

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
March 18, 2024
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present: Joe Petersen, Chair
Sheila Rogers, Vice Chair
Carmel Hambrook
Paul Mourant
Ed Gilchrest
Andy Flanagan
Dean Mutch, Superintendent
Alexis McAllister, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Nancy McBain

AGENDA ITEMS	
A.	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>Mr. Petersen called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:30 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.	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Paul Mourant that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
C.	<p>PRESENTATION Brent MacEachern, Principal, Tabusintac Community School</p> <p>Built in 2013, Tabusintac Community School had 36 students when it first opened, currently the school has 93 students from K-8, and is one of two English schools on the Acadian peninsula. Mr. MacEachern indicated that there are 10 teachers, including himself, 10 educational assistants, one behavior mentor, one administrative assistant, one custodian and three bus/van drivers.</p>

	<p>The school will be undergoing a major expansion to double the capacity (229 students). This expansion will include 5 new classrooms (with breakout rooms), a smudge room, offices for student services, library, staff room and custodian room.</p> <p>The school is shifting to increase physical activity among students, at this present time the school gymnasium is presenting some challenges relating to safety and size, as it is small, preventing students from participating in school-based sports with other schools in the district. The small space also limits the number of students and activities that can occur within. Because of this, Mr. MacEachern feels TCS students are at a disadvantage when the time comes to transition from their middle school to Miramichi Valley High School.</p> <p>Mr. MacEachern has requested the support of District Education Council and Superintendent, via letter addressed to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development expressing the need to build a new gymnasium at the same time as the already approved expansion. Mr. Petersen said the DEC would fully support the request for an improved gymnasium.</p> <p>Members asked Mr. MacEachern a few questions about the school and staff. Mr. Petersen thanked Mr. MacEachern for presentation on behalf of the DEC.</p>
D.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Carmel Hambrook and seconded by Paul Mourant that the minutes of the February 20, 2024, meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
E.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>No business arising from minutes</p>
F.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>Policy Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) GP 1,2,3,5 & 7 – Meeting Review Form (ii) C/SR 1 & C/SR 3 – Meeting Review Form (ii) EL-2 – In Compliance – See Attached Briefing Notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Ed Gilchrist and seconded by Gilbert Cyr that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>(a) Mr. Mutch shared a letter from MLA (Restigouche-West) Gilles LePage to Honorable Bill Hogan regarding the size of the proposed school build.</p>
H.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Mr. Cyr reminded members to complete the Superintendent’s Evaluation and submit it back to him.</p>

