting to propose their ideas as well.
- Rev. LeBlanc would like to see more clarification on her role (as a DEC member) to help build up her confidence. What can we bring to PSSCs? How much information can we share with PSSCs? Rev. LeBlanc look is looking forward to a discussion in August to clarify DEC members roles.
- Rev. LeBlanc was invited to the NSER graduation.

Paul Mourant:

- Mr. Mourant attended the Bonar Law Memorial School graduation. He spoke on behalf of Mr. Donovan and the DEC Members. There were roughly 1000 people in attendance. Mr. Mourant was impressed with the scholarships awarded to several Newcomer students. He was also pleased to see the increased number of Newcomer students who have help changed the cultural landscape in the school.

Carmel Hambrook:

- Ms. Hambrook attended two PSSC meetings in June. She handed out physical copies of the proposed Governance Model information to the PSSC chairs and school principals.
- Ms. Hambrook attended the MVHS graduation and brought greetings on behalf of the DEC. There were approximately 1000 people in attendance.
- Ms. Hambrook attended Tabusintac Community School's PSSC meeting and was impressed with their efforts and results for student cultural awareness.

Student participated in activities to increase their French language comprehension, First Nations cultural awareness and learning, and activities to bring awareness to other cultural backgrounds of all students in the school.

- Ms. Hambrook was impressed with the student's outdoor market held at Max Aitken Academy. This was held as part of the Power Play Young Entrepreneurs Program. Students donated a portion of their earnings from this event to charity.

Ms. Hambrook reported the Max Aitken Academy has two staff members retiring- Stacy Thorne, Teacher, and Nancy Allison, EA. The school also informed Ms. Hambrook of their plans to install new accessibility ramps and walkways to the playground over the summer to better accommodate their students.

Nancy McBain:

- Ms. McBain attended the DRHS graduation. There were 27 graduates.
- Ms. McBain attended an Aboriginal Day Event, which was organized by Tiffany LaBillois, Director of Education, Eel River Bar First Nation. Her understanding was that organizers originally wanted students to come out to the First Nations community to attend events, but the request was not approved based on budget/bussing issues. Ms. McBain would like to see bussing available in the future, so that the students have transportation to attend events in the community.
- Matthew Sweezey, Subject Coordinator- First Nation Education, had informed Ms. McBain that three local students raised \$3200 to plant trees in the name of Truth and Reconciliation. She was impressed by the actions of these students, who were non-native.
- At the next Regional Enhancement Meeting, Ms. McBain will address the need for continued enrichment and a resolution to the lack of Mi'gmaq language and speakers. She suggested that a pool of speakers be available to supply when needed. Ms. McBain mentioned the window mural done by students Tamika Gideon, Sophia Sweeney, and Sara Walter at DRHS. She wants to go into a school and visually see the presence of Mi'kmaq children there. Her wish is for more representation and inclusion in the schools.
- Ms. McBain expressed her sincere thanks to Ms. Dunnett for her time with the DEC.

Sheila Rogers:

- Ms. Rogers attended the Bathrust High School PSSC meeting. They were excited about the introduction of new classes for Yoga and Psychology in the fall. She noted the changes to the Grade 9 and 10 programs. Also, Ms. Rogers spoke at the BHS graduation, they had 99

	<p>grads. Before prom, the grads did a walk through at a senior's home. This event was very well received by the residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers reported sharing the proposed Governance Model documents with all the PSSCs in her subdistrict. • Ms. Rogers attended a meeting at Terry Fox Elementary School where they were excited about proposals submitted for innovation programs in the fall. • Ms. Rogers attended the Parkwood Heights Elementary PSSC meeting. • Each class at Superior Middle School held an exhibition which Ms. Rogers attended. • She will be attending the upcoming online Engagement Session with EECD.
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Before adjourning the meeting, Mr. Petersen wished the members a happy and safe summer. The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held at the Office of the Superintendent on Monday, August 15th, at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. on a motion by Carmel Hambrook.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

Alexis McAllister
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC