

**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL
ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES
March 20, 2017
Max Aitken Academy**

Present: Micheal Mortlock, Chair
Ron Ecker
Andy Flanagan
Carmel Hambrook
Nancy McBain
Raymond Murphy
Joe Petersen
Sheila Rogers
Beth Stymiest, Superintendent
Brenda Dunnett, Executive Assistant

	AGENDA ITEMS
A.	CALL TO ORDER Mr. Mortlock called the meeting of the District Education Council to order at 5:00 p.m. at Max Aitken Academy.
B.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Ron Ecker that the Agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.
C.	PRESENTATION: Mr. Mark Donovan, Principal – Max Aitken Academy Mr. Donovan led the District Education Council members on a tour of the new Max Aitken Academy, which opened in January, 2017. Before the school opened, a contest was held for students to choose their mascot. As a result of that contest, Max Aitken Academy is now known as the “Home of the Moose”. Mr. Donovan explained the layout of the school, which currently has 550 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 8. He mentioned that the school was built to accommodate 500 students. Since the school opened in January with 550 students, two multi-function rooms had to be converted into regular classrooms to accommodate the students. Options are being explored to address the over-capacity of students which is expected to increase in September, 2017. District Education Council members had the opportunity to see the many unique amenities of the school, including a learning commons room, elaborate equipment for special needs students, student project areas in each wing, heated floors in the Kindergarten classrooms, art room, science lab, technology lab, two music rooms, break-out rooms, stage, a performing arts room, a double gymnasium, specially designated lock-

	<p>down areas and separate storage rooms in each wing. Mr. Donovan stated that the district was able to salvage approximately fifty percent of the classroom furniture from the former schools, along with a large shelving unit, a trophy display case and a large First Nation mural.</p> <p>The cafeteria is operated by its own board of directors, and serves home-cooked meals to the students and staff. All profits remain at the school. Large, specially designed tapestries, that depict Miramichi culture and history, are hanging in the cafeteria. The life of Sir Max Aitken is also depicted on one of these tapestries.</p> <p>As a token of appreciation for hosting the District Education Council meeting, Mr. Mortlock presented Mr. Donovan with a book for his school's library.</p>
D.	<p>Presentation: 10-Year Education Plan Nancy Boucher, Delivery Lead Education and Early Childhood Development</p> <p>As the Delivery Lead for the provincial 10-Year Education Plan, Ms. Nancy Boucher is responsible for leading the K-2 priorities for the next two years. Tiffany Bastin, also with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, is responsible for overseeing the priorities in the global education plan. Ms. Boucher noted that the 10-Year Education Plan was implemented in September, 2016 after a great deal of consultation, and it includes nine key objectives with specific targets identified for measuring achievement.</p> <p>Members of the Education Plan Implementation Planning Team are in the process of meeting with various educational stakeholders across the province to inform them about the status of the 10-Year Education Plan and to gather input from them to determine the next area(s) of focus. Recommendations will then be made to the Deputy Minister. Ms. Boucher noted that she will also be making a presentation at the May, 2017 DEC Symposium in Saint John.</p> <p>Ms. Boucher reviewed Objectives 3 and 4, which currently focus on improving literacy and numeracy skills for K-2 students. With the help of provincial funding, school districts were able to hire and train additional Literacy and Numeracy Leads this year in order to provide classroom teachers with instructional coaching and resources. The primary goal is to ensure that K-2 students have a firm understanding of literacy and numeracy before they move on to the next grade level.</p> <p>Ms. Boucher explained additional projects that are in the planning stages and that are designed to enhance the objectives in the Education Plan. She also noted that a portal site has also been launched to provide educators with updates and an email address where they can share their comments or questions.</p> <p>A copy of the 10-Year Education Plan is available online at: http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/EveryoneAtTheirBest.pdf.</p>

E.	<p>Presentation: Consultation on the 10-Year Education Plan: Craig Caldwell, Director of Schools, ASD-N</p> <p>Mr. Caldwell is the Director of Schools for Anglophone North School District, and he is also a member of the provincial Education Plan Implementation Planning Team. He indicated that the team is seeking input and recommendations from educational stakeholders on how the Plan can be implemented successfully.</p> <p>Mr. Caldwell distributed a copy of the nine objectives contained in the Education Plan, and he reviewed each of them with the council members. He indicated that Objectives 2, 3 and 4 are the key objectives for the first two years. He compared these to the top three objectives that 3,900 educators in the province selected during a recent survey. During a discussion on Objective 6, which addresses the needs of First Nation learners, members suggested that “TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Commission)” be included on the agenda for the DEC symposium in May, 2017. Mr. Mortlock agreed to forward this suggestion to Stacey Brown, DEC Manager.</p> <p>A short questionnaire was distributed to each of the District Education Council members for their input on the Education Plan. They were requested to complete and return these forms to Mrs. Dunnett by Friday, March 24, 2017. Mrs. Dunnett will then forward them to Mr. Caldwell.</p> <p>The provincial team expects to complete consultations and make its recommendations by March 31, 2017. These recommendations will be shared with senior leaders in the districts during April-June, 2017.</p>
F.	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Andy Flanagan and seconded by Carmel Hambrook that the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
G.	<p>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>
H.	<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-6, GP-8, C/SR-1, C/SR-3, EL-2 – In Compliance - See attached briefing notes <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Raymond Murphy and seconded by Andy Flanagan that the Consent Agenda Items be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>

I.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Correspondence items were forwarded to the DEC members for their review prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Pursuant to requests that Mr. Mortlock received for DEC representation on provincial committees, the following correspondence will be prepared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A letter will be sent to Ms. Sacha DeWolfe, Director of the Office of First Nation Education, informing her that Carmel Hambrook, Nancy McBain and Raymond Murphy are interested in becoming members of the newly formed Objective 6-TRC Committee. -A letter will be sent to Mr. Chris Treadwell, Assistant Deputy Minister, informing him that Carmel Hambrook will represent the ASD-N District Education Council on the Minister's Advisory Committee for French Second Language. -WorkSafe NB will be informed that Raymond Murphy will represent the District Education Council at a Workforce Stakeholders' Engagement Conference tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2017.
J.	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>(a) Superintendent's Evaluation Report</p> <p>Sheila Rogers, Chair of the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee, read the Superintendent's Evaluation Report, which she prepared based on the evaluation forms that she received from each of the Council members. She stated that overall, it was an excellent evaluation. Since Mrs. Stymiest is retiring on June 30, 2017, the District Education Council was not able to recommend a pay increase, which would only go into effect on July 1, 2017.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that the Superintendent's Evaluation Report be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p>
K.	<p>CHAIR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Mortlock reported on an email that he received from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development concerning assessment results that will soon be released. He also noted that EECD is planning to move forward with formative assessments, and with making WiFi available to students in schools to support the "Bring Your Own Devices" program. EECD is currently working on an initiative to involve Industry in this project.</p> <p>Ten Parent School Support Committee members will be given the opportunity to attend the DEC Spring Symposium in Saint John in May. The provincial District Education Council will cover the expenses of six members, and the ASD-N District Education Council will cover the expenses of four members. All PSSC members in Anglophone North School District will be informed about this opportunity.</p>

L. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Stymiest reported on the following:

Tony Vanbuskirk, at Gretna Green School, was nominated as an "Outstanding Volunteer". **IT WAS MOVED BY** Sheila Rogers and seconded by Joe Petersen that a Certificate of Appreciation be prepared and forwarded to Mr. Vanbuskirk. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Starfish Awards were recently presented to Jennifer Underhill, a teacher at Blackville School; Jayme Campbell, Vice-Principal of Max Aitken Academy; and Laura Perry, a teacher at Max Aitken Academy.

Mrs. Stymiest reviewed the "Report on High School Focus Groups" that she prepared following her sessions with student groups at each high school in Anglophone North School District. She explained the purpose of the sessions was to gain the students' perspectives on issues pertaining to their education, and to determine ways in which student engagement can be improved. She shared some of the feedback she received and stated that she will be meeting with principals to review her report with them.