I.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Petersen attended the official announcement for the Campbellton K-8 school, along with the Superintendent, Honorable Premier, Mr. Higgs, Honorable Minister Hogan and local constituents at Campbellton Middle School on February 21st. He said this event was especially rewarding. • Mr. Petersen attended the PSSC meeting at Jacquet River School where the committee reviewed the Long-term Recommendations Questionnaire. The PSSC meeting for L.E. Reinsborough School was taking place the same evening, and he was not able to attend. • The training and adjustment period for the District Education Council Manager, Mr. Roland Collette, continues. It was decided by Mr. Petersen and Mr. Collette that there will be weekly meetings between the Council of DEC Chairs and the DEC Manager. • Mr. Petersen is scheduled to participate in the steering committee meeting on March 20th. Mr. Petersen and Mr. Collette plan on visiting the NBTA office to meet with Ms. Ardith Shirley and attend a meeting with the DEC Manager for the Francophone sector, Chantal Oullette. • Mr. Petersen shared that he had received a letter from Mathieu Collin, Senior Policy Analyst, requesting input on the proposed policy 311.
J.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mutch announced the Starfish Award Recipients for the past month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sara Russell- Teacher, KSES -Colleen Pozer, Ellie Carter, Eileen Clarke, Angela Allen- Cafeteria Staff, KSES -Amy Anderson- Teacher, MAA • There was one Student Starfish Award Recipient - Frida Rosales, from Tabusintac School. • Mr. Mutch will be attending the upcoming Education Research Development and Innovation (ERDI) Conference from April 2-6, 2024, in Montreal, Quebec. • Update on the Turn Around Award and P.A.R.T.Y. Program- Previously ASD-N had partnered with the Inspire Action Center, CCNB and the District scolaire Francophone- Nord Est to fund these programs, however this year we have declined the Turn-Around Award but will continue to support the P.A.R.T.Y. Program. • Mr. Mutch wanted to share that Sandra Fournier, Bathurst High School, and Marie-Louise Squire, Dr. Losier Middle School, are recipients of the 2024 Minister's Excellence in Education Award. • Staff update: Mr. Colin Brewster has accepted the position of Director of Finance and Administration. Interviews for the Director of Curriculum and Instruction will be held on Wednesday, March 20th. Three Vice-Principal positions have been advertised and will close next week. • Mr. Mutch noted that his team is waiting on FTE numbers from the department for the upcoming school year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Eclipse Day will be on April 8th. This will be a half day for Students for safety reasons. Schools across ASD-N will be doing learning activities leading up to this event. • Communications have been sent home to parents regarding the upcoming solar eclipse happening April 8, 2024.
K.	<p>DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS</p> <p><u>Sheila Rogers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rogers attended the PSSC meeting at Bathurst High School where they discussed recognition of World Down Syndrome Awareness day, March 21st , with Rock your Socks day. They are having a fundraiser for the “Boys in Red” Scholarship Fund, students will be building a shed and then selling tickets on it. BHS may host a Citizenship Ceremony with the Multicultural Society, they also celebrated Black History Month (one of the members of the PSSC suggesting celebrating continually and not just the month of February). • Terry Fox Elementary School is hosting a dance on March 19th. • Janeville Elementary School swim team starts up in April. • Superior Middle School is celebrating French Pride Week, March 18th -22nd. • Parkwood Heights Elementary School book fair and swim team registration will be taking place. The fundraiser for their year-end musical will be held at Gowan Brae Golf and Country Club with a group called Wild Pitch. • Ms. Rogers attended all five PSSC meetings in her subdistrict for the month of February, all committees reviewed the Long-term Recommendation Questionnaire. • On April 8th, Ms. Rogers will be attending the Inclusion Steering Committee meeting Fredericton and the upcoming Minister’s Forum in May. • PSSCs in Ms. Rogers’ subdistrict will be holding a dinner together as a large group for the year-end appreciation gathering. <p><u>Carmel Hambrook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hambrook noted that the PSSCs in her subdistrict are interested in have a large group dinner of all committees for the year-end appreciation dinner. • Ms. Hambrook received her confidentiality agreement for the Assessment and Curriculum Advisory Committee, she must sign and return it. <p><u>Ed Gilchrist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gilchrist attended the PSSC meetings for schools in his subdistrict to review and answer the Long-term Recommendation Questionnaire. • During the PSSC at North and South Esk Elementary they reviewed and discussed the latest absenteeism report, which showed improved attendance.

	<p><u>Paul Mourant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mourant has nothing to report. <p><u>Gilbert Cyr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cyr attended all PSSC meetings in his subdistrict to review and answer the Long-term Recommendations Questionnaire. • Mr. Cyr is responsible to collect and compile the Superintendent Evaluations, still waiting on a few to come back. • Mr. Cyr met with Campbellton City Council to extend gratitude on behalf of the District Education Council. During this meeting the need to expand the capacity of the planned building was also discussed. <p><u>Andy Flanagan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Flanagan attended three of five PSSC meetings in his subdistrict to go over the Long-term Recommendation Questionnaire. He felt there was good input from parents.
L.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held in person at Jacquet River School on Monday, April 22, 2024.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. on a motion by Joe Petersen.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Alexis McAllister

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