Due to the illness of Mrs. Anne Heckbert, Mrs. Stymiest has been attending meetings pertaining to human resources issues.

Mrs. Stymiest was the guest speaker at the PSSC Cluster Meeting at Millerton School on February 28. She will also be the guest speaker at the PSSC Cluster Meeting in Bathurst on April 13.

The official opening of Max Aitken Academy is scheduled for March 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Mortlock will be speaking on behalf of the school district.

Mrs. Stymiest informed DEC members that in 2016, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development hired dietitians to evaluate the compliance of New Brunswick schools to *Policy 711: Healthier Foods and Nutrition in Public Schools*. Overall, the schools in the province received a letter grade of "C". Mrs. Stymiest received a provincial evaluation report as well as a report for Anglophone North School District. She will present these reports at the April 10, 2017 District Education Council meeting.

On March 17, 2017, Mrs. Stymiest attended a Tech Summit II meeting in Fredericton. She reported that Anglophone North School District was very well represented, with seven of its teachers making presentations at this meeting. She noted that it was very inspiring to see the projects that are underway in the classrooms.

Mrs. Stymiest will be starting vacation on March 21 and returning on April 10.

M. DEC MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ecker enjoyed the cluster meeting at Millerton School on February 28 and was pleased with the turnout of parents. He also stated that he was very impressed with the student engagement at the recent High School Focus Group sessions that were held in his subdistrict.

Mr. Petersen attended the PSSC meeting at L. E. Reinsborough School, and he will be attending the Spring Symposium in May.

Mrs. Rogers attended the High School Focus Group sessions in her subdistrict, and she was pleased with the students' feedback, especially their recommendations for younger students. She will be attending the PSSC Cluster Meeting at Superior Middle School in April. She also reported on other activities at Superior Middle School. Sixty projects were showcased at this school's Science Fair on March 17. Recently the girls' and boys' basketball teams won the North Shore Middle School Championship banners and went on compete at the provincial level. Volleyball is now underway at Superior Middle School.

Mrs. Hambrook also enjoyed the PSSC Cluster Meeting at Millerton School. She noted as well that although she was unable to attend a PSSC meeting at Miramichi Valley High School, the minutes have been forwarded to her. Mrs. Hambrook has a PSSC meeting scheduled at Max Aitken Academy in April.

Mr. Flanagan reported that the community is very excited about the new King Street Elementary School. He noted that a joint Parent School Support Committee meeting was held for St. Andrew's Elementary School and Ian Baillie Primary School on March 14. Following consultations with other principals in the school district, this committee has started preparing a proposal for its own cafeteria at the new school. As well, a competition is now underway for students to choose their new school colors and mascot.

Mr. Flanagan also mentioned that the James M. Hill Tommies' hockey team won the Northern Conference semi-final series and will now be moving on to Provincials.

Ms. McBain reiterated her recommendation to have "TRC Education" included on the agenda for the DEC Spring Symposium. She also noted that Mr. Matthew Sweezey, ASD-N Subject Coordinator for First Nations, has been asked to prepare a flow chart outlining the various First Nation programs that are available for First Nation students. This information will be shared with the First Nation communities and ASD-N schools. Ms. McBain is generally very impressed with the work that is being done with First Nation education and is looking forward to what will continue to be accomplished in the future. She was pleased to note that after a recent visit to Natoaganeg School in Eel Ground, she learned that what was once an attendance issue for students in that community is no longer an issue.

As per Ms. McBain's suggestion, the District Education Council agreed to look into the possibility of scheduling one of its regular meetings at a First Nation community during the 2017-2018 school year.

	Mr. Murphy stated that two PSSC meetings in his subdistrict had to be cancelled due to the weather. However, he noted that a PSSC Cluster Meeting will be held in April for all of the schools in his subdistrict.
N.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the District Education Council will be held on April 10, 2017 at James M. Hill Memorial High School at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Raymond Murphy.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Brenda Dunnett

Brenda Dunnett
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/DEC